

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 16, 2024

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gates called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1001 11th Ave, Greeley, Colorado, with hybrid participation available via the City's Zoom platform.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk called the roll.

The following were present:

Councilmember Tommy Butler

Councilmember Deb DeBoutez

Mayor Pro Tem Dale Hall

Councilmember Brett Payton

Councilmember Johnny Olson

Councilmember Melissa McDonald

Mayor John Gates

4. Approval of the Agenda

None

5. Recognitions and Proclamations

Proclamations:

Mayor Gates read the National Youth Service Day Award Proclamation at 6:01 p.m. and Maddie Zeller was present in Council Chambers to accept. She announced that Luluya Tekle was the award recipient and that the name of the award would be hence named the “Ed Clark Award “ in honor of the Youth Commission’s Council Liaison Ed Clark.

Mayor Gates read the Small Business Week Proclamation at 6:08 p.m., and Jamie Henning, President and CEO of the Greeley Chamber of Commerce, Bob Hudson, Amy Hudson, Matt Estrin, and Levi Gain were present in Council Chambers to accept.

Mayor Gates read the Arbor Day Proclamation at 6:11 p.m., and City of Greeley Forestry Manager Shiloh Hatcher was present in Council Chambers to accept.

Mayor Gates read the Fair Housing Month Proclamation at 6:15 p.m., and City of Greeley Housing Director Deb Callies, Grant Specialist B.J. Spamer, and Affordable Housing Manager Ashley Weesner were present in Council Chambers to accept.

What's Great About Greeley

Councilmember Olson presented the *What's Great about Greeley?* presentation at 6:19 p.m.

6. Citizen Input

1. Todd Loschen spoke about the 4-way intersection in Cedar Ridge Subdivision and the posted speed limit. Mayor Gates invited Chief Turk to address Mr. Loschen's concerns. Chief Turk explained that there is an ongoing study of traffic in the area, and they will continue to evaluate the situation.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

1. Councilmember DeBoutez noted that the Farmer's Market is moving to Lincoln Park, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. She commended the city staff for making the hard decision to move it and believes the community will enjoy the new location.
2. Councilmember McDonald spoke about attending a ride along with Councilmember DeBoutez in her Ward. Councilmember McDonald was very appreciative of the tour. She also attended the Memorial for Holocaust Remembrance Day.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Hall spoke about attending the Weld County meeting with Community Development Director Brian McBroom. The County is working on the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process and is interested in assisting cities with growth.
4. Councilmember Butler spoke about attending the Billy Martinez Elementary School with Mayor Gates to talk about local government. Councilmember Butler emphasized how much he enjoyed the visit, and how the students requested Mayor Gate's autograph.
5. Mayor Gates spoke about the visit to Billy Martinez Elementary School, and his enjoyment of the 3rd grade students and their questions. He thanked Councilmember McDonald for attending the Holocaust Service with him, where he read the proclamation. Mayor Gates also spoke about the Boards and Commissions Reception and expressed his appreciation to Ashton Reinhardt and the City Clerk's Office for their hard work. Lastly, he was happy to attend the 28th Anniversary of Rio Grande Restaurant in downtown Greeley.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

None.

Consent Agenda

9. **A motion to approve the City Council Proceedings of the March 14 and March 26, 2024, Work Sessions; and the March 19, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting**

10. **A resolution appointing J. William Sierra as an Assistant Municipal Judge and Assistant Liquor Licensing Hearing Officer for the City of Greeley, Colorado**
11. **Introduction and first reading of an ordinance authorizing a salary increase for the City Manager**
12. **Introduction and first reading of an ordinance authorizing a salary increase for the Municipal Judge**

End of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Payton moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 9-12.
Mayor Pro Tem Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 6:32 p.m.

13. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

None.

14. Public hearing and second reading of an ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of Title 16 of the Greeley Municipal Code to address Automated Enforcement Systems, also known as camera radar, to detect speeding violations

Police Chief Adam Turk and Commander Heck introduced the item at 6:34 p.m. with a presentation.

Police and Public Works had presented traffic technology options to Council in May of 2023, and a pilot program was authorized at that time. The Police Department initiated the Request For Proposal (RFP) process and the need for an updated ordinance for the authorization of the Automated Enforcement Systems known as photo radar. Chief Turk also presented an implementation and financial overview.

The public hearing opened at 6:37 p.m.

With no speakers, the public hearing closed at 6:38 p.m.

Councilmember Butler asked about how designated areas would be implemented. Interim City Attorney Stacey Aurzada conferred with Assistant City Attorney Sunita Sharma and confirmed that those areas could be designated by resolution.

Councilmember Butler asked if photo radar could be used on Highway 34. Commander Heck stated they would be able to work with the state and/or CDOT to enforce that spot.

Councilmember Payton wanted clarification on timing of implementation. Chief Turk reported it would be 6 months.

Councilmember DeBoutez moved to adopt the ordinance and publish by title only.
Councilmember McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 6:41 p.m.

15. Public hearing and second reading of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 11 of the Greeley Municipal Code relating to authority to issue summons and complaints

Police Chief Adam Turk and City Attorney Bobbier Cranston introduced the item at 6:41 p.m. with a presentation. He explained that the current municipal code only authorizes sworn officers to issue summons and complaints. Multiple city departments respond to code violations and have no authority to issue summons and complaints for various violations. The Greeley Police Department is requesting this amendment to give the city departments the authority they need.

The public hearing opened at 6:43 p.m.

With no speakers, the public hearing closed at 6:44 p.m.

Councilmember Payton asked Chief Turk for clarification that only designated employees in their specific departments would be able to issue tickets for violations in their own departments. Chief Turk confirmed that.

Councilmember Butler moved to adopt the ordinance and publish by title only. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 6:46 p.m.

16. Public hearing and second reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 13 and Title 14, Chapter 6 of the Greeley Municipal Code relating to alcohol

Police Chief Adam Turk and City Attorney Bobbier Cranston introduced the item at 6:46 p.m. with a presentation. He explained that a new law went into effect on March 1, 2023 that modified fermented malt beverage off-premises retailers to include the sale of wine products. Due to this, the City needs to update licensing and hearing requirements.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked what the process was for an applicant to obtain a liquor license. Chief Turk added that through joint coordination with the Clerk's Office an updated sign would be provided to all 178 businesses holding a liquor license. Ms. Leatherwood explained that new licensees are required to fill out an application that goes through a series of reviews from different departments. It eventually goes to a liquor license hearing where the judge makes a final determination.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked if there was education provided for servers. Chief Turk confirmed that there was, and that Liquor Enforcement had been very proactive with outreach and engagement since 2023.

Councilmember Butler mentioned that he had spoken with Chief Turk earlier about this ordinance change and was significantly less concerned following that conversation. He wanted to reiterate that the primary changes were just to comply with state law in adding a sign. Chief Turk said that was correct.

Councilmember McDonald wanted to know if the sign was required for all liquor licenses, including special events. Ms. Aurzada explained that non-profits could apply

for special event permits, and that the ordinance in terms of the violations would be applied to those special event licenses, but they are just clean up violations. The new posters could be posted at the special event but would not necessarily be required.

The public hearing was opened at 6:52 p.m.

With no speakers, the public hearing was closed at 6:53 p.m.

Councilmember McDonald moved to adopt the ordinance and publish by title only. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 6:53 p.m.

17. Appointments to Boards & Commissions

City Clerk Leatherwood announced the appointments:

- Housing Authority - Olivia Milsted; 5-year term
- Rodarte Community Center Advisement Board – Julie Jensen and Yvette Flores; 3-year term
- Union Colony Civic Advisory Center Board – Doran Azari and Michelle Saunder; 3-year terms.

18. Consideration of a motion authorizing the City Attorney to prepare any required resolutions, agreements, and ordinances to reflect action taken by the City Council at this meeting and any previous meetings, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all such resolutions, agreements, and ordinances

Councilmember Payton moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote 7-0 at 6:54 p.m.

19. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

20. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Approved:



John Gates, Mayor

Attest:



Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk