

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

City Clerk Heid Leatherwood 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. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Mayor Pro Tem Hall announced that the Clearview Library District Board of Trustees has an opening for an alternate trustee and encouraged people to apply who lived within the boundaries of the district.

Councilmember McDonald attended the celebration for Dr. Deidre Pilch, Greeley-Evans School District 6, as she was awarded the “Colorado Association of Schools 2025 Colorado Superintendent of the Year.” Councilmember McDonald announced that the University of Northern Colorado’s Men’s Basketball team was currently undefeated, the kickoff of the Greeley business podcast began, and the Greeley Fire Department deployed three firefighters and a brush truck to assist with the Los Angeles fires.

5. North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) 10-year Priority List

Paul Trombino, Public Works Director, presented this item at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Trombino explained that the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) Planning Council administers the region’s federally mandated transportation planning processes. A priority list was updated to reflect the region’s transportation priorities. Councilmember Olson currently chairs the NFRMPO and asked that staff has

submit recommendations for the priority list of projects. Priority projects become part of the updated Statewide Transportation Plan (STIP), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) select projects from that list.

Mr. Trombino noted that the important part of being in the STIP was that those projects were eligible for grant funding. Qualifying projects typically must be regionally significant. On January 30, 2025, the NFRMPO Planning Council would review all the project priorities and approve them at their February 6, 2025, meeting.

Mr. Trombino said the projects proposed as priorities were Weld County Road 17 and U.S. Highway 34 interchange and the Multimodal Crossing and Mobility Hub 131st Avenue. He showed a conceptual rendering on the interchange, which would address traffic impacts. They were working on getting consensus from surrounding communities on funding and design. He presented a conceptual drawing of the bridge, which included a separated sidewalk, bike path, and opportunity for inner city and regional buses. A timeline was presented to Council, beginning with the Imagine Greeley project in 2018, and developed further into the transportation master plan that was passed by Council in 2023.

Councilmember Olson noted that there were two types of 10-year plans, one for CDOT and one for NFRMPO. He said NFRMPO's prioritization had been on the I-25 corridor, and the next focus would be Highway 34. He asked if these would both be submitted as Tier 1 projects, and Mr. Trombino confirmed that was the case.

Councilmembers discussion focused on differing projects, funding options, interchanges, impending growth, traffic issues, major arterials, and safety measures.

Councilmember Olson asked Council to confirm the two projects formerly mentioned should be the priorities. Consensus from the Council was given. Councilmember Olson said he would push for the 131st project to be included as a Tier 1. He said it was important to keep it in a long-range plan for funding purposes.

6. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

7. Motion to go into an executive session for the purposes of obtaining legal advice and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to litigation or negotiations

A motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(b) and Greeley Municipal Code § 2-151(a)(2), and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to litigation or negotiations, develop strategy for litigation or negotiations, and instruct negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)(1) and Greeley Municipal Code § 2-151(a)(5).

Councilmember Payton made the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 6:34 p.m.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

7. Executive Session

At 6:43 p.m. Mayor John Gates started the recording as required by Open Meetings Law.

Present for participation in the executive session, held in person in the Executive Session room of Council Chambers, were all members of the City Council plus with the following persons:

City Attorney Stacey Aurzada

City Manager Raymond Lee

Daniel Biwer, Senior Assistant Environmental and Water Resources Attorney

Sean Chambers, Water and Sewer Director

Adam Prior

Rachel Flynn

Blair Snow

Brian McBroom

This executive session was for the following purposes:

- conferral with City Attorney to receive legal advice and to determine positions, develop strategies, and provide instructions to negotiators regarding disputes arising under the 2008 IGA with Windsor.
- as provided in C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and 24-6-402(4)(e)(I), and Greeley Municipal Code 2-151(a)(2) and 2-151(a)(5).

Mayor Gates cautioned each participant in the executive session to confine discussion to the stated purposes, and reminded participants that no formal action may occur in the executive session. If at any point in the executive session any participant believed that the discussion was going outside the proper scope of the executive session, he instructed participants to please interrupt the discussion and raise an objection.

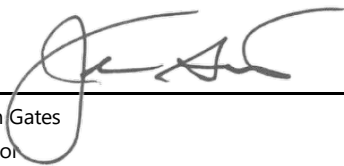
City Attorney Stacey Aurzada made an announcement regarding privileged communication and asked Mayor Gates to turn off the tape at 7:09 p.m.

At 7:21 p.m. Mayor Gates turned on the recorder because the confidential attorney-client privileged conversation had ended.

At 7:33 p.m. Mayor Gates stated that the executive session concluded.

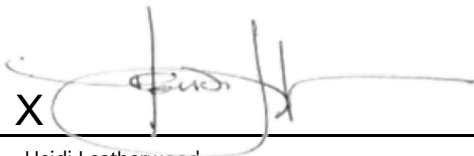
The recording of this executive session will be retained as provided in the City's records retention policy and in conformity with Colorado Open Meetings Law for a period of 90 days.

Approved

X 

John Gates
Mayor

Attest

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Heidi Leatherwood
City Clerk