

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 4, 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 Melissa McDonald

Mayor John Gates

Councilmember Johnny Olson was absent. (Excused)

4. Approval of the Agenda

No changes were requested.

5. Recognitions and Proclamations

Councilmember Payton presented What's Great about Greeley? report at 6:01 p.m.

6. Citizen Input

1. Bill Gillard spoke about attending the West Greeley project meeting and asked for an American contractor and greater explanation of the debt liability.
2. Kimber Watson expressed her concerns about immigration on a national level and asked Council to protect Greeley citizens. She also commented on safety risks to women drivers being pulled over by unmarked police vehicles.
3. James Smith spoke about attending the West Greeley project meeting, stating he was in favor of it even though there were risks. He asked for good communication from the City as the project moved forward.
4. Edwin Grant spoke about seeing past border control footage of Greeley on TV and spoke about immigration laws.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Butler spoke about attending “Greeley Day at the Capitol” along with Mayor Gates and Mayor Pro Tem Hall. They met with state legislators.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

None.

Consent Agenda

9. A motion to approve the City Council Meeting Proceedings of January 7, 2025, and the City Council Work Session Proceedings of January 14, 2025

10. Resolution authorizing the City of Greeley to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Greeley and the City of Evans for Transit Services

11. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greeley, Colorado, declaring is official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings for certain capital expenditures undertaken or to be undertaken by the City in connection with its water system; identifying said capital expenditures; and providing certain other matters in connection therewith

12. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greeley, Colorado, declaring is official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings for certain capital expenditures undertaken or to be undertaken by the City in connection with its sanitary sewer system; identifying said capital expenditures; and providing certain other matters in connection therewith

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 6-0 with Councilmember Olson absent at 6:17 p.m.

13. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

None.

14. Public hearing and second reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Article II, Chapter 13, of the Greeley Municipal Code regarding additional notices required for liquor license public hearings

Jennifer Middleton, Deputy City Clerk, introduced the item at 6:18 p.m. with a presentation.

Ms. Middleton explained the Colorado Statutory requirements in C.R.S 44-3-311 regarding the posting of a notice on the proposed premises for a new liquor license application, as well as publication in the newspaper with all pertinent hearing and applicant information. She noted that the current Greeley City Code established

additional courtesy notifications to residents and businesses within 500 feet of the proposed site. The City Clerk's office requested an amendment to the code eliminating the notification letters for cost savings while still meeting the State notification requirements.

Councilmember Butler asked for clarification about public comments related to the letter. Ms. Middleton explained that meetings are virtual, and the one public comment they received in 2024 was attributed to the notice posted on the door of the establishment. She said that there were 6 public comments received in 2023, but research could not determine if those were in response to the letters, notices being posted at the establishment, or from the posting in the paper.

Councilmember Butler said he thought the additional notices were a benefit to the community, the cost was minimal, and he was not concerned about the lack of response to the letters.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked City Attorney, Stacey Aurzada, if the notification letters were eliminated, would it impact other notifications in the City. Ms. Aurzada said it would not change any other notification processes in the code, nor would it set any precedent for other notifications.

Councilmember DeBoutez said she understood the need for basic efficiency with staff time and cost savings. She was surprised at a third of the notices being unopened and returned. She stated she was in support of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Payton noted that the language in the code regarding the notice letters made it clear that the letters were not mandatory, but courtesy notices instead. Furthermore, the letter (whether it was sent or not) had no impact on the hearing.

Mayor Gates opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.
(Kimber Watson, Edwin Grant, Lynn Davis, and Nicky Eaton all spoke, but their comments did not pertain to the public hearing.)
The public hearing closed at 6:38 p.m.

Councilmember McDonald motioned to approve the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1 at 6:39 p.m. with Councilmember Butler voting "nay" and Councilmember Olson absent.

- 15. 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 Butler moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Payton seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 at 6:40 p.m. with Councilmember Olson absent.

16. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

17. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Approved

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John Gates
Mayor

Attest

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Heidi Leatherwood
City Clerk