

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2025

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Hall 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 Pro Tem Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Heid 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 – Excused

4. Approval of the Agenda

No changes were made.

5. Recognitions and Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Hall read the Women's History Month Proclamation at 6:01 p.m.

Councilmembers DeBoutez and McDonald, as well as members from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Want to Know Club, Hispanic of Weld County, Herstory, and League of Women Voters of Greeley and Weld County were present to accept.

Councilmember McDonald presented the What's Great about Greeley? report at 6:13 p.m.

6. Citizen Input

1. Jeremy Henry spoke about his experience with homelessness.
2. Bill Gillard complimented the City Clerk's Office for their responsiveness. He also spoke about prioritizing downtown projects.
3. Allie spoke virtually and thanked Council for recognizing Black History Month and Women's History Month.

4. Kimber Watson spoke virtually and thanked all the women who accepted the Women's History Month proclamation.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember DeBoutez read a letter from Margaret, Ron, and Lindy Thompson regarding a newspaper article the Greeley Tribune wrote featuring Margie's Java Joint. They stated they were never contacted by the Tribune and were supportive of the project replacing the water and sewer lines on 16th Street.

Councilmember Butler thanked Communication and Engagement (C&E) staff for their hard work on the State of the City event. He congratulated the Culture, Parks, and Recreation department on their 40th Anniversary.

Councilmember McDonald thanked C&E for the State of the City event and the City Attorney's Office for diligent work. She congratulated the UNC Men's basketball team on their Big Sky Championship.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) executive board meeting where state bills were presented. He noted that CML does not plan to support HB 1114.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

None.

Consent Agenda

9. **Motion to approve the City Council Meeting Proceedings of February 4, 2025, and the City Council Work Session Proceedings of February 11, 2025**

10. **Introduction and first reading ordinance changing the official Zoning Map of the City of Greeley, Colorado, to establish a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for approximately 49.056 acres located at the Northwest corner of 71st Avenue and 25th Street**

11. **Resolution adopting the 2024 Greeley Trails Master Plan Update**

12. **Resolution of the Greeley City Council officially naming the Short Course at Boomerang Links as "Mike Lee 9 at Boomerang Links"**

End of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Payton moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 9-12.
Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 at 6:29 p.m.,
with Mayor Gates absent.

13. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

None.

14. Sales of Dogs and Cats in Public Places and Retail Stores (Informational)

Police Chief Adam Turk introduced Commander Matthew Patella as the presenter of the item at 6:30 p.m. Supervising Senior Attorney Bobbier Cranston was available for questions.

Commander Patella explained that a citizen urged staff to enact Sammy's Law in June of 2024. Sammy's Law bans the retail sales of dogs and cats in public spaces to combat inhumane breeding practices and promote animal welfare by discouraging large-scale breeding facilities, known as "puppy" or "kitten" mills. It does not include animal rescue organizations, shelters, or private "hobby" breeders.

Commander Patella explained that Council could choose to:

- Add violation for sale of dogs and cats in public spaces; and/or
- Add violation for retail sales of dogs and cats in retail stores; or
- Maintain current regulations

Next steps would include:

- Approval of an ordinance;
- Signs installed at shopping centers to inform the public of the new law;
- Letters to businesses.
- Implementation of a public awareness campaign.
- Brief warning period before enforcement.

Councilmember Butler asked for a definition of "hobby" breeders. Commander Patella said breeders would be required to get a license and could only have two litters per year. Commander Patella said this law would direct people to the Humane Society.

Councilmember McDonald learned a lot about PACFA recently and understood many of the animals being sold locally come from Kansas. She thought the animals were often sick and came from very poor conditions. She supported the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked what would happen if breeders came from other areas. Commander Patella responded that this law would reduce the incentive for people to come from outside areas. Mayor Pro Tem Hall was concerned about affecting legitimate breeders. Commander Patella explained that legitimate breeders would be able to sell the animals from their home businesses.

Councilmember Olson asked if he bought a dog in Nebraska, and asked to have it delivered, could it be dropped off legally. City Attorney Stacey Aurzada noted that would be allowed.

- 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 Olson moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Payton seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 at 6:50 p.m. with Mayor Gates absent.

16. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

17. Adjournment

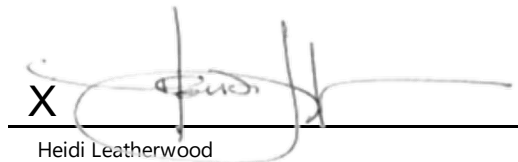
With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Approved



Dale Hall
Mayor Pro Tem

Attest



Heidi Leatherwood
City Clerk