

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 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 Melissa McDonald

Mayor John Gates

Councilmember Brett Payton, Absent- Excused

Councilmember Johnny Olson, Absent- Excused

4. Approval of the Agenda

City Manager Raymond Lee requested that Item 19 (Public hearing and second reading ordinance for the Village at Greeley PUD) be continued to the May 6, 2025, City Council meeting as requested by the applicant.

5. Recognitions and Proclamation

Mayor Gates read “Brain Injury Awareness Month” proclamation at 6:01 p.m. Adeo Community Engagement Manager Irene Davilla, Executive Director Carrie Olenick, Board President Sharon Werning, and Ed Dean were present to accept.

Mayor Gates read the “American Red Cross Month” proclamation at 6:05 p.m. Executive Director, Melissa Venable, Community Disaster Program Manager, Benton Roesler, Red Cross volunteer, Dave Venable, Chairman of the Northern Colorado American Red Cross Board of Directors Ronald Cole, and Board Member of the Northern Colorado Chapter of the American Red Cross Lidia Varela were present to accept.

Mayor Gates read the “National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” proclamation at 6:09 p.m. Present to accept the proclamation was Arc of Northeast Colorado’s Debbie Warner.

Councilmember Butler presented the “What’s Great about Greeley?” report at 6:13 p.m.

6. Citizen Input

1. Steve Teets spoke about previously providing Council a list of comparisons from 20 years ago and wanted to know if Council had responses.
2. Whisky Larue spoke about Flight 629 Memorial and the 70th anniversary of the tragedy. She gave handouts to City Clerk Leatherwood.
3. Becky Tesone spoke about Flight 629, thanking Greeley for their response. She presented a memorial coin to Mayor Gates.
4. Bill Gillard spoke about artificial turf.
5. David Meek spoke about the cancellation of the Mountain Man Festival.
6. Ulli Limitlaw spoke in opposition to the Cascadia project. She owns a downtown business and has concerns about handicap access and sidewalk repairs. She asked when the 10th St. project would begin. Councilmember Butler noted that a consultant team was supposed to start the 10th Street project in mid-April
7. Dan Ganslow spoke in opposition to the West Greeley/Cascadia project.
8. Mary Monohan said she was concerned about the Cascadia/West Greeley project and the types of jobs needed.
9. Bernie Kendall stated he was concerned about funding the Cascadia project and taxing citizens and believes it should go to the voters to decide.
10. Michael Willis spoke about West Greeley and had several questions and concerns about water and drought.
11. Kathy Ensz was opposed to the Cascadia project.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Butler thanked the Downtown Development Authority for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He testified at the state capital regarding the housing defects bill.

Mayor Gates enjoyed introducing Senator Michael Bennet for a Greeley Town Hall Meeting.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember DeBoutez asked Council for consensus on an initiative to research and clarify funding resources for the public art program. Council reached consensus to move forward.

Mayor Gates requested that Item 13 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

- 9. Motion to approve the City Council Meeting Proceedings of February 18, 2025, and the City Council Work Session Proceedings of February 25, 2025**
- 10. Motion to call a Special Meeting of the Greeley City Council on March 24, 2025, for the purpose of completing the annual performance review of the City Council Appointee - City Manager, Raymond Lee**
- 11. Resolution establishing a General Fund Revenue Stabilization Reserve**

12. Resolution authorizing filing of Federal Transit Administration Applications
13. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney's Office to institute legal action against the Town of Windsor for material breaches of an Intergovernmental Agreement
14. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance appropriating additional sums to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City of Greeley for the balance of the fiscal year of 2025 and for funds held in reserve for encumbrances through December 31, 2024
15. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Chapters 1 and 3 of the Greeley Municipal Code relating to animals
16. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of interests in real property located in the City of Greeley, Weld County, Colorado, by purchase or exercise of the power of eminent domain, for the construction of potable water infrastructure pursuant to Section 7 of Article XVI, Section 15 of Article II, and Sections 1 and 6 of Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 31-15-101 and 38-1-101, et seq. (Greeley Mall Potable Water Infrastructure)
17. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of interests in real property located in Weld County, Colorado, by purchase or exercise of the power of eminent domain, for the development of the Terry Ranch Potable Water Treatment Plant and Additional Water Transmission Lines and Associated Facilities, pursuant to Section 7 of Article XVI, Section 15 of Article II, and Sections 1 and 6 of Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 31-15-101 and 38-1-101, et seq. (Terry Ranch Water Supply Project)

End of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Butler moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 9-12 and 14-17. Councilmember DeBoutez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:56 p.m. with Councilmembers Payton and Olson absent.

18. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

Item 13 was a Resolution authorizing the City Attorney's Office to institute legal action against the Town of Windsor for material breaches of an Intergovernmental Agreement

Mayor Gates said he had been contacted by the Mayor in Windsor and would like to table the item until April 1st.

Mayor Gates moved to table this item until April 1st as the City had been contacted by the Town of Windsor. Mayor Pro Tem Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 at 6:57 p.m. with Councilmembers Payton and Olson absent.

19. Public hearing and second 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

This item was continued to the May 6, 2025, City Council Meeting.

20. Mobility Development Plan (Informational)

Planning Manager Victoria Leonhardt and Transportation Planner Hanna Feldmann introduced this item at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Feldmann explained the plan enhanced mobility options in Greeley, including fixed route public transit, paratransit services, on-demand micro transit, and micro-mobility like e-bikes and e-scooters. The plan included a 10-year implementation strategy, with short-term and long-term scenarios. Key recommendations included increasing service frequency, expanding new mobility options, building additional mobility hubs, and piloting mobility-oriented development policies. The plan also outlines a funding strategy to support its implementation.

Ms. Leonhardt provided the next steps, which included implementing the short-term roadmap, developing a communication strategy, and exploring mobility-oriented development policies.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked if community engagement for the micro transit program had started. Ms. Feldmann said they have applied for several grants in partnership with other agencies. This included the Immigrant and Refugee Center, as well as part of the adoption of the Transportation Master Plan. She said they plan to continue to do additional outreach. Councilmember DeBoutez asked if there had been conversations with residents in East Greeley. Ms. Feldmann said they have not yet had conversations but will do so as mobility hub planning moves forward.

Councilmember Butler asked if discussions had started regarding the private airport transit. Ms. Feldmann said Mr. Jones and his department made connections and received feedback. Councilmember Butler asked what the timeframe would be and about bus shelter contracts. Mr. Jones and Ms. Feldmann noted that the airport transit would be part of the MERGE project mobility hub in 2028.

Mayor Gates thanked staff for the information.

21. Appointments to Boards and Commissions - Citizen Budget Advisory Committee, Commission on Disabilities, Greeley Art Commission, Housing for All Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

City Clerk Heidi Leatherwood announced the appointments.

- Citizen Budget Advisory Committee- recruit for additional applicants
- Commission on Disabilities – Carl Erickson – 3-Year Term

- Greeley Art Commission – Kendra L Albee – 3-Year Term
- Housing for All Advisory Board – Elizabeth Elston – 3-Year Term
- Museum Advisory Board – George H June Jr, Marcus Embry, Michael Weiland – 3-Year Terms
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Kirsten Daniel, Sharon Wright – 3-Year Terms

22. 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

Mayor Pro Tem Hall moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:24 p.m., with Councilmembers Payton and Olson absent.

23. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of completing the Annual Performance review of the City Council Appointee - City Attorney, Stacey Aurzada

Councilmember McDonald moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 at 7:25 p.m., with Councilmembers Payton and Olson absent.

24. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

25. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

23. Executive Session for Council appointee Evaluations

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor John Gates started the executive session. The session was recorded as required by the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Present for participation in this executive session was Mayor Gates, Councilmember McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem Hall, Councilmember DeBoutez, Councilmember Butler and City Attorney Stacey Aurzada.

This executive session was to discuss personnel matters regarding City Attorney Stacey Aurzada as provided for under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and Greeley Municipal Code Section 2-151 (a)(6).

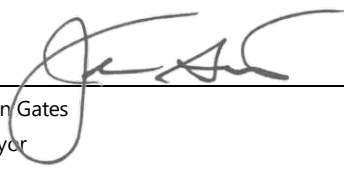
The City Attorney did not request that this discussion be held in an open session.

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

At 8:13 p.m. the executive session concluded.

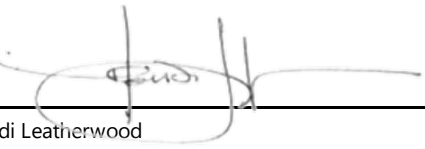
The recording of this executive session will be retained as provided in the City's records retention policy and in conformity with Colorado Open Meetings Law for a period of 90 days.

Approved:

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John Gates
Mayor

Attest:

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Heidi Leatherwood
City Clerk