

# CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 -- 5:00 p.m.**

**Committee Members    Present    Absent**

**Attending Guests & City Personnel:**

<i>Barry Eastman</i>	X	
<i>Tyler Mowery</i>		X
<i>Anthony McCune</i>	x	
<i>John Schull</i>	X	
<i>Merrie Foreman</i>	X	
<i>Lori Williams</i>	X	
<i>Javier Alvarado Vega</i>	x	
<i>Khalil N Bhanji</i>	x	

*Laura Delp: Administrative Assistant III for Finance*

*Josie Dolenz: Budget Analyst II*

*Kalen Myers: Interim Budget & Policy Director*

*Nick Hoyle: Director of IT*

*Jay Britt: Deputy Director of IT*

*Peter Perez: Director of Emergency Management*

*Dominic Tatti: Deputy Director of Emergency Management*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 5:01PM by Barry
- 2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025** --motion made by Merrie to accept, seconded by Tony.
- 3. PUBLIC INPUT** –none present
- 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. IT Update**—*Nick Hoyle, IT Director*
    - i. Nick introduced the department of 40 staff as well as the organizational chart.
    - ii. The budget for IT doesn't only include the administrative costs of salaries, but also includes infrastructure, cyber security, licensing for software, etc.
    - iii. Barry asked if IT oversaw all departments or if Public Works, for example, would be contracted out or operated separately. IT will aid with Public Works as needed, but Works will utilize their own niche operators to use internal software and systems.
    - iv. IT asks each department to plan a minimum of a year in advance to allow IT to properly vet new systems.
    - v. GIS, as the system expands, will require more dedicated employees focused on operations.
  - b. OEM Overview**—*Peter Perez and Dominic Tatti*
    - i. Peter and Dominic introduced themselves and shared their background and provided a brief overview of the purpose of the department.
    - ii. Emergency Management has four phases:
      1. Preparedness—consisting of education and training
      2. Response—working with elected officials to declare emergencies and establish funding.
      3. Recovery—Coordinates shelters, mass feeding, volunteer groups, debris removal, dealing directly with individuals as well as government agencies.
      4. Mitigation—Identifying risk and vulnerabilities to reduce future disaster impacts and provide the appropriate solutions.
    - iii. Peter advised the entire department was represented, but they intend to expand to five FTE. One thing working to the advantage of the City, was to pull FTE from the fire department.

- iv. Plans for improvement would include stabilizing staff levels, improved local analysis and planning and more community engagement and education. At this time, there are steps being taken to expand staff and create opportunities to educate the public. Barry asked if there was any possibility of putting educational content online. Peter advised that they have been relying on the content that had already been released from agencies like FEMA. Ultimately, they will utilize their intern to create more presentations that can be given in a more interactive way, at no cost to the public.
- v. John asked if the City has ever had a department performing this type of work. There have been previous Emergency Management Directors, but this has been a more expanded scope of work. Peter discussed the ways in which Greeley has worked with Weld County to house and decontaminate animals. Barry had mentioned that Greeley had a bit of a reputation for not wanting to help other agencies, which he was pleased to hear was not the case.

**c. Approve B&C Slide**

- i. Barry suggested adding things that they vote on every year:
  - 1. Budget Recommendation
  - 2. Food Tax
  - 3. TIFIA—CBAC is the designated oversight committee for TIFIA and Food Tax
  - 4. Revenue Stabilization—The level of the contribution to this mechanism is set during the budget cycle, which is something that CBAC has specific language in the resolution that speaks to this issue.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

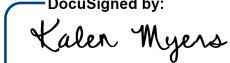
- a. Barry met with CM Butler to discuss Public Safety and Open Space Initiatives and anticipates this being something discussed later in the year.
- b. Discuss legal request for creating a charter and time element
- c. Cascadia update
  - i. Kalen gave a high-level walkthrough of projects to City Council that were being discussed at the same time as the Cascadia development projects in order to get a more refined idea of what could be on the ballot this fall. Council opted to remove Open Space and focus on the remaining items. Staff has been asked to send out the slide deck to CBAC.
  - ii. Kalen recapped that Cascadia passed 5-2 and has moved into the design phase. The steps have been taken for debt financing. Barry has advised that there are still a lot of massive hurdles for this project to become viable and he's concerned about the lack of public buy-in. Staff has offered to have CFO Allena Portis speak at a future meeting to provide greater insight.
  - iii. Tony asked if there can be a deal where if it wasn't profitable, can the City return the land to Martin Lind? The committee nearly unanimously opposed the lack of financial backing from the investor asking for details on how much the project will cost and at what point it will become profitable. Kalen explained that much of the sensitivity analysis for the project is happening now along with various options for how to proceed in different economic circumstances.
  - iv. Lori expressed concern that this will impact the City credit rating and reduce the ability to fund other projects, which prompted a robust discussion on the uncertainty of the success of the project citing costing of materials and the rushed timeline. The importance of capturing the Eagles when their contract expires.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made by Khalil to adjourn at 6:53PM, seconded by John Schull.

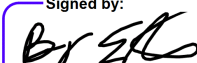
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**Next Regular Meeting:**  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**City Center South - 1001 11th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631**  
**2nd Floor Colorado Conference Room 227**  
**Zoom(<https://greeleygov.zoom.us/j/82522074466>)**

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Interim Budget & Policy Director

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