

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 21, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Council's Chambers at the City Center South Campus, 1001 11th Avenue.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. Roll Call

Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor John Gates and Councilmembers Tommy Butler, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton and Kristin Zasada.

Councilmember Clark was excused.

4. Recognitions and Proclamations

Councilmember Zasada presented the What's Great About Greeley Report.

5. Citizen Input

Gavin Hamilton, Greeley resident, thanked Councilmember Butler for attending a recent art event for artists of color. He continued by expressing his concerns about the priorities of this Council. He also voiced his concern that the Mayor and all Councilmembers, except Councilmember Butler, skipped the recent art event and other cultural events but have made time to show up to events that they want to go to like the Back the Blue event. He also invited Council to attend a blanket and clothes drive for Greeley's homeless community.

Councilmember Payton expressed issues with some of the points made by Mr. Hamilton.

Steven Grant, Evans Resident, thanked Council for leading the community and spoke about issues related to the Governor's mask mandate. He asked that Greeley go along with Weld County and not enforce the mandate.

Councilmember Butler expressed issues with Mr. Grant's statements and explained that we must wear masks to curb this virus.

Steve Teets, Greeley resident, echoed what Mr. Grant said. He also voiced concerns about the future of water in Greeley and questioned whether there will be enough water for growth in the future.

Samuel Johnson, Greeley resident, questioned whether it would help to have Councilmembers go on a police ride along and to complete the implicit bias trainings. He noted that officers will be on their best behavior while Council were there.

Val Leal-Whitehead, Greeley resident, explained that from a nursing perspective wearing a mask helps prevent the virus. She continued by explaining that these rules are in place to keep the Intensive Care Units

in hospitals from filling up, and she asked that the City support the Governor's mandate and encourage people to wear masks.

Karen Kataline, Greeley resident, said that she is proud to live in Greeley and Weld County because it is a champion for freedom and personal responsibility. She asked that the City follow Weld County's lead.

Jenna Young, Greeley resident, asked that Councilmember and members of the Police Department show up to cultural events. She also spoke about race issues and the importance of wearing masks.

Gavin Hamilton, requested more time to clarify his earlier statements. He explained that there was no attack on Councilmember Payton directly, and he clarified that he just wants Council to show support for black and brown people.

6. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved upon noting additional documentation for Item No. 14.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Mayor Gates appointed Councilmember Zasada as the Council Liaison to the Human Relations Commission.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Butler proposed an initiative related to reinstating local campaign finance limits, but it died for lack of consensus.

***** Consent Agenda *****

9. Approval of the City Council Proceedings of July 7, 2020

The Council action recommended was to approve the Proceedings.

10. Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance changing the official zoning map of the City of Greeley, Colorado, from R-H (Residential High Density) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for approximately 20.662 acres of property, located west of North 35th Avenue and south of "C" Street, known as the Stoneybrook Subdivision Filing No. 1 Block 1 Lot 4 Rezone

The Council action recommended was to introduce the ordinance and schedule the public hearing and final reading for August 4, 2020.

***** End of Consent Agenda *****

Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Zasada to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and their recommended actions. The motion carried: 6-0 (Councilmember Clark excused)

11. Pulled consent agenda items

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

12. A public hearing to consider a Final PUD Amendment to allow for a 6,751 square foot building addition on a parcel of property located at 1121 M Street

Kira Stoller, Planner, provided background on the rezone. She continued by describing the location and site map, describing the site plan, and describing the building elevations and plans as well as photos. She also highlighted the approval criteria and concluded with the recommendation to Council noting the unanimous passage by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Gates opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Steve Teets, asked for and received clarification on what building/property this plan impacts.

Edwin Grant, Greeley resident, voiced some general concerns about how far away Weld County buildings are from the core of the City.

The public hearing was closed 6:44 p.m.

Councilmember Fitzsimmons moved, seconded by Councilmember Butler to approve the amendment to the Weld County Business Park Final PUD to allow for construction of a new 10,266 square foot building at 1399 North 17th Avenue. The motion carried: 6-0 (Councilmember Clark excused)

13. Strategic Housing Plan Progress/Update

Benjamin Snow, Economic Health & Housing Director, and Brad Mueller, Community Development Director, provided brief introductions to this topic. Mr. Mueller went on to discuss the NoCo Housing Now group noting that it exists to work on Northern Colorado housing issues and described the general make-up of the group.

Mr. Snow highlighted strategies and implementation of the City's strategic housing plan. He also highlighted what Economic Health & Housing as well as the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority have done so far this year regarding housing. He continued by describing the map that is used to determine potential lots/properties for future housing projects, and he noted that they have engaged with many different companies that do a variety of different types of building/construction. He concluded by noting different marketing improvements.

Mr. Mueller discussed a chart that shows the list of the top 20 things Greeley can do related to housing affordability and highlighted a number of projects/work items that Community Development has been and will be working on in the future.

In response to a question from Councilmember Zasada, Mr. Snow explained that updates on the projects listed by Mr. Mueller will be coming in the future.

14. COVID-19 Update

Lieutenant Gregg Cobb, Greeley Fire Department, provided the weekly COVID-19 Update. He explained that there were no significant cases since the briefing last week and noted that trends show a flattening of curve. He went on to describe the 3-day average chart which show positive indicators and a dropping positivity rate; highlighted Greeley/Weld County cases noting that the City's positive cases have increased and that they are keeping an eye on it; and discussed hospitalization numbers and quarantined first responders noting a flattening of the numbers after a brief increase. He also described the Fire department call data. Lieutenant Cobb concluded by explaining that the alternative care facilities are ready to use if needed and added that testing facilities in City are operating as normal.

Jenna Young, Greeley resident, requested that more of this information being online. Lieutenant Cobb explained that the data being presented is Weld County's data adding that there is a push for Weld County to put a better dashboard online.

Mr. Snow provided an update on the Greeley Area Recover Fund (GARF) and highlighted the data on the GARF dashboard.

Councilmember Butler inquired as to the current enforcement of the Governor's mask mandate. Police Chief Mark Jones explained that the Police Department is doing their best to educate people, but now does not think the mandate is enforceable. He added that there are also concerns about dealing with people who become irate. He concluded by explaining that, if a dispute occurs, the police will respond adding that the enforcement of the mandate is really up to individuals and business owners.

Mayor Gates expressed his support for the Police Department's current stance on the mask mandate.

In response to a follow up questions from Councilmember Butler, Chief Jones explained that the Police Department is not responding to calls where someone is calling to complain that individuals are not wearing a mask. However, the Police will respond to altercations or conflicts that might arise when members of the public confront each other regarding the mask mandate.

Mayor Gates asked for Council's input regarding returning to all remote meetings for Council meetings and Worksessions until further notice.

Councilmember Zasada expressed her support for this idea.

Councilmember Butler also expressed his support for returning to all remote meetings, but asked that Council release a statement in favor of the mask mandate and encouraging people to wear masks.

Mayor Gates expressed his belief that it is best to wear masks for health and safety reasons.

Councilmember Zasada asked that the Communications and Engagement team do another release encouraging the public to wear masks.

Consensus was reached by Council to return to all remote meeting for Council meetings and Worksessions until further notice.

15. Appointment of applicants to the Civil Service Commission, Commission on Disabilities, Construction Trades Advisory & Appeals Board, Downtown Development Authority, Judicial Review Board, Museum Board, and Youth Commission

Civil Service Commission – Staff directed to recruit for additional applicants

Commission on Disabilities – Olivia Cytrynowicz

Construction Trades Advisory & Appeals Board – Don Hobart

Downtown Development Authority – Cooper Anderson

Downtown Development Authority (Ex-Officio) – Mike Ketterling

Judicial Review Board – Jason Hill and Gerald Shadwick

Museum Board – Mark Moody

Youth Commission – Myrna Weis-Calderon

16. Scheduling of meetings, other events

There were no additional meeting or events scheduled.

17. Consideration of 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 at any previous meetings, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all such resolutions, agreements, and ordinances

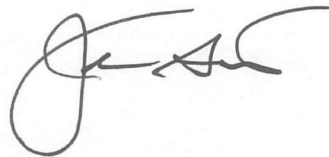
Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Butler to approve the above authorizations, and the motion carried: 6-0 (Councilmember Clark excused)

18. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk



John Gates, Mayor