

City of Greeley, Colorado
COVID-19 City Council Briefing
 June 12, 2020

The Briefing began at 4:00 p.m. via a remote Zoom Meeting between City Staff and the City Council. It was live-streamed on the City of Greeley's YouTube Channel.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gates called the Zoom Meeting to Order.

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, Ed Clark, Dale Hall, and Kristin Zasada.

Councilmembers Payton and Fitzsimmons were excused.

4. COVID-19 UPDATE

Pandemic Response Activities

Lt. Gregg Cobb, Greeley Fire Department, provided the pandemic response update. He reported a positive downward trend locally and state-wide as it relates to both cases and deaths; reported totals for cases as well as trends; reported City specific data related to positive cases; reported fatalities and the demographics of those killed; and reported on all hospital, first responder, and fire department call data. Lt. Cobb concluded by note that all of the COVID-19 data is showing good trends.

In response to a question from Councilmember Butler, Lt. Cobb explained that what looks like a recent spike in the data will actually be smoothed out after the City receives updated numbers from Weld County. This occurs because the County first reports this data and attributes it to one specific day, and then later they redistribute the data once more investigation is done.

Greeley Area Recovery Fund (GARF) Dashboard Update

Benjamin Snow, Economic Health and Housing Director, provided an update on the GARF. He reported that committee has received 169 applications, 146 from Greeley businesses. He added that 77 grants have been awarded totaling \$237,228 with a total of 81 application being denied so far. Mr. Snow added that there are currently 11 pending applications. He concluded by explaining that fundraising has slowed, but that there is still plenty of money in the fund to award.

In response to a questions from Councilmember Zasada, Mr. Snow explained that he would be looking into whether the recovery fund money could be used to help fund the extra security and maintenance/cleaning needs for Downtown businesses as they move forward with plans for outdoor

dining on the Downtown Plazas. He added that he would need to look at the specific language of the current services agreement to determine if this would be an allowable use of those funds.

CARES Act Distribution Meeting

Roy Otto, City Manager, reported on the County-wide CARES Act Distribution meeting.

Doug Marek, City Attorney, explained that Mr. Otto as the City Manager can enter into the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement without Council approval.

Mr. Otto went on to explain that he recommends that the City does not contribute to the County-wide recovery fund adding that he believes the City should just be contributing funds to the GARF.

The Mayor and Council all expressed their agreement and support for only contributing City funds to the GARF. They also agreed that Mr. Otto should sign any Intergovernmental Agreements regarding CARES Act Distribution without needing to come to them for approval.

Consensus was reached by Council to discontinue the Friday COVID-19 Briefings effective immediately, but that they will continue the briefings during Council Meetings and Worksessions. They added that they will reinstate the Friday Briefings if a surge or new developments require it.

The Mayor and Council all shared their appreciation to staff for putting these Friday Briefings together during this pandemic.

5. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS

No additional meetings or events scheduled.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.



Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk