

City of Greeley, Colorado  
**COUNCIL WORKSESSION REPORT**  
June 9, 2020

The Worksession began at 7:01 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, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton and Kristin Zasada.

**4. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Hall reported that the Poudre River Trail was damaged due to high winds over the weekend, and he added that good Samaritans came out to clean up the space so it could be used.

**5. WATER & SEWER BOARD INTERVIEWS**

Council conducted interviews for a position on the Water & Sewer Board that has a term that will be expiring at the end of June 2020.

**6. COVID-19 UPDATE**

Lieutenant Greg Cobb, Greeley Fire Department, provided the COVID-19 update. He highlighted the 3-day moving average of testing and new positive cases, the new City of Greeley cases, Weld County cases and fatalities by age/sex. He continued by discussing the cumulative fatalities, hospitalizations at Northern Colorado Medical Center (NMC) and University of Colorado Health as well as first responder quarantines and Greeley Fire Department responses related to COVID-19. He concluded by noting that the Bonnell Facility still has not had any guests and will close on June 17<sup>th</sup> with the intent to reopen in the fall if needed.

**7. FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021 – STATUS AND OVERVIEW**

Robert Miller, Interim Finance Director, discussed the 2020-2021 assumptions, modifications, and timelines. He continued by discussing potential service levels including goals, scaling services to meet demands/resources, and reduced/modified services. Mr. Miller provided examples of challenges (opening pools, the Union Colony Civic Center, recreation center, etc.) adding that savings could be used to cover shortfalls from these challenges. He concluded by highlighting the long-term general fund resources scenarios; discussing different options for balancing the budget for 2020 and 2021; and highlighting the preliminary May financial numbers and trends.

In response to a question from Councilmember Payton, Mr. Miller explained that the proposed plan would allow the City to bring back a large number of employees if it makes sense for the service levels that are decided upon.

Councilmember Fitzsimmons requested a brief Weld County and CARES Act update. Roy Otto, City Manager, explained that the dollars associated with these funds are being used to cover as much of the costs associated with the response to COVID-19 for all communities and organization in Weld County.

Councilmember Zasada requested that, in future updates and proposed plans, that there is clear tracking of where rainy day funding is going and where shortfalls are and how much they are.

In response to a question from Mayor Gates, Mr. Miller explained that the City could use as little as 1/3 of its reserves to balance the budget depending on how the economy recovers throughout the summer and fall.

## **7b. POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

These items were added on the day of the meeting and were not requested to be a unique item, so they were presented at the conclusion of the Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 Status and Overview Item.

Police Chief Mark Jones provided information regarding current police procedures. He highlighted resources regarding police policies that can be found on the Police Department website. He continued by explaining that anti-bias training has been required for all police officers since 2016. He also explained the 8 Can't Wait campaign as it relates to Greeley Police Department, noting that chokeholds and strangleholds have not been part of the Greeley Police Department for at least 20 years, de-escalation training has been required since 2015, and Greeley Police Officers are trained to always use verbal warnings before shooting when possible. Chief Jones continued by highlighting the Greeley Police Department General Order 517 regarding deadly force. He also described the status of 8 Can't Wait for the Greeley Police Department including duty to intervene, banning shooting at moving vehicles, requiring a use of force continuum, and required comprehensive reporting. He noted that when Colorado Senate Bill 217 is passed, the Greeley Police Department will look at their policies for any necessary changes.

In response to a question from Councilmember Payton, Chief Jones explained that the Greeley Police Department would look into creating more specific language for their policies regarding retaliation toward police officers who speak out.

Councilmember Zasada inquired about discipline for officers, and Chief Jones explained that every time an officer has a disciplinary action it is put in the Greeley Police Department system where it can be searched and referenced later.

In response to a request from Councilmember Butler, Chief Jones agreed to come back to Council to present the updates and changes made to Greeley Police Department policies after the passage of Colorado Senate Bill 217.

## **8. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS**

No additional meetings or events were scheduled.

## 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Butler that the City Council go into an Executive Session to discuss the following matter as provided under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (e)(1) and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b); and Greeley Municipal Code 2.04.020(a)(5) and Greeley Municipal Code 2.04.020(a)(2) for the purpose of giving instructions to negotiators and to receive legal advice from their attorney regarding potential acquisition of water storage.

The motion was approved: 7-0

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m., and Council entered an executive session. The executive session adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



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Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk