

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 19, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the remote meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Meetings.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call

Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk, called the roll. Those virtually present were Mayor John Gates and Councilmembers Tommy Butler, Ed Clark, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton and Kristin Zasada.

4. Recognitions and Proclamations

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

Mayor Gates read a Proclamation recognizing Historic Preservation Month.

5. Citizen Input

There was no Citizen Input offered through any of the advertised ways citizens can provide statements or comments to the City Council.

6. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Zasada reported on the Downtown Development Authority Meeting she recently participated in along with Councilmember Butler. She stated that a Task Force has been set up to discuss if a separate COVID-19 relief just for Downtown businesses is needed, but it was determined that it will not be needed at this time as businesses are utilizing the Greeley Area Recovery Fund.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Clark inquired about the Memorial Day video that he requested to honor Veterans, and Roy Otto, City Manager, stated that staff did take the Council direction and a video was created which will air through Memorial Day to honor veterans.

Councilmember Butler reported that in his talks with Downtown businesses, there is a need to be able to use patios, streets, etc., so that businesses are ready to open when the announcement comes from the Governor.

Consensus was reached to have staff work on options for closing 8th and 9th Streets, areas near Lincoln Park, and Go Cup opportunities.

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

9. Acceptance of the Report of the April 28, 2020, Council Worksession

The Council action recommended was to accept the Report.

10. Acceptance of the Report of the May 1, 2020, Council Briefing: COVID-19 Update

The Council action recommended was to accept the Report.

11. Approval of the City Council Proceedings of May 5, 2020

The Council action recommended was to approve the Proceedings.

12. Acceptance of the Report of the May 8, 2020, Council Briefing: COVID-19 Update

The Council action recommended was to accept the Report.

13. Consideration of a resolution adopting amendments to City Council's Policies and Protocol

The Council action recommended was to adopt the Resolution. **(Resolution No. 22, 2020)**

14. Consideration of a resolution officially naming the neighborhood park at the Northridge Estates residential subdivision as Eagleview Park

The Council action recommended was to adopt the Resolution. **(Resolution No. 23, 2020)**

15. Consideration of a resolution officially naming the neighborhood park at the City Center West residential subdivision as Calabaza Park

The Council action recommended was to adopt the Resolution. **(Resolution No. 24, 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: 7-0

16. Pulled consent agenda items

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

17. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide business development incentives to Roche Constructors

Ben Snow, Economic Health and Housing Director, reported that the Highpointe Business Park is an office and industrial business park located at the southeast corner of US Highway 34 and State Highway 257. Over the past decade, this business park has steadily added industrial users such as Nobel Energy, PepsiCo, Weld County Crime Lab, Flatiron Steel and Vantage Hemp among others.

He went on to state that Roche Constructors, developer of the Highpointe Business Park, is building the core and shell of a 25,463 square foot building called “Snow Owl” on one of its remaining undeveloped lots. Upon completion, Snow Owl will provide industrial flex space ranging from 3,000 square feet to 17,000 square feet, which can then be finished to suit each tenant’s individual needs. The total cost of the core and shell of Snow Owl will reach \$2,992,700. Roche Constructors is currently in good standing with the City of Greeley.

He reviewed the criteria required for consideration of this request pursuant to Greeley Municipal Code, Chapter 4.52.

Approval of this incentive would assist Roche Constructors with funding of this development through a sales and use tax rebate, a real property tax rebate, and deferral of development impact fees. Incremental repayment of these fees will increase cash flow for the developer.

Mr. Snow reviewed the impact to the City’s general fund and noted that there are no legal issues with this incentive, and recommended approval.

Councilmember Hall moved, seconded by Councilmember Zasada to adopt the resolution. The motion carried: 7-0 (**Resolution No. 25, 2020**)

18. COVID-19 Update

It was noted that a handout was provided and made part of the record.

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, reported on County and statewide numbers as well as numbers hospitalized and numbers at both North Colorado Medical Center and University of Colorado Health.

He shared cumulative data, but noted that it is one day behind.

With regard to recovery data, he stated that nothing is available yet, but that it will be coming.

He went on to review Weld County Public Health data by age and gender, current daily trends of cases, percentage of increase per day, Greeley cases, deaths reported by the County, hospital cases, and first responders in quarantine.

He went on to review cumulative data.

Councilmember Butler asked about testing and whether or not it includes antibody testing.

Mr. Frazen stated that it is the virus test only.

In response to a question from Councilmember Clark, Mr. Frazen confirmed that there has been no one using the personal isolation facility at Bonell.

Councilmember Zasada asked about the Ranch facility and the facility at Bonell.

Mr. Frazen stated that there is no local control of the Ranch facility, but if we surge we will be able to make use of that. The Bonell site is being discussed because it is not being used. There will be increased testing coming to the community, so need could still be there. They may scale back staffing, and they are keeping an eye on the City's investment.

Mr. Frazen reiterated that there is now a differentiation between people who die from COVID-19 or with COVID-19. Weld County will be reporting in the two categories.

Mayor Gates expressed frustration that recovery data is not available from the State of Colorado but can get it from Johns Hopkins.

19. Scheduling of meetings, other events

There were no additional meeting or events scheduled.

The City's new Human Resources Director, Maria Gonzales-Estevez, who will take the reins upon Sharon McCabes' retirement in June was introduced.

20. 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

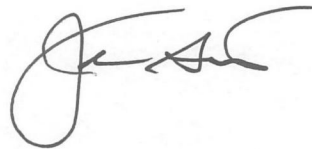
Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Zasada to approve the above authorizations, and the motion carried: 7-0

21. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk



John Gates, Mayor