

City of Greeley, Colorado
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
 August 25, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the virtual special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via the City's Zoom platform.

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 present were Mayor John Gates and Councilmembers Tommy Butler, Ed Clark, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton and Kristin Zasada.

4. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Greeley Municipal Code by extending the effective automatic termination date of the "Downtown Open Consumption Area"

Becky Safarik, Assistant City Manager, reported that this item was set at the last meeting in an effort to consider the continuation of the open container law in the Downtown area. She noted that it is an attempt to try to align with State orders relative to temporary outdoor seating areas. This proposal extends that ordinance for 60 days, if approved, and it's possible that if the State withdraws its' orders, an amendment could be included in the next reading that it terminates the ordinance in line with changes in State law. She referenced a handout of written comments received to date about how this has gone since it was implemented.

Ms. Safarik advised that the revocable permit to open and close 9th and 10th Streets can be done administratively, which can also be discussed at final reading.

Councilmember Hall inquired about the number of licenses that have temporary modifications for outdoor dining on streets and sidewalks, and Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk, indicated that there have been approximately 6-8 approved for the Downtown area of the 14 total that have been approved citywide.

Mayor Gates asked about closing the Plazas Friday through Sunday until about November 1st which would allow the Plazas to be open Monday through Thursday, as a compromise option.

Councilmember Clark stated that he would agree to such an option based on what he's seen so far.

Councilmember Payton also agreed and stated that the open container piece should be extended with the street opening being handled separately.

Councilmember Butler shared that he thinks there has been an uptick in patronage on the Plazas with the good weather, and noted that the compromise proposed by Mayor Gates strikes a good balance to consider residents as well and families.

Councilmember Hall stated that he is not in favor of doing a straight extension for 60 days, and is not in favor of closing the streets for a longer period of time.

Councilmember Zasada shared that she has been swayed toward not extending this, but that she wants to see hours tightened up and likes the compromise.

Ms. Safarik advised that staff could come back with some additional proposals on final reading.

Councilmember Hall asked about tables in the parking stalls, and Ms. Safarik indicated that an inventory of that could be done as well.

Councilmember Clark moved, seconded by Councilmember Payton to amend the ordinance to provide for an automatic repeal on October 13, 2020. The motion carried: 7-0

Councilmember Clark then moved, seconded by Councilmember Payton to introduce the ordinance as amended and schedule the public hearing and final reading for September 8, 2020. The motion carried: 7-0

Councilmembers also expressed a desire to hear from residents and businesses about how this has gone thus far.

5. 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

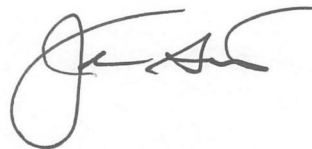
Councilmember Hall moved, seconded by Councilmember Payton to approve the above authorizations, and the motion carried: 7-0

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.



Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk



John Gates, Mayor