

City of Greeley, Colorado  
**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
February 16, 2021

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor John Gates called the remote 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**

Anissa Hollingshead, City Clerk, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor John Gates  
Council Member Tommy Butler  
Council Member Michael Fitzsimmons  
Council Member Dale Hall  
Council Member Ed Clark  
Council Member Kristin Zasada

ABSENT

Council Member Brett Payton

**4. Recognitions and Proclamations**

Council Member Fitzsimmons presented the *What's Great about Greeley* Report.

Mayor Gates honored and remembered former Council Member Bill Duff, who served on the Council in 2000-2001, in addition to significant involvement across the community upon his recent passing.

**5. Citizen Input**

No written comments were received.

Dianna French, addressed the Council from the meeting's virtual audience and asked when the Council would address the work of the group pursuing secession of Weld County from the state of Colorado.

Mario Carrasco addressed the Council from the meeting's virtual audience as a resident of Greeley and asked if any Council members are taking initiative regarding criminal justice reform, starting at the local level. He offered some suggested starting points for such reform.

## **6. Approval of the Agenda**

City Manager Roy Otto noted the COVID-19 update was being added as item 14B.

The agenda was approved with the addition of that item.

## **7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers**

There were no reports from the Mayor or Council members.

## **8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers**

Council Member Butler requested that City staff research and bring back to Council options for establishing a new sustainability commission, as a commission devoted to the goal of long-term sustainability in Greeley as well as promoting economic development and environmental health for future generations. He noted such a commission could address issues including recycling, sustainable job growth, development, and open spaces.

Consensus was obtained to move forward with this initiative.

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### **Consent Agenda**

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Motion made by Council Member Zasada, seconded by Council Member Butler, to approve items 9-11 on the consent agenda as presented.

The motion carried 6-0.

Excused: Council Member Payton

## **9. Acceptance of the Report of the January 26, 2021, City Council Worksession**

The Council action recommended and approved was to accept the report as presented.

## **10. Approval of the City Council Proceedings of February 2, 2021**

The Council action recommended and approved was to approve the City Council proceedings as presented.

## **11. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Title 14 of the Code of the City of Greeley concerning the dedication of raw water for city water service**

The Council action recommended and approved was to introduce the ordinance and schedule the public hearing and final reading for March 2, 2021.

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### **End of Consent Agenda**

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Following adoption of the consent agenda, Mayor Gates shared information about the process that will be followed at the next Council meeting for both the public hearing set by item 11 at this meeting, as well as a resolution to be considered by the Council relating to the Terry Ranch Master Purchase Agreement.

## 12. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

## 13. Public hearing and final reading of an ordinance amending Sections 14.08.090 and 14.08.160 of the Greeley Municipal Code (Concerning Water Use Restrictions and Drought Response)

Sean Chambers, Water and Sewer Director, introduced this item and Jennifer Petrzelka, Water Resources Operations Manager, to present as set forth in the PowerPoint in the agenda packet. Ruth Quade, Water Conservation Specialist, also assisted in the presentation.

The presenters answered questions from the Council about enforcement and the proposed effective date of this action.

Mayor Gates opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

No written comments were received.

Mario Carrasco, Greeley resident, addressed the Council from the virtual audience to ask about what sorts of penalties would apply in terms of any code enforcement type of action, and also noted that education in the Latino community would be important to ensure residents are aware when drought conditions exist. The presenters provided additional information about enforcement plans.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

Council Member Fitzsimmons moved, seconded by Council Member Butler, to adopt the ordinance and publish it by reference to title only.

The motion carried 6-0.

Excused: Council Member Payton

**Ordinance No. 08, 2021**, was adopted amending Sections 14.08.090 and 14.08.160 of the Greeley Municipal Code, concerning Water Use Restrictions and Drought Response.

## 14. Public hearing and final reading of an ordinance repealing Chapter 18.44 and Appendix D in their entirety, adding a new Chapter 18.44, amending portions of Chapter 18.04.110, 18.42.030, and amending Appendix 18-B of the City of Greeley Municipal Code, all regarding Landscaping, Irrigation, Buffers, and Screening Standards

Brad Mueller, Community Development Director, introduced this item and presented as set forth in the PowerPoint in the agenda packet. He noted two members of the Advisory Committee that helped staff review and update the old landscape code would also be participating in his presentation. Sam Coutts and Courtney Stasiewicz, committee members, offered their input on the changes being presented to the Council for potential adoption.

Mayor Gates opened the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

No written comments were received.

Dianna French, Greeley resident, addressed the Council from the virtual audience to inquire if there would be any incentive for homeowners with larger lots to reduce the amount of grass that they have in order to comply with the new land use objectives. The speaker also inquired about the ability to work with local Home Owner Associations (HOAs) to reduce the amount of grass.

Director Mueller responded by noting that regulation is one of three legs, with incentives and education, on conservation, and turned to Water and Sewer Director Sean Chambers for more input on those fronts. Director Chambers shared information about existing programs for current ratepayers that can help with conservation efforts.

There being no one further to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

Council Member Fitzsimmons moved, seconded by Council Member Zasada, to adopt the ordinance and publish it by reference to title only.

The motion carried 6-0.

Excused: Council Member Payton

**Ordinance No. 09, 2021**, was adopted repealing Chapter 18.44 and Appendix D in their entirety, adding a new Chapter 18.44, amending portions of Chapter 18.04.110, 18.42,030, and amending Appendix 18-B of the City of Greeley Municipal Code, all regarding Landscaping, Irrigation, Buffers, and Screening Standards.

#### **14B. COVID-19 Update**

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, presented as set forth in his written report provided to the Council in advance of the meeting and placed in the public record.

Emergency Manager Frazen answered questions from the Council about the sorts of rapid tests used by the City, and how they are allocated to ensure they do not expire.

#### **15. Appointment of applicants to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board, Golf Board, Greeley Art Commission, Island Grove Advisory Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Stormwater Board.**

City Clerk Anissa Hollingshead reported the following appointments by the Council:

- Citizen Transportation Advisory Board: appointed John Compton and directed staff to recruit for additional applicants.
- Golf Board: appointed Bill Grady and Tory Hanson.
- Greeley Art Commission: appointed Rachel Freeman and Eddie Mirick.
- Island Grove Advisory Board: re-appointed James Herman.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: appointed Vicente Vega Ruiz and Louise Wilson and re-appointed Clint Torczon.
- Stormwater Board: re-appointed Jerrod Carlson and Casey Christiansen.

**16. Executive Session for Annual Review of the Municipal Court Judge**

Council Member Clark moved, seconded by Council Member Butler, to adjourn the meeting and move into an Executive Session immediately after the conclusion of the rest of the meeting for the purposes of discussing personnel who report to Council as provided for under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) and Greeley Municipal Code Section 2.04.020 (6) a.

The motion carried 6-0.

Excused: Council Member Payton

**17. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events**

City Manager Otto noted there were no changes.

**18. 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**

Council Member Fitzsimmons moved, seconded by Council Member Butler, to approve the above authorizations.

The motion carried 6-0.

Excused: Council Member Payton

**19. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting to executive session at 7:04 p.m. The executive session began at 7:12 p.m. Council Member Clark left the meeting at 7:17 p.m. The executive session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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John D. Gates, Mayor

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Anissa N. Hollingshead, City Clerk