

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
February 08, 2022

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1001 11th Ave, Greeley, Colorado, with hybrid participation available via the City's Zoom platform.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call

Stacey Aurzada, Interim City Clerk, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor John Gates

Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Deb DeBoutez

Council Member Dale Hall

Council Member Brett Payton

Council Member Ed Clark

Council Member Johnny Olson

3. Reports from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Gates reported that Britton Cotrell from TNT fireworks provided Councilmembers with some materials for item number 7.

4. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

City Manager Lee indicated there was no information to present.

5. COVID-19 Update

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, provided an update highlighting the Covid-19 metrics tracked via the City's dashboard. Vaccinations will be available at the Family Fun Plex on Wednesday February 9th, and at the Ice Haus on Wednesday February 16th. Emergency

Manager Frazen discussed the metrics tracked by Weld County Public Health and by the State of Colorado.

Emergency Manager Frazen answered questions from City Council about the current Covid-19 data. In response to a question from Councilmember Clark, City Manager Raymond Lee stated that he will be reviewing the City's mask requirement.

6. Residential Water Meter Project and Customer Service Update

Sean Chambers, Director of the Water and Sewer Department presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Director Chambers answered questions from the Council about the presentation.

Director Chambers answered questions from Council regarding the project.

Chief Engineer Adam Prior was introduced and stated that the project cost is 12 million dollars for all phases of the project. Director Chambers and Mr. Prior answered additional questions from Council regarding the meters and the service fees for water use.

7. Overview of the use, sales, response and enforcement of Fireworks in the City of Greeley.

Greeley Fire Chief Brian Kuznik introduced Battalion Chief and Fire Marshall Bob Fries, Municipal Judge Mark Gonzales, and Assistant City Attorney Bobbier Cranston who are present to answer questions. Chief Kuznik also introduced Britton Cottrell from TNT Fireworks.

Chief Kuznik and Greeley Police Chief Adam Turk presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Chief Kuznik and Chief Turk answered questions from Council about the presentation. Chief Fries answered questions from Council regarding the Fire Marshall's ability to write citations into Municipal Court for violations of the Fire Code.

In response to a question from Councilmember Deboutez, Chief Turk reported he could try to obtain data from Fort Collins and Loveland regarding the number of citations they write regarding illegal fireworks.

Chief Turk further explained the social host ordinance and how it would assist in holding individuals responsible for allowing the use of illegal fireworks. Chief Turk answered questions from Councilmembers regarding the possibility of a social host ordinance.

Judge Gonzales explained that the current ordinance is a misdemeanor infraction which carries a maximum fine of \$500.00. There is a scheduled fine for the violation, and that fine is \$150.00. Judge Gonzales described options to increase the amount of the fine.

Council discussed the options presented. Judge Gonzales reported he would remove the fireworks charge from the fine schedule, which would allow increased fines up to \$500.00. City Manager Lee stated that staff members will evaluate revisions to the City's fireworks ordinances and bring an ordinance back for Council to consider.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



John D. Gates, Mayor



Stacey Aurzada, Interim City Clerk