

Mayor Gutierrez called the Study Session of the Loveland City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on the above date. Councilors present: Gutierrez, Farley, Fogle, Taylor, McKean, Trenary, Klassen, McEwen and Shaffer. City Manager, Bill Cahill was also present.

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Strategic Plan Review

City Planner, Mike Scholl presented this item to Council for review of the Downtown Strategic Plan, Infrastructure Plan and Downtown Vision Book. Together, the documents have been used to guide the actions of City staff in the ongoing Downtown revitalization efforts over the past four years. Mr. Scholl presented the timeline starting in 2002 with the creation of the Downtown URA, 2007 Lincoln Place Development, 2008 parking study and the 2009 retail market analysis. The plans helped guide the City in completing the Vision Book for the Downtown RFP and undertaking two catalyst projects. The Rialto Theater Center was recently completed and the North Catalyst Project is underway. Council consensus indicated that the plans and combined efforts of many are forming a long term strategy for moving the City forward towards success for Downtown revitalization.

2. FIRE & RESCUE

Water for Hydraulic Fracturing

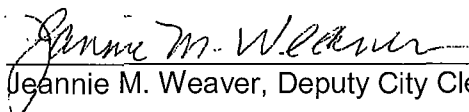
Larry Howard, Senior Civil Engineer presented this item to Council. Information was provided on the impacts of supplying Loveland municipal water for hydraulic fracturing (fracking). The presentation provided information to answer two questions: 1) Should the City of Loveland continue to provide treated water or provide raw water to support fracking; and 2) Should the City of Loveland support the leasing of Platte River Power Authority's water for fracking operations?

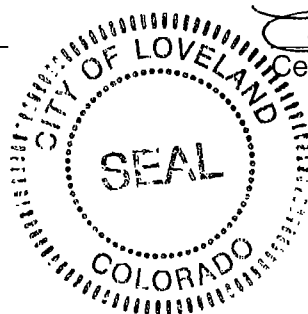
Mr. Howard presented background information for the first question regarding the city's policies on leasing and selling water, focusing on water to be used for hydraulic fracturing (fracking). Council discussion ensued. Council directed staff to continue at this time with the current policy which allows the lease or sale of treated or raw water to be used for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing.

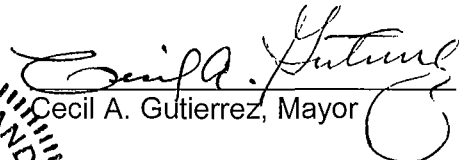
CEO Brian Moeck and Bill Emslie from Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) presented information on the second question regarding water leasing opportunities which would provide PRPA water for fracking. The leasing opportunities will be considered at the PRPA board meeting on May 30, 2012. Council discussion ensued. Council consensus at this time favored having water from PRPA made available for lease to haulers or drillers for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing.

The study session was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannie M. Weaver, Deputy City Clerk




Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor