

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, Clark, Farley, McKean, Trenary, Klassen, Taylor, Fogle and Shaffer. City Manager, Bill Cahill was also present.

Chief Randy Mirowski came forward to thank Council for their support to Loveland Fire and Rescue Authority in achieving a long term goal that started four years ago to increase staffing and deployment levels to three firefighters per engine. This standard impacts both the response time within the community and safety for firefighters. Council expressed their appreciation to everyone involved for their dedication and hard work in achieving this goal.

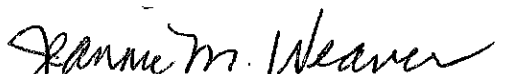
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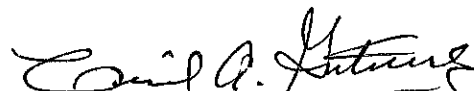
Regulations Oil and Gas Development

Development Services Director, Greg George introduced this item to Council to present and receive feedback on draft regulations for oil and gas development within Loveland city limits. City Attorney, John Duval was also present to address Council and answer questions. Mr. George reviewed the schedule of meetings held since adopting the ordinance for a moratorium in May, 2012, and extending the moratorium in December, 2012, to allow time for the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) to complete their rule making which is expected to be complete later this month. There are two types of processes to include: baseline standards which are mandatory; and enhanced standards, which are voluntary. The Planning Commission Review process and Administrative Review process were outlined to clarify Council's role in case of an appeal. COGCC's new rules for groundwater baseline sampling and monitoring, building setbacks and mitigation areas were also presented. The Commission's rules were then reviewed in comparison to current City codes. Council discussion ensued. Council directed staff to move forward with the proposed regulations to be considered at a public hearing of the Planning Commission on February 25, 2013 and first reading of the ordinance for Council consideration on March 5, 2013. Any changes that occur throughout the process will be included in a redlined copy to Council.

The study session was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannie M. Weaver, Deputy City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

