

MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING & STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING - City Council Chambers
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Councilors Present: Gutierrez, Clark, McKean, Farley, Shaffer, Trenary, Taylor, Fogle, Krenning. City Manager, Bill Cahill was also present.

1. CITY MANAGER (presenter: Judy Schmidt)
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BALLOT INITIATIVE

An information item to receive a report from the City Attorney's Office regarding preliminary discussion with legal counsel representing both Protect Our Loveland and Larry Sarner

City Manager, Bill Cahill presented this item to Council by summarizing the matters related to dates for holding the ballot initiative election. Acting City Attorney, Judy Schmidt updated Council on the legal aspects of the election. Outside Litigation Counsel, Kim Schutt and City Clerk, Terry Andrews were also present to address Council and answer questions regarding costs and risks of appeal actions. Development Services Director, Greg George updated Council on the timeline for an upcoming submittal of an application for drilling by Anadarko. Larimer County Clerk and Recorder, Angela Myers came forward to address Council regarding a coordinated election for the June 24 primary and the consequences. Public Comment was opened at 7:53 p.m. John Clarke of the Loveland Energy Action Project (LEAP) spoke in support of the earliest election date possible. Kay Essinger of Longmont spoke in opposition to rushing the election. Public Comment was closed at 7:57. Council discussion ensued. **Councilor Clark moved that a Special Election be held on June 24, 2014. Councilor Fogle seconded the motion which failed with four councilors voting in favor and Councilors Shaffer, Trenary, Gutierrez, Taylor and Farley voting against.**

Councilor Shaffer moved that a Special Election be held on July 29, 2014 for the Protect Our Loveland ballot initiative. Councilor Farley seconded the motion which carried with eight councilors voting in favor and Council Clark voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:39 p.m. A brief recess was taken before the Study Session

STUDY SESSION - City Council Chambers
STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Mayor Gutierrez called the Study Session to order at 8:50 p.m.

1. FINANCE (presenters: Brent Worthington, Rod Wensing, 60 min)

2013 FLOOD: SIX-MONTH COMMUNITY FLOOD RECOVERY REPORT

Finance Director, Brent Worthington introduced this item to Council as an informational presentation summarizing the City's flood recovery efforts over the last six months, including: flood recovery costs, reimbursements and pending reimbursement applications; infrastructure repairs, business recovery, long-term community recovery, river restoration and examples of ongoing recovery work. Mr. Worthington's presentation covered the financial data of the flood's estimated cost and estimated cost recovery from FEMA, CIRSA and the Federal Highway Administration. Assistant City Manager, Rod Wensing reported on the details of the six months recovery work undertaken by the City of Loveland following the flood. Council discussion included: requests for additional detail of financial statistics, sales tax data and evidence on businesses that didn't recover after the flood. Acting Public Works Director, Dave Klockeman came forward to address the recovery of South Railroad Avenue and the planning for 2015 reconstruction. Council thanked staff for the presentation and noted the public recognition of the City's efforts in the flood's aftermath.

2. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** (presenter: Bethany Clark, 60 min)
HIGHWAY 287 STRATEGIC PLAN

City Planner, Bethany Clark introduced this item to Council as an informational presentation summarizing the City's progress on the Highway 287 Strategic Plan. Logan Simpson Design Consultant, Bruce Meighen gave an overview of the preliminary market research gathered to understand and identify opportunities of improving the corridor's economic position. In February, staff and the consulting team held three public workshops to receive input and direction on the preferred overall vision for the corridor. Five case studies were presented and participants were asked to vote on their favorite corridor and identify the elements that they preferred to see on the Highway 287 corridor. The survey was also available on the 287 project website through the end of March, to solicit the public's input and drive the vision for the corridor. Based on survey responses and public comments, Logan Simpson Design developed a concept vision that reflects the community's values and the preferred elements from the case studies. The Logan Simpson team will be creating development alternative templates to address the application of design elements, identifying the role of the public/private sector in improving business opportunities, and developing strategies for implementation. City staff is seeking input from the City Council on the vision for the corridor and the overall direction of the plan. Council discussion ensued. Council directed staff to move forward with the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before Council, the April 8, 2014 Special Meeting and Study Session was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Teresa G. Andrews, City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor