

**MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 8 2014
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO**

6:30 P.M. **STUDY SESSION - City Council Chambers**

ROLL CALL

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

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

1. **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING GARY HAVENER’S OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LOVELAND**

Mayor Gutierrez read the proclamation and presented it to Parks and Recreation Director Gary Havener. Mr. Havener thanked Council, the City employees, his department employees and the citizens for the honor of working for the City of Loveland.

2. **FINANCE **(presenters: Rod Wensing & Brent Worthington; 60 min)**
NINE-MONTH FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE**

Assistant City Manager, Rod Wensing presented this item to Council as an informational update summarizing the City’s flood recovery efforts, including: overall flood recovery efforts, specific flood recovery costs, reimbursements, and pending reimbursement applications. Finance Director, Brent Worthington was present to give updated numbers on reimbursements received and outstanding reimbursements still in process. Discussion occurred on the FEMA approved Idylwilde Dam as an Alternate Project (Solar Generating Facility), the Urban Land Institute Resilience Advisory Panel’s visit and report, and ongoing recovery efforts. Water and Power Director, Steve Adams was present to address Council and answer questions. Council thanked staff for the update.

3. **PARKS & RECREATION **(presenter: Gary Havener; 60 min)**
DIRECTION AND VISION FOR LOVELAND OPEN LANDS PROGRAM**

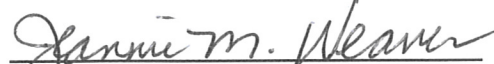
Parks and Recreation Director, Gary Havener introduced this item to Council. The Open Lands Advisory Commission last updated City Council in 2009 regarding direction and vision of the Open Lands Program. With the recent completion of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Chairman Gale Bernhardt, along with members of the commission, led the discussion regarding current and future plans and priorities for Open Lands. The Larimer County Commissioners will consider 2014 ballot language for a possible extension of the Help Preserve Open Spaces Tax that is due to expire in 2018. Larimer County staff has recently asked for input from the municipalities by July 11th. Mr. Havener presented the financial scenarios for the sales tax split remaining the same or changing the county/city split to 50%/50% and impacts to the City’s open lands acquisition. The city’s Open Lands Advisory Commission unanimously opposed the 50/50 split. County Commissioner Tom Donnelly addressed the group stating that key to the tax extension is reducing the amount the county is required to apply to land acquisition. From the county’s current share, 70% is mandated and that would drop to 35%. Discussion ensued. Council favored the current open spaces sales tax split and did not favor changing the makeup of the county open lands board. Council thanked Gary Havener, the County Open Lands Board representatives, County Commissioner

Tom Donnelly, and the City's Open Lands Commission members for their participation in the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before Council, the July 8, 2014 Study Session was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannie M. Weaver, Deputy City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

