

MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION and SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO

6:30 p.m.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Councilors Taylor, Krenning, Trenary, McKean, Fogle, Clark and Gutierrez were present.
Councilor Shaffer arrived at 7:00 p.m.

1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
HIGHWAY 287 STRATEGIC PLAN

Planning Technician Bethany Clark introduced this informational presentation summarizing the City's progress on the Highway 287 Strategic Plan to Council. City staff and the consultant team from Logan Simpson Design, addressed Council and answered questions. The presentation included an overview of the economic strategies and actions developed in response to the challenges identified and input received from the community and stakeholders. Discussion ensued. City staff received input from the City Council on the strategies and actions, as well as the overall direction of the plan in order to prepare a draft of the plan. Departments that do capital projects were encouraged to consider including the following projects in their capital plan as may be appropriate given other priorities: Undergrounding utility lines; Bike and pedestrian amenities; Dry Creek Bridge enhancements; and constructing missing sidewalk sections. Staff was directed to prepared the draft and share it with stakeholders before returning to a regular meeting this summer for formal consideration of the plan.

ADJOURN

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the March 24, 2015 Study Session into the regular agenda at 8:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Councilors Taylor, Krenning, Shaffer, Trenary, McKean, Fogle, Clark and Gutierrez responded. Councilor Farley was absent.

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to any item on the Regular Agenda before the Council acts upon it. The Mayor will call for public comment following the staff report. All public hearings are conducted in accordance with Council Policy. When Council is considering adoption of an ordinance on first reading, Loveland's Charter only requires that a majority of the Council quorum present vote in favor of the ordinance for it to be adopted on first reading. However, when an ordinance is being considered on second or final reading, at least five of the nine members of Council must vote in favor of the ordinance for it to become law.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. FINANCE
PUBLIC HEARING
SALES TAX ON FOOD FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

This is a public hearing, which may result in Council action. The City of Loveland charges sales tax on food for home consumption, at the full 3% city sales tax rate. Council can eliminate the sales tax on food for home consumption, reduce it, make no change, or direct further staff work. Finance Director, Brent Worthington, Budget Manager, Mark Kahn and Revenue Manager, Jim Wedding presented this item and answered questions. **Councilor**

Fogle moved to approve the ordinance reducing the tax on food for home consumption with the following amendment: in Section 1: 3.16.020 General Provisions A. There is imposed on the sale of tangible personal.....

“Notwithstanding anything in this sub-section A to the contrary, the sales tax on the sale of food for home consumption as defined in§ 39-26-102(4.5)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, except candy and soda as defined in§ 39-26-707(1.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is hereby reduced to a percent of the gross receipts as defined by the following timeline: from 3% to 2% effective November 1, 2015; from 2% to 1% effective November 1, 2016 and to eliminate all municipal sales tax on food for home consumption effective November 1, 2017.” The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for public comment at 9:32 p.m.: George Fitzgerald, 4760 Ignacio Ave, spoke in support of the ordinance; Ann Harroun, 2321 Apple Ave, spoke in opposition to a reduction or repeal of the sales tax on food for home consumption; Irene Fortune, 4830 Avon Ave; spoke in opposition to the ordinance; Buddy Meyers, 2429 Cameo Ct. spoke in support of the ordinance; Tom Buchanan, 910 W. 8th St, spoke in support of the ordinance, Terry Beard 3173 Sweetgum Ct, spoke in support of the ordinance, Nancy Rumfeldt, 2479 Selenium, encouraged Council to approve an ordinance abolishing the sales tax effective immediately; Larry Sarner, Ward II, encouraged Council to vote to repeal the tax effective immediately, Jackie Marsh, 243 E. 4th St. to tax users of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana to make up any impact from the loss of revenue with the approval of this ordinance. Jeremy Jerzvig, 3854 Buena Vista Dr, spoke in support of the ordinance. Mayor Gutierrez closed the public comment at 10:25 p.m. Council Discussion ensued. Council discussed the effective dates of the three step sales tax reduction. Consensus of Council was to make the effective date of each reduction November 1.

A roll vote was taken on the motion, which carried with all councilors present voting in favor thereof.

As a direct result of the action taken this evening, Consensus of Council was to direct staff to anticipate a discussion regarding the Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) model at the April 14, 2015 study session.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business before this Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Teresa G. Andrews, City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

