

MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO

STUDY SESSION 6:30 P.M. - STUDY SESSION AGENDA

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

1. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (presenter: Loveland Downtown Partnership, 60 min)
LOVELAND DOWNTOWN PROJECT UPDATE
Economic Development Director Betsey Hale introduced this item to Council. LDP members, Dan Johnson and Heather Lechook led the presentation and were available for questions. In November of 2014, the City Council approved the 2015 budget with an appropriation of \$500,000 for the operations and programs of the LDP. This investment emphasizes the Council's commitment to the redevelopment of downtown Loveland. The LDP will present to Council an update on the status of hiring an interim director, a progress report on the Arcadia Hotel project and other activities of the LDP. The main focus of the LDP's effort in 2015 is to assist in the formation of a Downtown Development Authority. The 1st quarter report is included as an attachment. Discussion ensued. Mayor Gutierrez asked that the minutes of the LDP be easily accessible so that the Council can be kept informed. Council thanked the group for the update.


2. **WATER AND POWER/IT** (presenters: Steve Adams & Bill Westbrook; 60 min)
BROADBAND DISCUSSION
IT Department Director Bill Westbrook introduced this item to Council. The project team of Loveland Water and Power Director Steve Adams, Information Technology Director Bill Westbrook and Assistant City Attorney Sharon Citino led the presentation to provide information on the topic and solicit feedback from Council on how to proceed with the broadband initiative for Loveland. Discussion ensued on the three options for Loveland to pursue broadband further: Option 1) Do nothing and comply with the restrictiveness of SB 152; Option 2) Comply now with the restrictions imposed by SB 152 but work to repeal or amend the bill at the state or federal level in the future; and Option 3) Hold an election asking citizens to exempt Loveland from SB152. Council directed staff to return to a regular meeting with ballot language for consideration. Council thanked staff for the presentation.


3. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** (presenter: Bill Westbrook; 60 min)
MASTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN
IT Department Director Bill Westbrook introduced this item to Council. Staff members, John Burns and Steve Holmes led the informational presentation summarizing the City's IT Department's current organizational and operational status and providing an overview of the recently developed IT Strategic Plan by consultant, BerryDunn. Discussion ensued. Council directed staff for the next update to provide comparisons with other cities of hard costs and statistics on support calls. Council thanked the group for the update.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business before this Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Teresa G. Andrews, City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

