

May 11, 2015 AHC special meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair McCrory at 6:05 pm.

The agenda item for discussion was information provided by City Staff regarding possible budget reductions as a result of a proposed reduction in sales tax revenue from the City tax on food for Home Consumption. After Commission discussion the following statement was proposed and voted on.

Motion to approve the AHC Statement below was made by Vendia Berg, Jill Angelovic seconded the motion and members present voted for approval.

Affordable Housing Commission Statement to the Loveland City Council regarding the proposed elimination of the City sales tax on food for home consumption.

The Mission of the Affordable Housing Commission is to promote and support the development of affordable housing for moderate and low income residents of the City of Loveland. While low income and poor households are impacted disproportionately by the City tax on food for home consumption they are also dependant on the full range of Loveland services provided by the City. We anticipate that the elimination of these tax revenues will result in a reduction in Loveland City services. While the elimination of the tax on food may benefit poor households, it will also negatively impact these households through a reduction of City services.

We recognize the City of Loveland's historical excellent fiscal management.

At a time of abundant projected growth; this is not the time to reduce City services.

The Affordable Housing Commission recommends that the City Council take no action on the elimination of sales tax on food for home consumption until the impact of this loss of revenue for City services is full analyzed and a possible replacement for these revenues is identified. We believe that it would not be prudent or responsible for the City Council to take an action on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair McCrory at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Pamela McCrory, Chair of the Affordable Housing Commission

Members of the Commission present at the Meeting:

Pam McCrory, Chair

Vendia Berg, Co-Chair

Diann Rice

Barbara Irelen

Michelle Martz-Mayfield

Marcy Kasner

Jill Angelovic

Will Gresham Vote in favor of the motion passed 7 to 0. (Commissioner Gresham was not present for the vote.)