

MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO

STUDY SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

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

1. PARKS AND RECREATION

RECREATION FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY - UPDATE

Recreation Division Manager, Keven Aggers, introduced this item to Council. Parks and Recreation Director, Elizabeth Anderson; Administrative Business Manager, Marilyn Hilgenberg; Facility Manager, Ashley Taylor; and GreenPlay, LLC Consultant, Bob Easton were present to address Council and answer questions. As a result of community outreach and needs analysis presented in the recent update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, staff retained the consulting firm GreenPlay, LLC to aid in the completion of a Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study. The study will include a needs assessment and review of current local market conditions; evaluation and review of City recognized sites; preliminary conceptual plan(s) including space allocation and program components; capital cost estimates with funding options; pro-forma budget and business plan; and options for indoor and/or outdoor leisure aquatics features and facilities. Staff is hoping to have the results of the study completed by the end of July and will bring it back to council. Council directed staff to bring all options and ideas.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN LANDS

BIG THOMPSON RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

Administrative Business Manager, Marilyn Hilgenberg, introduced this item to Council. Open Lands Technician, Debbie Eley; Logan Simpson Design Consultant, Jeremy Call; and Parks and Recreation Director, Elizabeth Anderson were also present to address Council and answer questions. Jeremy Call presented the draft plan "*A Bigger Vision for the Big T: A Recreation and Conservation Assessment,*" including recommendations regarding priority projects and opportunities to address the impacts of the 2013 flood on recreation amenities and conservation areas. Discussion ensued about accessibility to the river and adding information regarding equestrian areas. Councilors thanked staff and the consultant.

3. LOVELAND FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY

PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF THE LOVELAND FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY (LFRA) MATURATION PROJECT

Fire Chief, Mark Miller, introduced this item to Council. Chair of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Commission, Jon Smela; Public Safety Administrative Director, Renee Wheeler; and Chairman of the Rural Board, Jeff Swanty. The City Council approved an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Loveland and the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District that created the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority as a separate legal entity, effective January 1, 2012. The five member board that governs the Authority has representation from both the City (two City Council members and the City Manager) and

the Rural District (two board members). The Fire Chief provided an update to City Council on the status of the Fire Authority maturation process, which includes the employee and asset conversion. The presentation reviewed the process that was used to create the entity, the reasons the governance model was selected, and the progress toward evolving as a separate entity. City Manager, Bill Cahill, also shared with the Council the future steps that will need to be considered to complete the transition. Councilors commented on the success of the partnership and thanked them for the update.

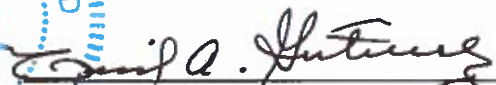
ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before this Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa G. Andrews, City Clerk



Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor