

MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO

STUDY SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Councilors present: Gutierrez, Fogle, Krenning, Ball, Johnson, Overcash, McKean, Shaffer, and Clark were present. City Manager, Bill Cahill was also present.

**1. WATER & POWER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
BROADBAND UPDATE**

Steve Adams, Water and Power Director and Bill Westbrook, Information Technology Director presented this informational item. The Broadband Project Team consisting of staff representatives from Loveland Water and Power, Information Technology (IT), the City Manager's Office, the Public Information Office, Finance and the City Attorney's Office performed the research provided in the information given to Council. On November 3, 2015, 82% of Loveland citizens voted in support of Ballot Issue 2C. The passage of this ballot measure effectively overturned Loveland's restrictions imposed through Senate Bill 152 (SB 152) and allowed the City of Loveland to investigate alternatives for promoting broadband options while considering the needs and desires of the community.

Upon Council direction a future consideration will be brought forward for a 2016 supplemental budget appropriation through the General Fund to cover the expenses for broadband studies, community engagement, marketing and other items. This supplemental appropriation will need to be approved prior to the award of the contract for the proposed Broadband Assessment and Feasibility Analysis. Council directed staff to keep the process moving forward to promote the broadband initiative for Loveland, including continued community engagement, developing the Broadband Task Force and releasing the RFP for the broadband assessment and feasibility analysis. The Broadband Task Force will return to a future City Council Meeting to present the results of the RFP responses and recommend a contract award. Council also expressed support for Councilor Fogle to join the Broadband Task Force as Council Liaison.

**2. MUNICIPAL COURT
2015 FOURTH QUARTER UPDATE**

Geri Joneson, Municipal Judge, presented the 2015 Fourth Quarter case statistics for Municipal Court. Councilors expressed appreciation to the judge and for the work being done in the courts.

**3. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS**

Kerri Burchett, Principal Planner and Bob Paulsen, Current Planning Manager presented the improvements to the development review and building permitting processes. The staff presented improvements that have been recently implemented along with upcoming changes that will better serve our customers.

The staff presentation focused on the following items:

1. The Development Review Team: A general description of the team, its members, and its mission;

2. Developing in Loveland: An overview of the process, breaking down the 3 major components of development review: the planning process, infrastructure installation, and the building process;
 3. Achievements: A highlight of items that we are currently implementing;
 4. Upcoming Improvements: Changes on the way that will help us better serve our customers. Changes include the move to the development center, projects that the 5 strategic teams are working on, and changes to submittal templates, signs and correspondence with customers; and
 5. Measuring Success: The tools that we will use to ensure that our efforts are successful
- Council thanked staff for the update.


ADJOURN

Hearing no further business to come before Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the January 26, 2016 Study Session at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa G. Andrews, City Clerk



Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

