City of Loveland Budget Kickoff

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Introduction

This presentation includes:

- 2017 budget calendar involving City Council
- Loveland budgeting principles
- Process used to forecast major revenue sources
- Overview of major expense items
- City Manager's preliminary budget direction
- New features
- Council discussion, questions, research priorities and direction to Staff



2017 Budget Calendar

Study Session – Budget Guidance

Study Session - Capital Program

Resolution – 2017 Capital Program

Recommended Budget Distributed to Council

Study Session – Recommended Budget

First Reading

Second Reading

April 26th

June 14th

July 5th

September 2nd

September 13th

October 4th

October 18th



Principles

- We will budget for providing the best level of services possible on a continuing basis.
- Our budgeting practices will continue to be fiscally conservative.
- We will maintain the City as an employer of choice, so that we continue to attract and retain high-quality employees.
- The Budget and Financial Process will be completely transparent



Revenue

General Fund Revenue Projections

- Sales Tax:
 - Expecting 2.5% 3.0% increase for 2017
 - Forecast will be finalized based on:
 - Developing collection trends in 2016
 - Analysis of local/regional retail activity
 - Analysis of new Loveland development/redevelopment
- Property Tax:
 - Rates were re-assessed in 2015, taking effect in 2016: tax increased 12%
 - 2017 will not be a reassessment year; increase will be minimal

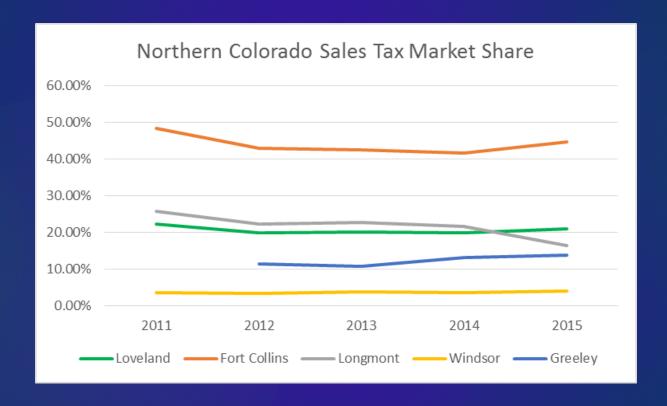


General Fund Revenue Projections

- Building Permits
 - Working with Development Services to prepare forecast
- Use Tax:
 - Building Material: Working with Development Services to prepare forecast
 - Automobile: Currently 22.9% or \$175,705 above 2015



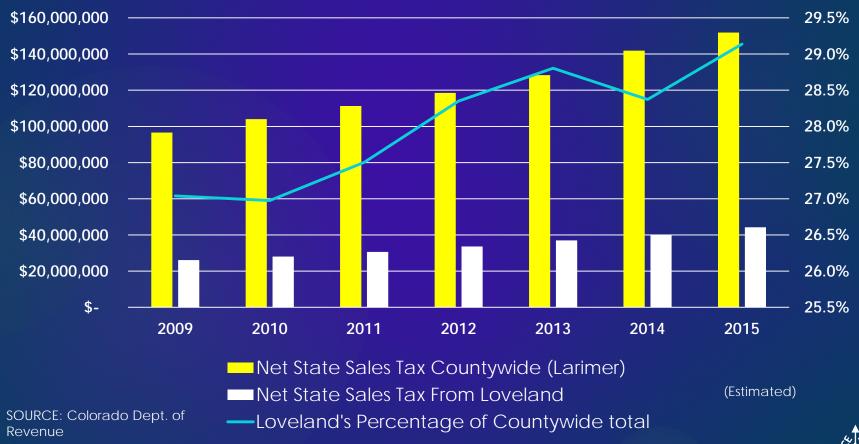
Sales Tax Market Share Northern Communities



*Note: Greeley data for 2011 was unavailable

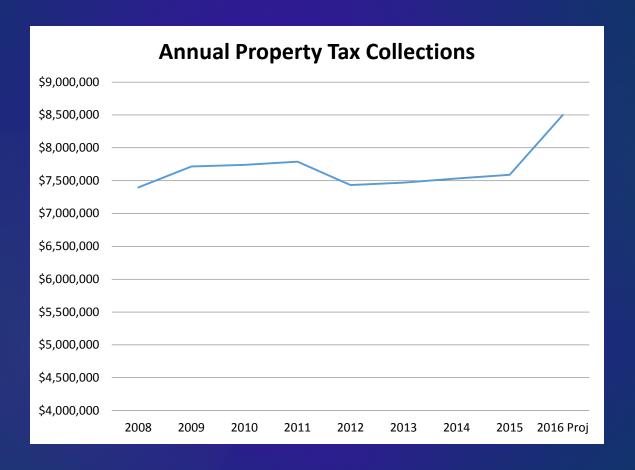


Sales Tax Market Share Larimer County





Property Tax



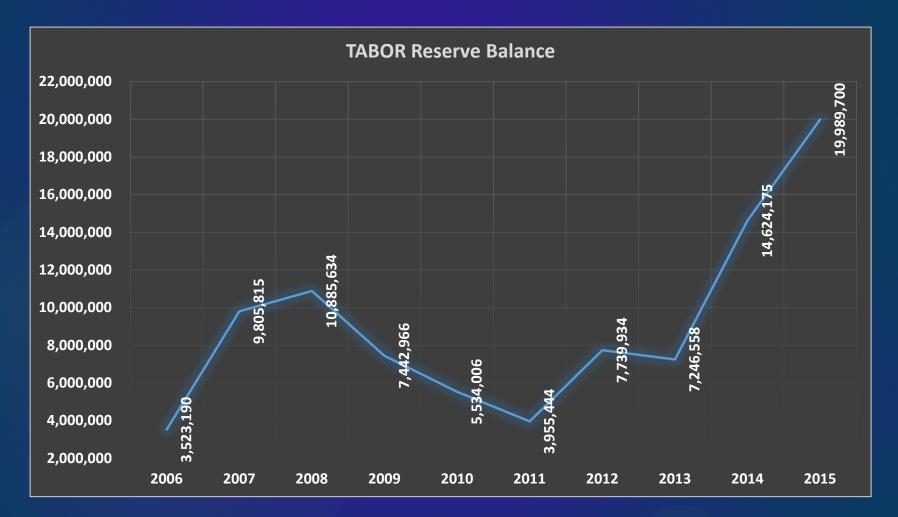


Reserve for Excess TABOR Restrictions

- TABOR Election: November 6, 2001
 - Voter Approved retention of excess revenues, 1/1/03 -12/31/12
 - Balance projected to last through 2020
- TABOR Election: November 1, 2011
 - Voter Approved retention of excess revenues, 1/1/13 12/31/24
- Restricted to Police and Fire, street construction and maintenance, and parks construction and maintenance



TABOR Reserve History





Water & Power Rate Track

- Water
 - ▶ 2016: 8% increase
 - ▶ 2017: 9% increase
- Power*
 - **2016**: 5.6%
 - **2017**: 6.04%
- Wastewater
 - **2016**: 8.8%
 - **2017: 11%**

^{*}Note: Power will be conducting their cost of service study in 2016. Power's rate track may change.



Rate change history and projections: 2013-2023

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Water	13.00%	13.00%	9.00%	8.00%	9.00%	9.00%	9.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	3.50%
Wastewater	15.00%	8.91%	9.08%	8.80%	11.00%	11.00%	11.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	3.50%
Power	4.13%	1.62%	5.83%	5.60%	6.04%	6.04%	4.24%	5.05%	4.24%	1.81%	4.24%



Expenses

2017 Employee Benefit Fund

- Increase expected for medical premiums (Departments and Employees)
- Plan design will be reviewed and adjusted if necessary
- Review market survey data
- Minimal changes expected for dental and vision premiums



Employee Benefit Fund History

		<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
	Employee Contribution	1,867,937	1,800,123	1,982,927	2,067,891	2,430,014
NUE	Departments' Contribution	7,355,740	7,448,582	7,625,653	7,393,377	8,405,601
REVENU	General Fund Contribution	-	-	-	-	610,000
R.	Other	133,000	253,730	215,268	261,967	234,511
	Total Revenue	9,356,676	9,502,435	9,823,848	9,723,236	11,680,125
	Expense	9,568,217	8,599,969	10,448,053	12,037,399	14,903,348
	Surplus/(Deficit)	(211,541)	902,466	(624,205)	(2,314,163)	(3,223,223)



2017 Compensation

- Merit pool for all City employees will be 3.00% to 3.25% percent
- The actual amount will be determined once market projections are published



City Manager Direction

Preliminary Budget Direction: 2017

- Stability in internal support and administrative functions
- Public safety: additions to Police for officers and civilian support functions; minor additions expected in Fire
- Infrastructure areas: moderate additions in enterprise utilities, and in public works operations; possibly greater increases in snow removal
- Development functions: only minor changes, following 2016 additions
- Quality of life functions: only minor changes in General Fund areas



New Features

Supplemental Evaluations Using PBB

- New process for reviewing Departmental supplemental requests
- Review Committee to analyze and score
- Apply PBB scoring system
- City Manager will incorporate the results in decision process



OpenGov

- On-line portal, accessible from City home page
- Will allow public access to City financial transactions
 - Revenues
 - Payments by check
 - Payment by Purchasing Card
 - Other features to be added
- Public Information campaign
- Kick-off May 15



Council:

Questions
Discussion
Research Priorities
Direction to Staff

