



MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Tuesday, September 25, 2018
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Marsh, Overcash, Fogle, Ball, Olson, Jersvig, Wright

COUNCIL ABSENT: Clark, Johnson

1. STUDY SESSION

**1.1 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
THREE TOP PROBLEMS FACING LOVELAND**

Councilor Olson introduced the panel; Michael Allen, Adam Muslelewicz, Glorie Magrum, and Doug Ashbaugh

Opioid Addiction:

Addiction is a disease that changes the brain. People are using opiates at an alarming rate in Larimer County and fatal opioid overdoses are on the rise. Though the problem is large, many groups are working to reduce the impact of opioid abuse in our region. Our presentation will discuss four specific strategies that strive to address the opioid epidemic in Northern Colorado, and Loveland, specifically.

Suicide:

Suicide is everyone's problem, and most suicides are preventable. With every suicide death, 135 peoples' lives are impacted and there is an average 1.3 million dollar cost to society. In 2016 Colorado was in the top 10 states for the highest rates of death by suicide and Larimer County was in the top 10 counties in Colorado for death by suicide. Our suicide rates are nearly twice the national average. The Suicide Prevention workgroup analyzed the data and assessed what is being done in Loveland in the areas of suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. There are successes to build upon and gaps that need to be filled. This presentation will discuss the ongoing efforts in Loveland and Larimer County to reduce the incidence of suicide through education and intervention.

Homelessness:

Among the three critical problems facing Loveland addressed in this presentation, homelessness is the most visible within the community representing all ages and genders. Homelessness may be classified into situational homelessness, episodic Homelessness and chronic homelessness, each requiring varying solutions. This presentation will focus on a segment of the homeless that are at considerable risk.

A little over a year ago an invitation was extended to mental health, health care, faith based, municipal government, school district, law enforcement, non-profit and business organizations for a collaborative meeting. The group, representing over 15 organizations, was asked to identify what they viewed as the three top crisis areas facing Loveland. They identified Opioids, Suicide and Homelessness as the top three issues and agreed to further meetings to address five questions.

1. What is the problem and how is it defined?
2. What is currently being done in the community?
3. What successes have been achieved in other communities that may be relevant for Loveland?
4. Where are there gaps in addressing these problems?

5. How might the City of Loveland participate in reducing or eliminating the gaps?

Over twenty organizations have participated in addressing the above five questions.

Possible solutions or aids to those questions were presented and discussed:

Help in Creating Awareness – inserts in utility billings, newsletters, social media.

Tell your story (Opioids / Suicide)

Take / promote Mental Health First Aid (Opioids / Suicide)

Expand Drug take back (Opioids)

Add NarCan to AEDs (Opioids)

Assist in creation of a Health Navigator (Suicide)

Contribute to 2nd mental health co-responder for Police (Opioids / Suicide)

Create a safe zone for homeless women (homelessness)

Council could complete the Mental Health First Aid Course.

Encourage city staff to complete the Mental Health First Aid Course.

Install a drug take back box in the Police Department – must be secure. Disposal could be coordinated with SummitStone.

Direct the City Manager to designate a city office to liaison with the groups addressing these community issues.

Councilors that attend these organizations addressing these community issues should give periodic updates to Council. (Councilor Overcash attends a Suicide prevention group. Councilor Olson attends the Colorado Opioid Prevention Work Group).

1.2 FINANCE

2019 DRAFT BUDGET FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

Theresa Wilson, Budget Manager; Matthew Elliott, Senior Budget Analyst; and Brett Magellan, Budget Analyst presented this item.

Purpose: Staff presented the 2019 Draft Budget to City Council at the September 11, 2018 Study Session. At the end of this Study Session, it was determined additional time was needed for further discussion.

Objective: To continue discussion around the 2019 Draft Budget, answer remaining questions, solicit feedback and reach consensus regarding changes to the budget. Depending upon the amount and magnitude of changes, staff will either make changes in time for the first reading and public hearing scheduled for October 16, 2018, or as a subsequent supplemental budget ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget once adopted.

Impact: This effort will result in a robust, thoughtful, and well planned 2019 Budget and Capital Improvement Program for the City of Loveland.

Council Follow-up: First Reading and Public Hearing of the 2019 Budget is planned for the for the October 16, 2018 City Council Meeting. Second Reading, Public Hearing, and anticipated adoption of the 2019 Budget is planned for the November 6, 2018 City Council Meeting.

Please note the 2019 Draft Budget is hyperlinked in the agenda packet.

2. ADJOURN

Mayor Marsh adjourned the September 25, 2018 Study Session at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patti Garcia

Patti Garcia, City Clerk

Jacki Marsh

Jacki Marsh, Mayor