



MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Marsh, Overcash, Fogle, Johnson, Ball, Olson, Jersvig, Wright

COUNCIL ABSENT: Clark

SPECIAL MEETING

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. CALL TO ORDER

1.2. ROLL CALL

2. AGENDA

2.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

MUNICIPAL JUDGE JONESON QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW WITH POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

As directed by City Council, the Municipal Judge is expected to present a quarterly report to update Council on trends in the Court regarding both the type and volume of cases filed in Municipal Court, as well as inform Council of any major changes in Court procedures, legislation, or other items that may affect Municipal Court.

Council, per resolution, conducts quarterly performance review meetings for the Municipal Judge. The second action of this item is for City Council to conduct the performance review meeting, which may include an executive session to discuss personnel matters, such as feedback on performance and discussion regarding renewal of Employment Agreement.

Judge Joneson addressed Council and reviewed the power point presentation included in the packet. Areas that were highlighted included Adult Code Enforcement, Panhandling, Adult Trespassing, Juvenile Youth Conduct, Juvenile Tobacco and Teen Court.

Council discussed issues related to vaping; Councilor Johnson requested a Rule of 4 to discuss age regulations for use – Mayor Marsh added to discuss a policy for use in parks, trails and public areas. A Rule of 4 was achieved.

Mayor Marsh requested additional information regarding adult trespassing, ie, the circumstances under which the individuals were cited such as if they were trying to sleep. Judge Joneson stated she would get the information to her.

Councilor Olson requested to have the number of homeless individuals tracked that come through municipal court.

Moved by Councilor Jersvig, seconded by Councilor Olson

A Motion To Recess Into Executive Session For The Purpose Of Conducting An Employee Performance Evaluation To Discuss And Consider Personnel Matters For The Presiding Municipal Judge, Geri Joneson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0.

Pursuant to the Executive Session, Council requested that Human Resources prepare a renewal contract for Geri Joneson, Presiding Municipal Judge, including an annual 2.5% increase.

Public Comment

Darrel Classen, former county commissioner and former Loveland city councilmember addressed the Council regarding parking. He noted a parking study that had been conducted 7 or 8 years ago which provided similar information as the current parking study.

3. ADJOURN TO STUDY SESSION

4. STUDY SESSION

4.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LOVELAND DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY AND STRATEGIC PLAN

David Eisenbraun, Development Services, presented the item noting the purpose is to review the findings from Phase I of the Loveland Downtown Parking Study and Strategic Plan and to inform City Council about Phase II. Walker Consultants surveyed a 32-block area, approximately a quarter of a square mile, which forms the basis of Downtown. The parking study area, as established by the City, is comprised of the historic West 4th Street corridor from Railroad Avenue to Washington Avenue, as well the surrounding blocks near downtown which includes office, residential, and civic uses. The key findings are that the public parking system has, on an aggregate basis, sufficient parking to accommodate demand well into the future, supply shortages in high demand areas are a current issue that will continue to exacerbate over time, causing frustration among drivers, without parking management interventions. Such parking management interventions may initially include: expansion and enforcement of existing two-hour limits throughout the study area; designated parking for employees, residents, and other long-term parking; updates to off-street parking requirements in the downtown; updates to the signage and wayfinding system.

Council discussed the various areas of downtown that draw consumers along with areas that draw their own traffic (ie, Library, Chilson Center, etc.) and also discussed areas that would be considered as private and could not be used for public parking.

It was noted that each of the interventions have significant support from the community based on the public outreach conducted in Phase I. In the future, as downtown Loveland continues to develop, paid parking in certain areas of the downtown may also be an option to alleviate parking shortages and balance demand.

**4.2 PARKS AND RECREATION
RECREATIONAL SWIMMING AMENITIES UPDATE**

LeAnn Williams, Recreation Division Manager, presented to Council an update on the Lake Loveland Swim Beach at North Lake Park, including ongoing challenges of operation and option for a future Splash Pad. The Lake Loveland Swim Beach has been in operation by the City of Loveland (COL) Parks and Recreation Department since 1980. Surrounding communities (Windsor, Longmont and Boulder) also operate swim beaches, as well as the State of Colorado and Larimer County. The City of Fort Collins does not operate a swim beach or manage a body of water for public recreational use. Some agencies guard their beach, others do not. All of those agencies have an active boat patrol on the lake. The City of Loveland is unique in that it only leases the swim beach and doesn't have recreational rights to the entire lake, therefore the COL has no boat patrol. Other agencies in the region either own or lease the recreational rights to the entire lake.

Areas highlighted included water quality/clarity, no water patrol/boater safety, lifeguard and patron safety and the concern that the lake is not a city asset.

Joe Bernowsky, Water & Power Director, reviewed water regulations required by the State of Colorado and noted the E.coli levels in the lake and other health concerns.

Ms. Williams provided the following options for the swim beach:

- Keep status quo
- Keep swim beach open but not staff it
- Close swim beach permanently in 2019 and construct a new splash pad immediately
- Keep swim beach open for 2019, construct splash pad in 2019/2020 and close swim beach permanently after 2019 season
- Close the swim beach and not do anything

Council noted that it is a free beach, health issues are hard to trace and there is no data related to any injuries. Council discussed keeping the swim beach open and putting in a new splash pad at Northlake Park near the playgrounds.

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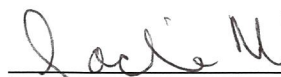
5. ADJOURN

Mayor Marsh adjourned the Loveland City Council February 12, 2019 Special Meeting and Study Session at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,




Patti Garcia, City Clerk


Jacki Marsh, Mayor

