

Mayor Gutierrez called the Study Session of the Loveland City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on the above date. Councilors present: Gutierrez, Heckel, Solt, Klassen, McEwen, Rice, Johnson and Shaffer. Councilor McKean was absent. City Manager, Bill Cahill was also present.

1. FINANCE

Discussion of November TABOR Ballot ISSUE

Budget Officer, John Hartman presented this Item to Council. Staff is seeking direction on preparing materials to refer a November 1, 2011 ballot measure for the ability to retain revenue in excess of the TABOR (State Constitutional Amendment) revenue limits beginning January 2013. Mr. Hartman reviewed Loveland's history since the passage of TABOR. Restrictions on the uses for the monies collected were discussed and whether a sunset provision should be set in the ballot measure. The Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission Draft TABOR handout was discussed and feedback on design and usage provided to staff. Council directed staff to bring an ordinance to the August 2, 2011 Council meeting for consideration and a public hearing, referring the TABOR excess revenue retention issue to the voters at the November 1, 2011 election, with no sunset provision and continuing with the same restricted uses for fire, police, streets construction and maintenance and parks construction and maintenance.

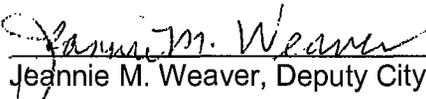
2. WATER AND POWER

Dixon Creek to Horseshoe Substation 230 KV Electric Transmission Line Project Update

Acting Water and Power Director, Steve Adams presented this item to Council as a major electric transmission line project. Mr. Adams spoke about the history of the Platte River Power Authority project and the associated costs. City of Fort Collins Utilities Executive Director, Brian Janonis reviewed the Fort Collins chronology of the project. The City of Fort Collins plans to request a change to PRPA's current policy to include undergrounding of transmission lines in natural areas and open spaces and if adopted, that it apply immediately to Phase III of the Dixon Creek to Horseshoe Substation Project and that portion of the proposed transmission line in the Pine Ridge Natural Area be undergrounded. Any change to the currently designed project would cause a delay of two to three years, increase the project costs by \$12 to \$14 million and place a portion of Loveland's electrical load at risk. Discussion ensued.

Council directed staff to propose a solution at the July 28, 2011 PRPA Board meeting for keeping the project on schedule and pursue collaboration on a policy change with the four municipalities.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannie M. Weaver, Deputy City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

