



AGENDA ITEM: 1 (Special Meeting)
MEETING DATE: 8/9/2011
TO: City Council
FROM: Steve Adams, Water and Power Department
PRESENTER: Steve Adams
Brian Moeck and staff, PRPA

TITLE:

Platte River Power Authority presentation on Dixon Creek to Horseshoe Substation 230 KV Electric Transmission Line Project

DESCRIPTION:

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) has been invited to present updated information on the above project.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Yes No

Future budget impacts are possible.

SUMMARY:

On August 2, 2011, Loveland Mayor Gutierrez received a letter from Mayor Weitkunat from the City of Fort Collins, regarding the Dixon Creek to Horseshoe Substation Transmission Line Project. This attached letter requested that the Loveland City Council consider joining with the Fort Collins City Council in directing PRPA staff to investigate alternatives to building the Dixon Creek Transmission Line as currently designed through the Pineridge Natural Area. The letter suggested a 60-90 day PRPA lead study of alternatives that would still provide Loveland with equally reliable electric supply. On August 2, 2011, Loveland City Council voted to direct city staff to contact PRPA and arrange for a PRPA presentation at the August 9, 2011, regarding the issues identified in the August 2, 2011 City of Fort Collins letter.

PRPA presenters include Brian Moeck (General Manager), Jason Frisbie (Chief Operating Officer), John Bleem (Customer and Environmental Services Division Manager), and Mike Dahl

(Senior Advisor for Planning and Engineering). Please see the attached letter from PRPA regarding this project.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Mayor Weitkunat and Fort Collins City Council to Mayor Gutierrez and Loveland City Council dated August 2, 2011 regarding the Dixon Creek to Horseshoe Substation Transmission Line Project.
 2. Letter from Mayor Gutierrez and Loveland City Council to Mayor Weitkunat and Fort Collins City Council dated August 3, 2011 responding to the August 2, 2011 letter.
 3. Letter from PRPA General Manager Brian Moeck to Steve Adams dated August 3, 2011 regarding the Project.
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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Discuss the presented information and determine what actions to take next in response to the August 2, 2011 City of Fort Collins letter.

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:



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August 2, 2011

Mayor Cecil Gutierrez
City of Loveland
500 East Third Street, Suite 330
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Dear Mayor Gutierrez:

First, I want to express our appreciation to you and the Loveland City Councilmembers for a candid and thoughtful discussion about the Dixon Transmission Line at last Thursday's joint cities/Larimer County meeting.

The Fort Collins City Council fully appreciates the dilemma we face. On one hand, this project has been in the works for six years and approximately 60 percent of rebuilding and upgrading the transmission line is complete. We recognize that work on the transmission line through the Pineridge Natural Area is scheduled to begin in September 2011 and that this line will provide critical redundant power to Loveland.

On the other hand, Fort Collins is extremely concerned about the visual impact of the poles, particularly through the Pineridge Natural Area, and places a high value on the protection of its natural areas and viewshed.

We are asking for the support of your City Council to send a joint directive to Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) staff to investigate alternatives to building the Dixon Transmission Line as designed through the Pineridge Natural Area. Our request of PRPA would be to spend the next 60-90 days investigating alternatives that will provide Loveland with an equally reliable electric supply. We would ask PRPA to consider the latest thinking in electric reliability in addition to the conventional model of alternative transmission routing. Progressive and innovative consultants are needed to help us think "outside the box."

This request is not being made lightly or without full appreciation of Loveland's need for a highly reliable electric system. Loveland's economic development efforts, such as ACE, will greatly benefit the whole region, including Fort Collins. Similarly, citizens in both communities have a great appreciation of their natural areas and view sheds. Pineridge Natural Area is enjoyed by all in our region and its existence increases the area's attractiveness to new businesses.

Because transmission lines have a 60-100 year life, this decision will impact generations and our region's attractiveness to retain as well as cultivate new businesses well into the future.



Our goals remain solid and consistent. We continue our partnership in PRPA to assure exceptional and reliable power to member communities.

We are asking for your support to present this to PRPA as soon as possible. Again, the action being requested of PRPA is to take a short period of time (60 to 90 days) to explore options for the Pineridge section and to do that in a way that does not impede Loveland having redundant power.

Time is of the essence for us all. Please let me know Loveland's decision as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Weitkunat". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial 'K'.

Karen Weitkunat, Mayor



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August 3, 2011

Mayor Karen Weitkunat
City of Fort Collins
300 LaPorte Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80522

Dear Mayor Weitkunat:

Thank you for hosting a very informative meeting between the Cities of Fort Collins, Loveland and Larimer County on July 28, 2012. I believe the topical discussions by Commissioners, Council members and staff were informative and timely.

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 2, 2011. This letter was discussed at our City Council meeting last evening. In light of the letter we have just received from the City of Fort Collins, our City Council decided to hold a Special Meeting on August 9, 2011 and invite Platte River Power Authority to discuss the topic of the Dixon Creek to Horseshoe Substation Transmission Line Project.

Our City Council specifically directed me to advise you of their decision and to invite you, the Fort Collins City Council, other city staff or community representatives who might have relevant information on this topic to attend our August 9, 2011, Special City Council meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

William D. Cahill, City Manager, for
Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor



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August 3, 2011

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Steve Adams
City of Loveland
200 North Wilson Avenue
Loveland, Colorado 80537-6017

Re: Discussion of the Dixon Creek to Horseshoe Transmission Line and Substation Addition
With Loveland City Council

Dear Steve:

We very much appreciate the invitation and opportunity to discuss the Dixon Creek to Horseshoe transmission line and substation addition with the Loveland City Council. Thank you as well for providing the letter sent by Mayor Weitkunat.

I will plan to attend, along with two or three of my Platte River colleagues, the August 9, 2011, Special Meeting of the Loveland Council. As suggested in the Mayor's letter and in your email, we will be prepared to discuss several aspects of the project including: the reason for the project and the several various alternatives studied prior to gaining approval of the current project; the current schedule for project completion; a description of all three phases of the project and the public processes involved; possible short term alternatives including distributed energy sources and the potential impacts if a study period and delay are supported. We will also plan to show some slides of past underground transmission projects and the potential environmental impacts that have some people concerned. I have also recently received an engineering estimate from Black & Veatch for undergrounding in the Pineridge area as originally suggested by Fort Collins and some before-and-after pictures of the Pineridge area, if rebuilt overhead, prepared for us by EDAW.

We look forward to seeing you and Council on the 9th.

Sincerely,

Brian H. Moeck
General Manager

cc: Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, City of Loveland
Mayor Karen Weitkunat, City of Fort Collins
Mr. Bill Cahill, Loveland City Manager
Mr. Darin Atteberry, Fort Collins City Manager
Mr. Brian Janonis, Executive Director, City of Fort Collins Utilities



AGENDA ITEM: 1 (Study Session)
MEETING DATE: 8/9/2011
TO: City Council
FROM: Julia Garcia, Human Resources Director
PRESENTER: Innovest Portfolio Solutions, LLC
Gordon Tewell, Principal
Richard Todd, CEO

TITLE:
Fiduciary Training

DESCRIPTION:
Study Session for Council training/education on fiduciary responsibilities.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Yes No

SUMMARY:

Due to Council's decision making authority as the "employer" over the City of Loveland retirement plans (Police, Fire, and General), Council has the responsibility to uphold and maintain the fiduciary responsibilities that coincide with such discretionary authority.

It is the employer's responsibility to ensure that persons entrusted with fiduciary duties have the professional knowledge to carry out these functions. Understanding and complying with the fiduciary responsibilities is critical as failure to follow the fiduciary standards of conduct as determined by the Department of Labor (DOL) may result in liability. For this reason, a fiduciary/trustee educational training has been scheduled for Council.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

No attachments at this time. Council Members will be given a handout of the presentation at the time of the training.

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:



AGENDA ITEM: 2 (Study Session)
MEETING DATE: 8/9/2011
TO: City Council
FROM: Greg George, Director Development Services
PRESENTER: Mike Scholl, Development Services

TITLE:
Downtown Developer Recruitment Strategy

DESCRIPTION:
The study session is intended to begin the discussion with Council regarding our strategy to attract developers to Downtown.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Yes No

SUMMARY:

Following the Downtown Request for Proposals (RFP), which yielded one development proposal (Brinkman Partners), staff is interested in building off of that effort to grow the development opportunities in Downtown and attract greater investment. Staff is interested in reviewing both the potential sites for future development and the process for identifying interested developers. The process may include a revolving RFP that would establish criteria for engaging in exclusive negotiations with developers regarding development proposals in Downtown.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Report
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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

No action at this time.

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:



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Memorandum

To: Loveland City Council

Through: Bill Cahill, City Manager

From: Mike Scholl, Development Services

Date: August 9, 2011

RE: Downtown Developer Recruitment Strategy

Background:

The City has taken active steps to recruit developers into Downtown Loveland including the completion of the Downtown Vision Book and the Request for Proposals. Our efforts have yielded some success including the Rialto Bridge project, the Art Space project and the Brinkman proposal for the North Catalyst project. The North Catalyst project is expected to come before Council in the fall.

Staff is interested in engaging Council in a discussion to continue these successes by attracting additional developers to Downtown Loveland.

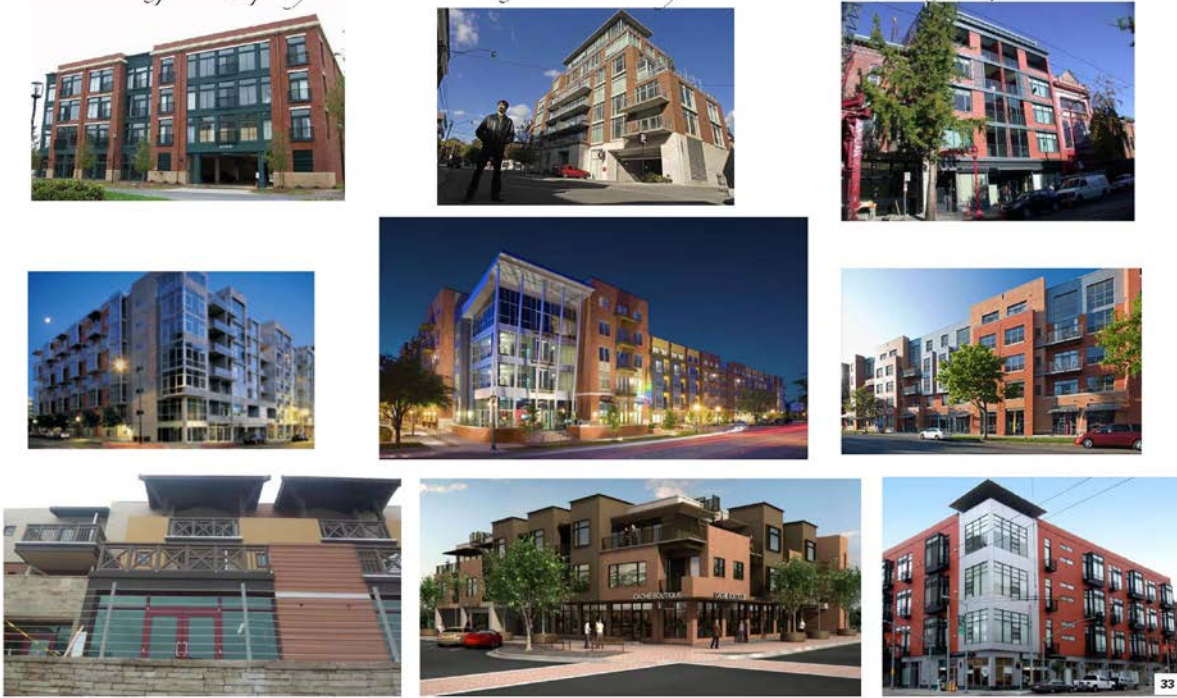
Developer Solicitation/Revolving RFP:

Staff is seeking to develop a fully transparent and public process to identify and engage developers on downtown development process. This effort would expand on the work of the Downtown Strategic Plan and the Downtown Vision Book and contribute to the ongoing revitalization effort. Specifically, we are seeking projects that promote vertical density and greater activity.

The solicitation effort would identify specific areas in Downtown available for development and include some examples of the type of development. The examples would be similar to what was included in the Downtown Vision Book (see image on the next page). The developer solicitation would be posted on the City's website and updated as needed. Additionally, staff would make copies available to both large and small developers with an interest in developing in Downtown Loveland.

Vision Book p. 33:

Typical Examples of Urban Architecture Styles and Character for the North and South Catalyst Projects



Further, the solicitation would include some basic criteria for evaluating development proposals prior to entering into negotiation.

The response criteria will likely include:

1. Concept Plan and Project description
2. Project Budget
3. Project Pro Forma

Exclusive Right to Negotiate

Provided that the developer meets the basic criteria, staff would present to Council the proposal with a request to engage in negotiations for a set period of time. Given the need for transparency, staff would seek Council approval prior to engaging in negotiations with a developer.