

MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO

6:30 P.M. **STUDY SESSION - City Council Chambers**

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Gutierrez, Farley, Clark, Shaffer, Fogle, Trenary, and Krenning. Councilors McKean and Taylor were absent. Assistant City Manager, Rod Wensing was also present.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

1. **POLICE** (presenters: Captain Tim Brown, Tree Ablao, Judge Bill Starks and Susanne Durkin-Schindler)

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND TEEN COURT

Assistant City Attorney, Tree Ablao presented this item to Council to provide current information regarding youth offender programs, specifically Restorative Justice and Teen Court, to assist youth in the community who have, or are alleged to have, committed state law or ordinance violations. Captain Tim Brown gave an update on Loveland's history with the program discontinued in 2005, current available programs in the community and information regarding the opportunity to partner with the Thompson School District (TSD) and the Restorative Justice Community Council (RJCC). Susanne Durkin-Schindler from RJCC presented a proposal for the City as a funding partner for a diversion program that aims to have teens take responsibility for actions and work to repair the harm. Cheryl O'Shell from TSD explained the proactive restorative practice skills training and peer conflict resolution program she administers. Municipal Judge, Bill Starks presented information on the Teen Court Program in which youth are sentenced by their peers. Dr. Margaret Crespo was available to address Council and answer questions about the Restorative Justice and Teen Court Programs. Discussion ensued. Council requested additional information on both programs and directed staff to expediently move forward exploring and instituting the two programs. Council thanked the group for their presentations.

2. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (presenters: Betsey Hale and rep from Water Valley, McWhinney and Sylvan Dale; 60 min)

GO NOCO REGIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY APPLICATION

Economic Development Director, Betsey Hale introduced this item to Council. The presentation includes participation from three private landowners and developers related to a Northern Colorado Regional Tourism Act application (RTA). The RTA is legislation to provide financial support for the development of regional tourism attractions and associated amenities. The purpose is to increase the attraction of out-of-state visitors and increase visitor spending. The RTA provides for the establishment of an authority which will use the State of Colorado sales tax increment collected in a designated RTA zone for the purpose of financing eligible projects. This is a discussion only item, but City staff will be making a request for financial support for the development of the RTA application in partnership with the private non-profit group GO NOCO to the State of Colorado Economic Development Commission. Staff is recommending Council consider a request for \$50,000 of Lodging Tax Reserves and \$125,000 of Economic Development Incentive Funds, at a future meeting. Developers Jay Hardy from McWhinney and Martin

Lind from Water Valley addressed Council with details of the project concept areas located at the Larimer County Ranch and Fairgrounds; Centerra; and Water Valley property in Loveland and Windsor. Representatives from Sylvandale Guest Ranch gave a detailed account of the history and tourism impact that the ranch has had in the area and how they could rebuild, improve and benefit as a project in the concept area. Discussion ensued. Council thanked the group for their presentation and directed staff to bring the request for funding to a regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before Council, the July 22, 2014 Study Session was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannie M. Weaver
Jeannie M. Weaver, Deputy City Clerk

Cecil A. Gutierrez
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