

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, Farley, Fogle, Taylor, McKean, Trenary, Klassen, McEwen and Shaffer. Also present were the following members of the Planning Commission: Buddy Meyers, Rich Middleton, John Crescibene, Carol Dowding, Stephanie Fancher, Rob Molloy, Troy Krenning, Mike Ray and Chip Leadbetter. City Manager Bill Cahill was also present.

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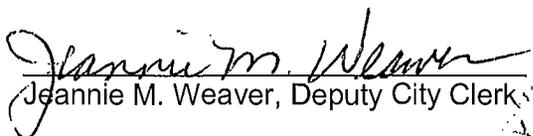
Panel Discussion Regarding Oil and Gas Extraction and Development

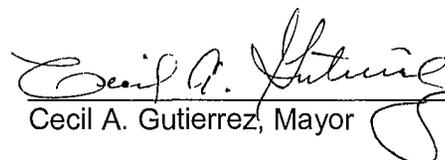
Development Services Director, Greg George introduced this item to Council and Planning Commission members in attendance. On May 15, 2012, City Council approved an emergency ordinance imposing a nine month moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and approval of any applications, permits, or other approvals for oil and gas uses. The ordinance is intended to allow the City time to investigate the extent of the City's authority to regulate such uses and develop and implement appropriate regulations, if necessary, to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. A short video entitled, "Natural Gas Shale Horizontal Drilling", was shown of the drilling process of a well. Each of the six panelists introduced themselves, presented information and answered questions. President and Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Oil & Gas Association, Tisha Conoly Schuller presented an educational primer on the concerns associated with oil and gas development. CDPHE Oil and Gas Liaison, Kent Kuster presented information about how the Colorado Department of Health and Environment regulates air quality, the emission control permit requirements for facilities and the associated public health impacts from oil and gas development. Loveland Fire Chief, Randy Mirowski's presentation covered the emergency response considerations necessary for a fracking emergency. CSU Associate Professor, Dr. Kenneth Carlson presented information on "The Natural Gas Initiative" addressing water issues associated with oil and gas exploration in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. Acting Director of Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), Thom Kerr gave a recap of the hydraulic fracturing activity in the Loveland area and reviewed COGCC rules and regulations that directly address the concerns about environmental impacts from fracking. Sierra Club Chair, Shane Davis presented the "hidden" environmental impacts of fracking in Colorado.

Mayor Gutierrez allowed public comment and nine people addressed City Council on this matter. City Manager, Bill Cahill stated that Council direction was not being sought at this meeting. Staff will continue to research and seek direction from Council as needed in the development of the appropriate regulations over the next few months.

The study session was adjourned at 12:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannie M. Weaver, Deputy City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

