

LOVELAND BROADBAND TASK FORCE
February 2, 2017 Minutes
Loveland Water and Power – 200 N. Wilson Avenue
10:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present: Mindy McCloughan via teleconference, Dave Kavanagh, Doug Rutledge, Fernando Pedroza, Jason Frisbie, Paul Langfield, Josh Smith, Richard Toftness

City Council Liaison Present: John Fogle

Task Force Members Absent: Joe Wilson, Julie Klein

City Staff Members Present: Steve Adams, Alicia Calderon, Bill Westbrook, Briana Reed-Harmel, Derek Turner, Kathy Gross, Kim O’Field, Tom Hacker

Consultant Present: John Honker from Magellan Advisors

Audience Present: Ralph Trenary

Call to order at 10:03 by Mindy McCloughan.

Mindy McCloughan called for a motion to approve the December 1, 2016 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously after a motion from Jason Frisbie and a second from Fernando Pedroza.

Broadband Assessment and Feasibility Analysis

John Honker from Magellan Advisors provided an update on their work to provide an analysis of three options for City Council on February 28, 2017. John also discussed the final public outreach results and residential and commercial survey updates. John talked about the three business models and how they were selected. City Council originally identified primary objectives of inclusivity, high-speed, reliability and affordability. Only three models met all of those criteria – public-public, public-private and retail. Discussion ensued with concerns about whether or not the public-private partnership would meet the “reliability” criteria, specifically in the area of customer service. It was decided to add another primary objective of “Customer Service Excellence” to the list based on the original goals provided by City Council. “Futureproofing” was also discussed, meaning that the network should be built to accommodate future upgrades. This has been taken into consideration in the feasibility analysis performed by Magellan. The group recommended changes to the presentation and these will be made for the Council presentation.

Next Steps

SB17-042 has been introduced to repeal SB152 and help cities and counties that have not yet been exempted not have to go through a ballot measure process. This bill is supported by the

Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) and the Colorado Municipal League (CML); the City of Loveland is a member of both organizations.

Briana Reed-Harmel is presenting this broadband item at the Council Special Session on February 28, 2017. Task Force members are all encouraged to attend. Council will want to know the Task Force's consensus on a preferred business model.

The topic of a tour for the Task Force and City Council of Longmont Communications Nextlight utility came up and was recommended. Staff will plan the tour; it will take place before the February 28, 2017 Council meeting. Kathy Gross will coordinate this.

Councilor Fogle heartily thanked the Task Force members for their service to the City.

Next Agenda Item – Canyon System

Non-compete, non-disclosure forms were discussed and collected.

Adjourn Public Meeting at 11:08

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gross
Recording Secretary