

LOVELAND BROADBAND TASK FORCE
July 6, 2017 Minutes
Thompson School District Conference Room – 2890 North Monroe Ave
10:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present: Josh Smith, Mindy McCloughan, Joe Wilson, Jason Frisbie, Dave Kavanagh, Paul Langfield

City Council Members Present: John Fogle and Don Overcash

Task Force Members Absent: Fernando Pedroza, Julie Klein, Richard Toftness, Doug Rutledge

City Staff Members Present: Kim O’Field, Briana Reed-Harmel, Derek Turner, Bill Westbrook, Joe Bernosky, Steve Adams, Kelly Jones

Consultants Present: Colman Keane and Jill Mosteller via phone

Guests Present: none

Call to order at 10:07 by Mindy McCloughan

Mindy McCloughan called for a motion to approve the June 8, 2017 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously after a motion from Jason Frisbie and a second from Kelly Jones.

Debriefing of June 27 City Council Meeting

Briana discussed her take-aways from the meeting. Steve discussed his take-aways from the meeting. Task Force members shared their thoughts on the meeting. Discussion centered around the different models that were presented and how staff and the task force were working to pare those down based on Council’s stated visions. Don Overcash stated that there were questions asked at the Council meeting that were not answered such as how debt can be issued and an enterprise can be formed based on what is required by the City’s charter. Jason and Dave stated that a visual roadmap indicating how this process could move forward would be helpful. Steve stated that one of the next steps is the provide Council a setting where they can make a decision.

Task Force Next Steps

Steve gave a background on how the Task Force group was created and the purpose and roles this group was charged with.

Jason suggested that for the Task Force there should be some definitive deliverable and he submitted to the group that based on the original charter, the Task Force may have already met their purpose and inquired on what their next steps should be. Jason stated that as a committee we should be able to inform Council on what our consensus is for a recommended business model. Mindy suggested that a definitive deliverable would be for the Task Force to fully consider and rank their business model recommendations for Council.

Other Discussion

Steve discussed an editorial that was in the Reporter Herald on July 5 by Ronald Rizzuto, Ph.D. who is a professor of finance at the University of Denver who has studied, and consulted with, the telecommunications industry for more than 30 years.

The task force discussed how a ballot initiative might work for the City of Loveland. Brieana informed the group on what Fort Collins is doing with their ballot initiative. Discussion included what the pros and cons are around a ballot initiative.

Dave inquired about how the public-private partnership model was set up and discussion occurred about all the different business models that could be available for this type of partnership. Colman stated there were so many continuums for this business model and it comes down to how much risk the City is willing to take with a private entity. There is more expense for the City to own the entire fiber network, but potentially less risk.

Broadband Initiative Next Steps

Steve updated the group that we are looking for the results of the conjoint analysis survey and moving forward with an RFP to support public-private partnership options.

Future Agenda Items

Next Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2017. Location is still to be determined. Ballot initiative information will be emailed and necessary discussions will happen with the task force through email.

Adjourn Meeting at 12:01

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Whittet
Recording Secretary