

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL
Saturday, February 2, 2008**

Mayor Weisgerber called the special meeting of Council to order at 8:10 a.m. at the Greater Loveland Historical Society Museum's JoAnn Richardson History House.

Members Present: Vice Mayor Bednar, Mr. Daly, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Osborne, Mayor Weisgerber

Also Present: Mr. Carroll, City Manager; Mr. Wright, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Klaine, Solicitor; Mrs. Cox, Clerk of Council; Mr. Taphorn, Finance Director; Mr. Steger, Assistant Finance Director; Mrs. Bellisemo, Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Moreland, Public Works Superintendent; Mr. Young, Building and Zoning Administrator; Chief Rees; Chief Huber; and Captain Sabransky

Mayor Weisgerber entertained a motion to excuse Mr. Schickel; so moved by Vice Mayor Bednar and seconded by Mr. Daly. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Mayor entertained a motion for Council to go into work session; so moved by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Osborne. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Weisgerber introduced Mr. Michael Starkey and explained that he has been the facilitator for Council's goal setting session for the past couple of years and has done a good job. Mr. Starkey explained that past years have been very formal planning sessions. Last year's session took the approach of evaluating and defining goals and this year's session will focus on staying on track, which will be done with a less structured session that involves more conversation; however, before proceeding, Mr. Carroll will give a presentation.

Mr. Carroll showed a video, titled "Shift Happens," about our changing world as it pertains to technology. He explained his intention in utilizing this video was to stimulate thought and discussion on where they are as an organization and how they will provide services in the future. While they have many clear and present issues to discuss today, he always wants to be looking five to fifteen years in the future.

After Mr. Carroll's presentation, Council's 2007 goals were reviewed and discussed as follows:

Goal 1: Loveland will efficiently manage its growth to provide a mixture of housing, create jobs to enhance its tax base, revitalize its existing commercial areas, while protecting its existing neighborhoods – Discussion ensued on not just managing, but facilitating growth and not only protecting, but enhancing existing neighborhoods. It was also pointed out that Council has passed 2008 legislation to voice their continued support of the Downtown revitalization. They also discussed the Loveland Neighborhood Action Team and other ways to communicate with all City neighborhoods to receive their input about the City and revitalization of their neighborhood.

Goal 2: Loveland will enhance its livability by improving our existing recreation facilities while planning for growth, connecting our neighborhoods with bike/hike trails, and present a recreation center plan for consideration to the public as soon as possible – Discussion ensued on highlighting existing facilities, such as the Little Miami river lab, the desire, though not a current

goal, to have a community pool, the financial impact of providing and maintaining facilities for youth recreation leagues whose membership consists of fewer than 50% City residents, and continuing efforts to provide hiking trails that will, in the long term, connect neighborhoods.

Goal 3: Loveland will seek the ability to control its own destiny and manage utility rates through intergovernmental and inter-agency relations (relating to limitations on growth and financial stability as far as water and sewer) – Discussion continued on border protection in terms of water and sewer systems and protecting rate payers, continued infrastructure investment being critical, and access to right-of-ways as it relates to residents' rates.

Goal 4: Loveland will develop strategies to enhance the City's image internally and externally to present our City as an attractive destination and a viable location to raise a family, work and operate a business – Discussion ensued on the importance of having strategies to market the City to keep current and attract new residents and businesses while maintaining services.

Goal 5: Loveland will maintain and improve the City's infrastructure, with an efficient balance of technologies and staff, to allow economical growth with smart planning – It was pointed out the reference to "infrastructure" includes staff development and how that relates to serving residents and bringing new residents and businesses into the City while doing more for less (cost). There was also discussion on the sidewalk program and coordinating and expanding it with the road program and the installation of cameras in City parks to decrease vandalism and increase safety for park visitors.

Goal 6: Loveland will improve service and ease internal and external business through technology - Discussion continued on staff development to foster transition with impending staff retirements and how to capture their knowledge and experience.

At the conclusion of the Council goals discussion, Mr. Carroll pointed out the intent of the memorandum on the White Pillars homestead was to pose a different alternative and get Council's direction on the possible resident curatorship and proceeding to the next step of involving other stakeholders. The Mayor pointed out the City previously committed to maintaining this asset, so exploring this and other options is of value. Discussion ensued on, if the proposed option is pursued, setting performance standards and responsibilities for the City and the curator. Mr. Carroll also pointed out the plan for the Christman house is to investigate whether it can be relocated to another site on the Christman property so there could possibly be a deceleration lane to service the park and the Crane development while getting some value out of the house; otherwise, the house may be razed and the City would eat that cost.

The Mayor informed Council they will receive a memorandum concerning the Rockwood and Business Enhancement awards and asked they start considering their nominations. Mr. Osborne stated he would like to have a business considered that is not on a street designated for the Business Enhancement Award. Discussion ensued on reviewing Council Policies, possibly at their next meeting to address this issue. Mayor Weisgerber and Mr. Fitzgerald also agreed to review Council Rules, after which they will solicit Council's input; if any Council Members have suggestions, he suggested they be forwarded to him.

At the conclusion of the work session, the Mayor entertained a motion to return to regular session; so moved by Vice Mayor Bednar and seconded by Mr. Osborne. The motion was approved by unanimous consent and the regular session reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Starkey, Staff, and Council for their attendance today and for all their efforts. Mr. Carroll advised that following this meeting, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department will demonstrate the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Chief Huber explained their demonstration will be given on an AED similar to what is kept in Council Chambers. Vice Mayor Bednar stated he recently attended a meeting where a township trustee was revived by Loveland-Symmes Fire Department. The Mayor then entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Daly. The motion was approved by unanimous consent and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council