

City Council

Study Session Summary

March 10, 2015
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:55 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Hank Dalton
Council member Jay Keany
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Jeff Lipton
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager
Heather Balsler, Deputy City Manager
Joe Stevens, Parks & Recreation Director
Kathy Martin, Recreation Superintendent
David Baril, Head Golf Professional
Julie Seydel, Recreation Manager
Meredyth Muth, Public Relations Manager

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM by Mayor Muckle following the special meeting.

Discussion – Fees Cost Recovery

Director Stevens outlined the pricing plans for the Recreation Center noting that one basic rule they use is to make sure it is not so complicated a system that people don't understand it and don't come because of it. He added there is no consistent way to do this in the industry, but Louisville's pricing is in the ballpark with the rest of Boulder County.

Keany stated he is concerned about overcrowding at the Rec Center and wants to know if pricing is one way to limit nonresident use.

Lipton was concerned about equity. He asked if because residents already subsidize the center with tax dollars maybe they should get a better rate to use the facility.

Stevens stated there has been huge growth in use of the facility since it opened in 1990. It was never designed to handle the current capacity. But on balance the number of resident users is probably 75-80%. Stevens added that raising rates may or may not discourage use by non-residents.

Lipton reiterated his concern of equity. Muckle asked if staff could determine how much property tax subsidizes the Rec Center. Dalton noted that under the current system the property tax portion is negligible.

Fleming added another option could be setting prices a bit higher and offering a resident discount.

Group consensus was that the Rec Center is too small and whatever happens with rates will depend on the outcome of the discussions later this year regarding a possible expansion or other alternatives.

Discussion – Role of the Legal Committee

Loo stated that the Legal Review Committee has started meeting regularly to look at a variety of items. She simply wanted the rest of the Council to be aware of their renewed interest in meeting and asked if there are any topics they should put on future agendas. Some of the topics the Committee has been or plan to look at include:

- Role of the 501c3s affiliated with the City
- The door-to-door sales ordinance
- Public records retention & disposal

Members were in agreement that, depending on the case, some litigation review with the Committee could be useful before those items come to the Council for full discussion.

Loo added that the Committee plans to meet quarterly as needed.

Adjourn – 9:05 pm
Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
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