

January 12, 2010

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the January 2010 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Mike Haverkamp, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath, Pat Yeggy. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Treasurer Kimura, Police Chief Fort and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Kathy Belgum, Linda Fincham, Alice Haugen, Al Leff, Paul Moore, Kent Ralston, Art Nowak, Mark Vitosh, Mary Mathew Wilson, Larry Wilson and John Yapp.

The minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting of the Council were presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Public Input: None.

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented. Mayor From announced the Garden Club as her MVP for 2009. From stated she had received many compliments from residents as well as others driving by on how wonderful the garden was this past year. From acknowledged Carol Ann and Scott Christiansen, Eunice Hunzelman, Rita Foley, and Pat Yeggy.

Comprehensive Plan revision update: John Yapp and Kent Ralston, JCCOG professional staff, reported that they had met with city officials, Pat Bauer, Steve Ballard, Stan Laverman, and Louise From on December 17, 2009 to begin the process of amending the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. As a result of that meeting, Yapp & Ralston compiled and distributed a written report outlining the questions and information for the council to review for the Comprehensive Plan public meeting scheduled later in January.

Concerns were raised as to the timing of the revisions and why they seem to be tailored to the St. Andrew Property specifically. Yapp commented that it is normal to revisit areas of the plan when there have been changes in the community; for example, the University of Iowa purchasing the University Athletic Club and St. Andrew Church potentially moving to another location. Several citizens urged the council to allow time to meet the needs of the citizens and allow them to give their input on any revisions.

A Comprehensive Plan public meeting to obtain input from citizens, will be held at the University Athletic Club on January 26, 2010 at 6:30pm.. A letter will be mailed to all residents/ owners notifying them of the meeting.

Discussion of ordinances related to University of Iowa home football games was tabled to another council meeting.

MOTION by Moore, seconded by Yeggy, to set January 26, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. as the date and time for the Comprehensive Plan public meeting, to be held at the University Athletic Club. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye Yeggy - Aye
McGrath - Aye

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Yeggy, for third consideration of Ordinance No. 177 amending the Traffic Ordinance (No. 120) regarding to increase the fine for illegal parking on game days to \$45.00. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye Yeggy - Aye
McGrath - Aye

MOTION by Yeggy, seconded by Moore, for third consideration of Ordinance No. 178 amending the Disorderly House Ordinance (No. 109) regarding to further define the offense and provide penalties. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye Yeggy - Aye
McGrath - Aye

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented. The council received an updated list of rental properties in University Heights. One rental permit was received since the last council meeting; Clerk Anderson commented she had two more properties to research to see if they are rentals and need to complete a permit.

Anderson also stated that Norm Cate, new University Heights Rental Inspector, will be sending letters to all rental properties introducing him and scheduling inspections.

Finance Report: A written report was presented. Treasurer Kimura asked the council to begin compiling a list of budget items for their respective areas.

Treasurer’s Report: All bills presented were approved by **unanimous consent**.

**Warrants
December 9, 2009 through January 12, 2010**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
City of Iowa City	13.56	MidwestOne Bank	3,615.46
Terry Goerd	700.00	Treasurer State of Iowa	2,051.00
Matthew Fort	1,197.88	IPERS	2,257.82
Ronald Fort	943.46	IPERS	60.00
Benjamin Lord	819.86	Paul Moore	867.00
Brad Reinhard	1,370.46	City of Iowa City	13.56
Donald Strong.	1,192.33	Terry Goerd	245.00
McLeod USA/PAETEC	126.46	Chezik Bell Ford	250.00
MidAmerican Energy	34.37	Copyworks	23.25
MidAmerican Energy	28.24	City of Coralville	14,859.00
MidAmerican Energy	76.38	ABC Solutions	24.95
MidAmerican Energy	613.25	SEATS	689.86
Christine Anderson	224.15	City of Iowa City	3,440.64
Andrew Dudler	184.70	Hollywood Graphics	350.00
Matthew Fort	1,149.79	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	16,303.50
Ronald Fort	834.80	Pyramid Services Inc.	43.42
Louise From	454.14	Racom Corporation	79.60
David Giese	184.70	Shive Hattery	9,975.62
Lori Kimura	178.37	UI Health Care EMS Learning Resources Center	12.00
Stanley Laverman	184.70	Verizon Wireless	90.02
Benjamin Lord	739.86	Westport Touchless Autowash	30.00
Brennan McGrath	184.70	Paul Moore	35.00
Brad Reinhard	1,245.92	VISA	60.21
Donald Strong	1,183.79	Iowa City Press-Citizen	497.84
Wellmark BC/BS	1,245.50	Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association	30.00
IPERS	8.69	Institute of Public Affairs	81.00
City of Iowa City	13.56	MidwestOne Bank	3,615.46

Total Receipts \$ 37,916.43 Total Warrants \$ 71,105.81

Community Protection: Police Chief Fort stated that the department had received a grant to purchase three Hazardous Materials suits.

Streets and Sidewalks: Council member Yeggy stated she has been reviewing the ordinances concerning snow and ice removal in University Heights. Attorney Ballard gave a brief update on recent changes to the ordinances. Paul Moore commented that street drains need to be cleared when the snow and ice start to melt; Council member Yeggy will contact Johnson County Refuse to do the work.

Engineer Bilskemper distributed a handout with life cycle cost comparisons of five pedestrian light fixtures for the council to review. Bilskemper commented that he does not recommend using LED lights as they are relatively new and not yet proven. After much discussion, it was decided that the council prefers an induction lamp fixture due to the lower anticipated maintenance costs versus metal halide, and wants the fixtures to be downcast. The council requested a double-headed light fixture to be installed on the poles near the Olive Court crosswalk and the Golfview Avenue crosswalk. There was no consensus to approve any of the five light fixture styles presented. Bilskemper to work with council member Yeggy to identify alternate fixture styles. The council will make their decision at the February meeting.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Yeggy, to adopt Resolution 10-01 authorizing the Mayor to sign and the city clerk to attest an Agreement for a Federal Highway Stimulus Program Project, in particular Iowa DOT Agreement No. 06-09-ESP-47, for the purpose of financing transportation improvement projects on streets and highways in Iowa with Federal Funds. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Aye
McGrath – Aye	

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Yeggy, to award L.L.Pelling the bid for the Project No. ESL-7855(606)--7S-52. a Federal Stimulus Program Project for PCC Panel Replacement on Melrose Avenue and Sunset Street. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Aye
McGrath – Aye	

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Moore, to adopt Resolution 10-02 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement to award the project for the PCC Panel Replacement on Melrose Avenue and Sunset Street, a Federal Stimulus Program Project. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Aye
McGrath – Aye	

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Laverman, to adopt Resolution 10-03 authorizing the Mayor to sign and the clerk to attest Temporary Construction Easement Agreements for the Melrose Avenue wide sidewalk project. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Aye
McGrath – Aye	

MOTION by Yeggy, seconded by Haverkamp, to adopt Resolution 10-04 authorizing the Mayor to sign and the clerk to attest Right of Way Purchase Agreements for the Melrose Avenue wide sidewalk project concerning property generally located at 1004 Melrose Avenue (owned by Paul and Janet Moore) and at the northwest corner of Melrose Avenue and Sunset Street (owned by Clayton Hargrave). **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Moore – Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Aye
McGrath – Aye	

Mark Vitosh, DNR District Forester, addressed the council on his previous evaluations of four trees on Melrose Avenue that were in conflict with the wide sidewalk project. Vitosh outlined the process he used to evaluate the trees, and reviewed his findings that two of the trees (maples) are hazardous and should be removed quickly, and that the remaining two (Norway spruce) are showing signs of decline. He does not recommend attempting to redesign the sidewalk onto private property just to save these trees, nor does he recommend planting new trees at this location between the sidewalk and street. As of the council meeting, the two Maples had already been removed.

Vitosh also reviewed a report that he had been asked to prepare regarding a potential hazard tree on the south side of Melrose Avenue, a Siberian Elm tree located near 10 Koser Avenue. Vitosh noted that roots removed to install a segmental retaining wall had damaged the support root system, and the stability of the tree had been compromised, which could create a hazard situation under specific weather conditions. Mark recommended removal of the tree as the best way to mitigate this situation. Engineer Bilskemper stated that MidAmerican Energy would remove all but 15 feet of the tree, since there are power-lines in the area, and the city would be responsible for removal of the remaining 15 feet. One contractor had earlier quoted an approximate cost of \$200 to complete this work

The council requested that Vitosh do a similar report for trees on Olive Court; there will be street construction and the city would like to know which trees should be removed and preserved. Vitosh said he could do this at no-cost to the city. Council member Moore volunteered to let the residents on Olive Court know when this review would take place.

Bilskemper asked the council if they would be opposed to Birkdale Court reinstalling their irrigation lines back in the city right-of-way once the Melrose Wide Sidewalk was finished. Council agreed the condo owners could reinstall them but they would be responsible for maintaining them.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Laverman commented that the new building inspector, Terry Goerdt, had completed many inspections and things were going well.

Council member Laverman stated that ICCSD officials had inquired if University Heights would be interested in partnering with Horn School when the future additions to the School are made. This would mean a financial contribution by the City. Council member Haverkamp stated the City should investigate the cost for possible additional City meeting space. Laverman will follow up.

E-Government: Council member Haverkamp stated he has begun to update the city's website: www.university-heights.org. In addition to the council minutes, the agendas and the mayor's report will also be posted.

JCCOG: Written report was presented.

Announcements: Mary Mathew Wilson stated there would be a MLK Day of Service on January 18, 2010. Volunteers can report to the North Room at the Iowa Memorial Union, no later than 9:00 am.

Council member Moore displayed three logo designs that resident, Ericka Schultz, a graphic artist created for the City. Moore asked for feedback from the council, and will display the logos at the Jan. 26 Comprehensive Plan meeting to obtain feedback from the public also.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 9:18 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor