

June 13, 2010

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REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the July 2010 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Mike Haverkamp, Jim Lane, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath, Pat Yeggy. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Police Chief Fort, Treasurer Kimura, and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Kathy Belgum, June Braverman, Russell Brooks, Andy Dudler, Ann Dudler, Lawrence Fritts, Chris Hedlund, Steve Hedlund, Sue Hettmansperger, Rosanne Hopson, Alex Kline, Catherine Lane, Anne Michael Langguth, Al Leff, Jan Leff, Chris Luzzie, Jeffrey Maxwell, Stacia McGrath, Dan Moore, Liesa Moore, Amy Moore, Paul Moore, David Pedersen, Greg Prickman, Kent Ralston, Bob Ruppert, Della Ruppert, Roger Tracy, Warren Tunwall, Bob Weigel, Larry Wilson, Mary Mathew Wilson, Bill Wittig, and Ken Yeggy.

The minutes of the June 8, 2010 meetings of the Council were presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Moore Resignation: A written resignation effective July 13, 2010, was received from Amy Moore.

MOTION by Yeggy, seconded by McGrath, to accept the letter of resignation from Council member Amy Moore. Carried.

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

MOTION by McGrath to call for a special election to fill the open council position. Motion died for lack of a second.

The city clerk received four applications to fill the open council position: Rosanne Hopson, Jim Lane, Anne Michael Langguth and Larry Wilson. In addition, copies of letters and e-mails in support of each candidate received by the clerk and council members were presented and will be kept as a part of the public record.

Each applicant was given the opportunity to address the council and public outlining their qualifications and why they should be considered for the open position. Following the presentations by the nominees, the public was invited to give input on which candidate they felt would best serve the community. The council was then invited to nominate candidates for consideration:

Haverkamp – Anne Michael Lannguth
Laverman – Larry Wilson
Yeggy – Jim Lane
Laverman - Rosanne Hopson

A roll call vote was called, and the council voted as follows:

Haverkamp – Jim Lane McGrath – Abstain
Laverman – Jim Lane Yeggy – Jim Lane

Attorney Ballard administered the Oath of Office to Jim Lane and he joined the council.

Public Input: Council member Laverman stated he wanted on the public record that he was not making comments on the Press-Citizen blog and comments pages and he was not “Vision Now”.

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented. Council member McGrath inquired if a formal committee had been created for the annual Chautauqua and 75th Anniversary parade which will be held Sunday, August 29, 2010.

Mayor From replied that several council members and citizens have started preparations and all are welcome to assist with the planning.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Laverman, to create a formal committee to work on the annual Chautauqua and 75th Anniversary parade. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye Lane - Aye
 Laverman - Aye Yeggy - Aye
 McGrath – Aye

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Yeggy, seconded by Haverkamp, to adopt Resolution 10-16, allowing Council Members and Mayor to participate in and vote at council meetings by telephone or other electronic means. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye Lane - Aye
 Laverman - Aye Yeggy - Aye
 McGrath – Aye

Attorney Ballard will publish notice in advance of the August meeting regarding the potential development at the St. Andrew Church property. The Zoning Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15 and at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22 and in order to consider any development proposal at its August meeting, advance publication is required.

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented. Four new building and mechanical permits were received since the last council meeting. Rental permits forms and renewal letter were mailed to all rental property owners for FY2011.

Norm Cate, University Heights Rental Inspector, updated the council regarding inspections he has completed those and has planned for July and August. He plans to inspect 60-70 properties a year, which will mean properties are inspected every two years. Information will be added to the city website to alert property owners when inspections are due.

Finance Report: A written report was presented. Council member McGrath stated he and Council member Yeggy are still researching financing options but feels that the city will be able to self-finance the Melrose Wide Sidewalk project.

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

**Warrants
 June 9, 2010 through July 13, 2010**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Benjamin Lord	924.52	IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	57.89
City of Iowa City	13.56	TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	2,189.00
Matthew Fort	1,141.79	IPERS	2,426.05
Ronald Fort	991.29	IPERS	92.09
Brad Reinhard	1,318.35	Paul Moore	867.00
Donald Strong	1,170.29	City of Iowa City	13.91
McLeod USA/PAETEC	131.60	Iowa City Press-Citizen	253.51
MidAmerican Energy	37.48	Terry Goerd	1,785.00
MidAmerican Energy	30.08	Johnson County Emergency Management	256.00
MidAmerican Energy	90.07	Racom Corporation	79.60
MidAmerican Energy	611.32	ABC Solutions	24.95
Christine Anderson	169.57	City of Iowa City	37.66
Dennis Culver	42.74	Paul Moore	35.00
Matthew Fort	1,141.78	SEATS	703.66
Ronald Fort	1,247.97	Welt-Ambrisco Insurance	1,129.00
Louise From	454.13	Communications Engineering Company	194.04

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Haverkamp, permitting a six foot fence in front of the former Taste of Melrose restaurant and for the planters to remain in the city right-of-way and to be improved. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Lane - Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Aye
McGrath – Aye	

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: None.

Pat Bauer, Zoning Commission Chair, stated that there were materials on the website regarding the zoning commission meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2010. A second zoning meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. July 22, 2010. Bauer stated the commission will also consider an electronic participation motion similar to the one the council passed tonight.

Bob Weigel, of RSM McGladrey addressed the council regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) on behalf of Jeffrey Maxwell. Weigel presented a PowerPoint presentation on properties in Johnson County that have been developed using TIFs and explained that TIF is a public financing method used for redevelopment and community improvements for municipalities and other governmental subdivisions.

With TIFs, the value of improvements over the base value of the property is the incremental value; property tax generated on the incremental value may be used to repay debt incurred to finance a project. TIF districts are limited to a maximum 20-year lifespan with most TIFs having a shorter duration. Weigel stated that if the proposed development on the St. Andrew Church property occurred, it is estimated that \$766,446 in additional property tax revenue would be generated; an increase of 45% over the city's current property tax receipts. It is estimated that the taxable base would increase by \$22,272,914.

E-Government: Council member Haverkamp stated he has been adding lots of updates to the city website. He appreciates all of the comments and feedback he has received from everyone. The Zoning Commission agenda is online as well as an order form to purchase 75th Anniversary Jubilee T-shirts.

JCCOG: The next JCCOG meeting will be held August 25, 2010.

Announcements: Mary Mathew Wilson stated she has pictures on the UH Place website of the city's June garden walk

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 9:40 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor