

August 9, 2011

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at the University Club, 1360 Melrose Ave., subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the August 9, 2011 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Mike Haverkamp, Rosanne Hopson, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath and Pat Yeggy. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Police Chief Fort, Treasurer Kimura, and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Ellen Barron, Pat Bauer, Kathie Belgum, Carolyn Brown, Andy Dudler, Ann Dudler, Brandt Echternacht, Linda Fincham, Joe Frankel, Tom Gelman. Alice Haugen, Tom Haugen, Eunice Hunzelman, Catherine Lane, Jim Lane, Al Leff, Rod Lehnertz, Chris Luzzie, Kent Ralston, Dell Richard, Mary Schmidt, Rich Schmidt, Tom Scholz, John Staley, James Stehbens, Jinx Tracy, Roger Tracy, Larry Wilson, Mary Mathew Wilson, Gigi Wood and Jerry Zimmerman.

The minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting of the Council were presented, amended and approved by unanimous consent.

Report on Construction of new Children’s Hospital: Thomas Scholz, Interim Physician-in-Chief, UI Children's Hospital and Professor and Interim Head, Department of Pediatrics, and others, addressed the council on the plans for the new University of Iowa Children’s Hospital. Plans call for the hospital to be built near parking ramp 2. The Cambus administrative offices will be moved into a new West Campus Transportation Center in the same area.

Consideration of 60 Marietta Avenue building plans:

Dorothy Maher and Glen Meisner presented building plans for a new home at 60 Marietta. The Board of Adjustment previously approved a variance to the plans. The plan included grading that affects 41% of the ravine at the back of the property and removes two trees.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Haverkamp, to approve Resolution 11-11 to approve the development plan, grading plan and sensitive areas site plan for 60 Marietta Avenue. Carried.

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

Updates and Discussion of the TIF request for One University Place: Kevin Monson stated that in lieu of the decision by the Board of Supervisors not to participate in TIF, the Maxwell team requests a work session to discuss a revised TIF.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by McGrath, to schedule a work session meeting on August 23, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye McGrath - Aye
Hopson - No Yeggy - Aye
Laverman – Aye

Council member McGrath stated the meeting should be contingent on receiving an agenda and meeting items by Friday, August 19, 2011.

MOTION by Hopson, seconded by McGrath, to defer any further action on the PUD Application, Developer’s Agreement or TIF process on One University Place by the council at the August 9, 2011 meeting. Carried.

Haverkamp - No McGrath - Aye
Hopson - Aye Yeggy - No
Laverman – Aye

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Laverman, to amend so that Resolution 11-14 can be discussed and considered by the council at the August 9, 2011 meeting. **Not Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	McGrath - No
Hopson - No	Yeggy - Aye
Laverman - No	

MOTION by Hopson, seconded by McGrath, to defer any further action on the PUD Application, Developer's Agreement or TIF process on One University Place by the council until March 1, 2012. **Not Carried.**

Haverkamp - No	McGrath - Aye
Hopson - Aye	Yeggy - No
Laverman - No	

Continued discussion of PUD Plan Application for One University Place: Discussion of the PUD application was deferred.

City Planning Staff Report: Kent Ralston, Assistant Transportation Planner for MPO-JC, stated that during July 10th to August 5th, he received nine e-mails from six different authors regarding One University Place. Ralston referenced his August 9th memo which contains four different items from Pat Bauer that had not been submitted to the council through the MPO submittal process. Council member Haverkamp will list the items on the city website once he receives the PDF from Ralston.

Public Input: Paul de Young inquired about the different speed limits in the city, noting that Prospect Place has a 25 mph limit while Golfview Avenue is 20 mph. DeYoung asked if the limits could be lowered to 10 mph on these streets; the Community Protection committee will review this request. Mayor From stated there are streets with lower speed limits, such as Leamer Court, which is 10 mph. Council member Laverman requested information from MPO-JC on the process to determined speed limits for city streets.

Mary Mathew Wilson discussed the city website, www.university-heights.org. She suggested it be designed using Universal Design Principals (UDP) for those individuals with disabilities. Council member Haverkamp will review this request.

Chris Luzzie addressed the library levy and the petition that is up for consideration by the council. The previous library levy was five years but the statute does not require any time limit.

Kathy Belgum inquired about the storm grate repair on Golfview and asked about the number of police cars.

Pat Bauer distributed a handout to the council. Bauer asked the council to postpone the date of the TIF and PUD decision until March 2012. Given that professional staff have listed 34 points for discussion, Bauer stated the council is "severely constrained" to discuss everything before year-end.

Joseph Frankel stated he agreed on delaying the vote on the development until after the election.

Jerry Zimmerman commented that if the election does see a switch in the majority, this could prove very expensive to the city, if the council tries to rescind the zoning and actions of the council.

Jim Lane stated if St. Andrew Church moves future councils will not have to consider increasing taxes or decreasing services but will have an increased tax base at their disposal. Lane stated there need to be some compromises and the council needs to lead to find common ground.

Mayor's Report: A written report for July and August was presented. She thanked the University Club and Cory for hosting the meeting and John McLure for video recording.

From stated that in her report you can see the Johnson County Refuse Garbage and Recycling figures for University Heights and comparative size towns. She pointed out that University Heights does a very good job of recycling. For University Heights during July 2009- June 2010 it had 62% in garbage and 38% in recycling. The next closest comparative town was Riverside with 71% garbage and 27% recycling.

From reported there is an apparent change in apportionment of the FY-1315 STP/TE funds during TTAC and Urbanized Area Policy Board Meetings. The federal funding dollars available are down. Because of recent decisions that have been made, it appears that the days of the 80%/20% federal match is probably a thing of the past and 60% federal funding /40% municipal funding is what was done now. She stated, it is important to note that University Heights received a 80%/20% match for the Sunset wide sidewalk project.

From addressed the council about a proposal that could affect the city and its use of MPO-JC. Changes in transportation legislation bill include a provision that could eliminate MPOs with populations less than 200,000. The result of this action would presumably shift a large, unfunded, burden to local government, the state and/or adjacent MPOs and drastically reduce our community's ability to program federal capital funds, manage transit operations assistance funding, and conduct meaningful long range transportation planning. From asked for the council's approval to send letters to seven local legislatures, outlining the city's opposition to this proposed changed.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Yeggy, to approve the draft and sending of letters in opposition of proposed eliminations of MPO offices in the next transportation legislation bill. **Carried.**

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

The MPO-JC is forming a committee to discuss and make recommendation on future transit needs in the Iowa City Urbanized Area. The committee's two main goals are to determine where we want to be in terms of transit service in the next 20 years and what steps should be taken to get there. Each MPO-JC Board voting entity is being asked to appoint one person to the committee by Sept. 2. Please let Mayor From me know if you are interested by Sept. 1st. There are also two at-large positions on the committee; an application will need to be filled out for these positions.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

Clerk's Report: A written report was presented. Two electrical permits and one building permit were received since the last meeting. An updated rental permit spreadsheet for FY12 was distributed to the council and will be posted on the city website, www.university-heights.org. The list includes permits received through August 6th.

There will be a City election this year. Nomination papers can be accessed online or from the city clerk. The candidate's filing period is from August 15, 2011 – September 1, 2011, by 5:00 pm. Any nominations filed after that time will not be honored. All nomination papers must be submitted to the Auditor's Office by September 2nd by 5:00 pm. Citizens can e-mail or call the clerk to make arrangements to drop off signed nomination papers.

Resolution 11-12 will be considered at a special council meeting held August 23, 2011 at 6:45 pm. Concerns were raised regarding the ten year term limit as listed on the petition. After council discussion, it was determined that an amended petition, deleting the term limit, initialized and dated by signers, would be delivered to the city clerk and council will vote upon that amended petition.

Finance Report: A written report was presented. Council member McGrath stated that he has met Mike Mesch, with Terry, Lockridge and Dunn, several times to discuss the cities financial information. Mesch has a financial program which can forecast out indefinitely but he is concentrating on the next 20-30 years. Mesch is also reviewing each department's budget and historical increase and is analyzing cash surplus (or deficits) as well as the LOST funds. Council members McGrath and Yeggy, along with Pat Bauer, plan to meet with Mesch to review the analysis and forecasting reports.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was presented. All bills presented were approved by **unanimous consent.**

**Warrants
 July 13, 2011 through August 9, 2011**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Matthew Fort	1,732.07	Internal Revenue Service	4,467.19
Ronald Fort	1,760.90	IPERS	109.15
Josh Lefler	94.35	IPERS	3,080.67

request will be made, as the DOT has been withholding a 5% retainage on all payments made back to the city. This retainage amount is \$14,498.89.

Bilskemper commented that the repair to the Golfview Avenue storm sewer grate has not been scheduled yet; the contractor has not returned his phone calls. Bilskemper will contact again. The street repair to the corner of George Street and Koser Avenue is schedule for September. The pothole on Melrose Avenue will be repaired by the end of the council meeting.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Yeggy, to approve so that Resolution 11-13, endorsing and approving the Sunset Street widensidewalk project and agreeing to maintain the sidewalk for 20 years after project completion.
Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye	McGrath - Aye
Hopson - No	Yeggy - Aye
Laverman - Aye	

Consideration of Resolution No. 11-14, adopting and accepting the slope classifications set forth in Existing Conditions Plan and Sensitive Areas Development Plan, for One University Place, as shown on revised Sheet C-103 of the Multiple-Family Commercial PUD Application, was deferred until the next council meeting.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Laverman inquired if all of the rental permits had been returned to the city; Clerk Anderson replied that approximately one-third were still outstanding.

Council member Laverman stated that until there is a specific request concerning the keeping of chickens, no action will be taken in regard to this.

E-Government: A complete set of current PUD plans, August comments collected by MPO-JC and the City Engineer Report #1 updates were added to the website. Also posted was a link to the updated composite view, taken from Sunset & Melrose intersection, with the median in place and a link to possible plants for the median.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOJC): A written report was submitted.

Announcements: The annual city Chautauqua will be held August 28, 2011 from 3:00-5:00 pm. There will be music, dance, storytelling, and poetry reading, as well as many other fun events for children.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 9:30 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise From, Mayor