

October 11, 2011

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at Horn Elementary School, 600 Koser Ave., subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the October 11, 2011 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:02 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 Pat Bauer, Kathie Belgum, Andy Dudler, Amy Hospodarsky, Jim Lane, Chris Luzzie, Alice Haugen, Tom Haugen, William Gay, Rebecca Neades, Kent Ralston, Larry Wilson, Mary Mathew Wilson and Ken Yeggy.

The minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting of the Council were presented, amended and approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the September 27, 2011 special meeting of the Council were presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Chamber of Commerce Presentation: Amy Hospodarsky, Director of Member Services, welcomed the city as members of the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce. Hospodarsky outlined several initiatives that are underway in the area, including the Blue Zone health designation, environmental sustainability measures and the "Buy Here" initiative. Hospodarsky stated the Chamber holds monthly lunches for its members and invited the mayor and council to attend.

Consideration of Pedestrian signals: Council member McGrath stated that he asked MPOJC to review the two pedestrian signals in order to facilitate better traffic flow. Kent Ralston, assistant transportation planner with MPOJC, stated that the city's pedestrian signals use an "all red pedestrian phase" which stops traffic in all directions for approximately 27 seconds.

Ralston stated that if the city replaced existing "all-red" pedestrian phasing with "leading pedestrian interval" signal phasing, this would reduce delays by approximately 15 seconds per signal cycle when the pedestrian push button(s) are pressed.

To install leading pedestrian intervals at either intersection, the City would need to purchase the pedestrian push buttons and be responsible for the rewiring fee. Total cost for installing the leading pedestrian interval at Sunset/Melrose is estimated at \$934; total cost for Koser/Melrose is estimated at \$542.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Hopson, to upgrade the pedestrian walk-ways with leading phase signals and audible buttons for the Melrose and Koser Avenues intersection. Carried.

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

Council member McGrath said it was his intention to use LOST funds to pay for this upgrade.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Hopson, to upgrade the pedestrian walk-way signal for the Sunset Street and Melrose Avenue intersection. Carried.

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

Public Input: Comments from citizens included urging support for the library levy, notification about leaf pick-up, new resident information, using U of I student interns, and the Maxwell development.

William Gay, a member of the Candidate Forum committee, reminded the council the forum will be held October 25th at the University Club from 7pm to 9:15pm. Questions have been submitted to the eight candidates as well as the mayoral candidate.

Mayor's Report: A written report was presented. Mayor From thanked the Horn School administration for providing space for the council meeting and John McLure for videotaping the proceedings.

Mayor From stated that the dates for city-wide leaf vacuuming is Thursday, November 10, 2011 and the free leaf bag pickup is Thursday, November 17, 2011.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Hopson, to approve Resolution No.11-16, encouraging citizens to approve the public measure for a property tax levy to support library services. **Carried.**

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

Clerk's Report: A written report was presented. Clerk Anderson reported that two building and rental permits were received since the last council meeting. Anderson also stated that early voting for the city election should occur during the week of October 17th.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Yeggy, to move the November council meeting to Monday, November 7, 2011 due to the city election being held on November 8. **Carried.**

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

Finance Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was presented. Council member Laverman inquired if there was a breakdown of the Terry, Lockridge and Dunn bill. Council member McGrath commented that the firm was aware of the \$5000 limit for their services and that analysis, at times, mixed between the city's financial analysis and analysis of the TIF proposal for the Maxwell development.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Laverman, to defer payment to Terry, Lockridge and Dunn until further documentation is reviewed. **Carried.**

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

All remaining bills presented were approved by **unanimous consent.**

**Warrants
September 14, 2011 through October 11, 2011**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Matthew Fort	1,622.63	Iowa Workforce Development	148.62
Ronald Fort	1,888.39	Treasurer State of Iowa	2,450.00
Benjamin Lord	1,028.04	Paul Moore	867.00
Brad Reinhard	1,962.28	Verizon Wireless	121.84
Donald Strong	1,741.87	SEATS	703.66
McLeod USA/PAETEC	138.49	Paul Moore	35.00
MidAmerican Energy	27.62	City of Iowa City	2,741.00

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Laverman commented on the good work Norm Cate has done regarding over-occupancy in rental units.

E-Government: The dates for the leaf vacuuming and bag pickup have been posted on the city website.

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

Announcements: Council member Haverkamp asked if the city wanted him to include links to election information for those running for council and mayor. There was no interest.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 8:35 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise From, Mayor