

January 13, 2015

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

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the January 2015 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Carla Aldrich, Mike Haverkamp, Jim Lane, Virginia Miller and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Attorney Ballard, Engineer Bilskemper, Police Chief Stanley; and Treasurer Kimura. Also present were: Andy Dudler, Bill Wittig, Kevin Monson, Jane Swails, Ken Yeggy, Larry Wilson, Mary-Matthew Wilson, Mark Hankins, Jeff Maxwell, Pat Bauer, Jase Humphrey, and Rich Schmidt,. Absent: Clerk Anderson.

The minutes of the December 9, 2014 council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Concept Plan – One University Place development proposal: Kevin Monson presented a concept plan for the proposed redevelopment of property presently owned by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, as well as property to the east of the church. The concept plan calls for a maximum of 124 dwelling units and a maximum of 108 surface-level parking spaces. These changes to prior proposals would require amendments to the City’s Zoning Ordinance. Other portions of the proposal may requires changes, as well. Proposed setbacks remain the same as presented in prior proposals. Commercial space is reduced. The proposal has not gone through engineering or redrafting, and there has been no request for or review of financial participation by the City, but those steps will occur depending upon the Council’s general reaction to the proposal.

Public comments and questions were received regarding market cost of dwelling units; whether the developer has closed on the real estate purchase from the church; whether the proposal will be reviewed by the Zoning Commission or taken up directly by the Council; absence of “community” features and involvement; loss of open space; lack of development resources for infrastructure improvements, particularly changes to North Sunset Street; and sufficiency of parking. Monson responded to several of these inquiries and issues.

Public Comments: Jane Swails, 333 Koser Avenue, complimented the City’s snow removal contractor, Hawkeye Construction and Snow Removal, for its prompt and thorough work on City streets. She also requested some communication with Hawkeye Construction about sanding/salting where vehicles approach stop signs. Mary-Matthew Wilson, 308 Koser Avenue, asked that property owners be vigilant about removing snow from sidewalks and that the City enforce ordinances requiring sidewalks to be cleared. .

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented. From thanked the University Club and staff for providing the meeting space.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Aldrich, to approve Resolution No. 15-01, ratifying these appointments to the Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment, respectively:

- Dan Stence to the Zoning Commission. He replaces Kris McLure; Dan’s term will expire December 31, 2019.
- Dorothy Maher to the Board of Adjustment. She replaces Rachel Stewart; Dotti’s term will expire December 31, 2019.
- Stan Laverman to the Board of Adjustment. He replaces Tom Breese and will complete Tom’s term, expiring December 31, 2017.

Carried.

Aldrich - Aye	Miller - Aye
Haverkamp - Aye	Quezada - Aye
Lane – Aye	

The Mayor thanked Kris McLure, Rachel Stewart, and Tom Breese for their service to the City.

From announced her MVPs (Most Valuable (Volunteer) Players for 2014:

- John McLure for his committed work as City videographer.
- Carol Ann Christiansen and Pat Yeggy for their work with the Garden Club and the beautiful City gardens.
- Mike Ritchie for his work in landscaping and maintaining the “triangle” park.

From also thanked the community, Council Member Quezada, and Pat Yeggy for their help in making the inaugural “Light in the Heights” luminary event a huge success.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented. The report indicated that the city audit held December 17, 2014, went very well. A rough draft of the audit report has been prepared; the auditors will present their findings and recommendations at the February meeting.

UH Community Fund applications are being accepted for grants. The deadline is February 27, 2015, with grants awarded in April.

Finance Report: Lane reviewed the budget process. Various individual budget items, including fire protection service, Iowa City Transit, SEATS, MPO dues, library, and street projects were discussed. FY16 proposed budget will be reviewed at the February meeting.

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

**Warrants
January 12, 2015 through February 10, 2015**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
City of Iowa City	13.88	Verizon Wireless	114.60
Matthew Fort	1,655.74	City of Iowa City	43.11
Michelle Miller	1,472.93	St Andrew Presbyterian Church	40.00
Harold Plate	144.20	Treat America Dining	1,245.28
Nicholas Sherman	1,438.51	Centurylink	185.67
Erik Lippold	1,424.24	City of Coralville	15,214.95
Jeremy Stenda	1,321.32	Internet Navigator	24.95
Kenneth Stanley	1,609.58	SEATS	703.66
Christian Jones	46.17	City of Iowa City	4,037.87
Nathan Petersen	46.17	Hawkeye Construction & Snow Removal	6,337.50
Internal Revenue Service	3,600.06	Emblem Enterprises	162.50
MidAmerican Energy	33.61	Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	300.00
MidAmerican Energy	30.55	Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	270.00
MidAmerican Energy	27.49	Kieck's Career Apparel	369.80
MidAmerican Energy	69.14	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	15,238.50
MidAmerican Energy	645.90	Kronlage & Olson PC	3,000.00
Matthew Fort	1,583.03	Norm Gate	350.00
Erik Lippold	1,597.37	Terry Goerd	350.00
Michelle Miller	1,359.49	Mediacom	109.95
Harold Plate	181.40	Iowa City Press-Citizen	231.00
Nicholas Sherman	1,339.13	Public Agency Training Council	295.00
Kenneth Stanley	1,609.59	Shive Hattery	3,559.50
Jeremy Stenda	467.95	Stanard & Associates, Inc.	88.00
Christine Anderson	606.74	Staples	305.97
Lori Kimura	610.37	Taser International	1,208.43
Jeremy Stenda	1,409.79	University Lake Partners	600.00
Wellmark BC/BS	1,518.91	VISA	72.59
Carla Aldrich	369.40	VISA	90.19
Louise From	454.14	Westport Touchless Auto	42.00
Michael Haverkamp	172.80	Vic's Auto Body Repair, Inc.	988.95
James Lane	184.70	Allen Worden	1,996.25
Virginia Miller	184.70	Ken Stanley	9.95
Silvia Quezada	184.70	Internal Revenue Service	444.53
Internal Revenue Service	4,293.50	Iowa City Tire and Service	80.95
IPERS	323.69	Office of Auditor of State	175.00
IPERS	4,109.37	VISA	1,193.70
Iowa Workforce Development	524.97	Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	5,982.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	3,695.00	Family Psychology Associate	400.00
Paul Moore	1,374.23		

Total Receipts

\$ 35,304.63

Total Warrants

\$ 101,259.31

Building, Zoning, and Sanitation: A verbal report was presented. Council member Quezada reported that complaints had been received concerning pavement of lots in excess of Zoning Ordinance restrictions; property owners will be notified to bring the paving into compliance. Council member Quezada also raised the issue of property owners renting parking spaces to others.

Council member Quezada shared additional details from the Lights in the Heights luminary event: more than 30 homeowners participated; the total cost was \$517.46, less than the \$629.00 in private donations; approximately 500 candles are on hand for next year, together with the \$114.54 in contributions.

A draft version of the Zoning Commission’s recommendations to the Council concerning changes to the Zoning Ordinance was circulated. The Council discussed setting a public hearing on the proposed changes for the February meeting and scheduling a Work Session to discuss the changes before then. The Work Session will be held at 7:30 p.m. February 2, 2015.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Quezada, to set a public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance for 7:00 p.m. February 10, 2015, the Council’s next regular meeting. **Carried.**

Community Protection: Written reports were presented by Police Chief Stanley and by council members Aldrich and Haverkamp. A pinning ceremony was held to welcome five new reserve officers.

MOTION by Aldrich, seconded by Haverkamp, to approve Resolution No. 15-02 authorizing the Mayor and Police Chief to sign an Agreement with Alexander James Patch Regarding Reimbursement of ILEA Training Expenses. **Carried.**

Aldrich - Aye
Haverkamp - Aye
Lane – Aye

Miller - Aye
Quezada - Aye

Streets and Sidewalks: Written reports were presented by the Committee and the City Engineer. The Council continued its discussion from December concerning the sidewalk repair project and notice to property owners to fix designated sidewalk portions. The notice has been revised to permit property owners to sign up with a contractor hired by the City to complete repairs; the goal is to obtain a competitive price from a contractor performing work at multiple addresses. An administrative fee, in an amount to be estimated and determined later, will be added to the contractor’s cost; the fee will not be payable if owners complete sidewalk work themselves or with their own contractor. Owners will be notified that they may elect to have the work done by the City contractor by informing the City Engineer no later than April 15 or perform the work themselves by the July 20 deadline. For owners who do not sign up with the City contractor and also do not complete the work themselves, the City will have the work performed and assess the cost, plus an administrative fee, to those owners as additional property tax. The goal is to have all repairs completed before school and football games start in the fall.

MOTION by Miller, seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution No. 15-03 Requiring Repairs of Sidewalks by Abutting Property Owners. **Carried.**

Aldrich - Aye
Haverkamp - Aye
Lane – Aye

Miller - Aye
Quezada - Aye

Community Relations: A written report was presented. Council member Miller reported that the last meeting of the Tower Court Park Committee will be January 24 at Oaknoll. She also reported that “Trees Forever”, a group of trained volunteers, will perform structural pruning on trees in the City right-of-way February 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. Council member Miller also announced dates for the following Community events for 2015:

- Community cleanup day – April 25
- Arbor day tree planting – April 26
- Citywide garage sale – June 6

eGovernment: A written report was presented. The report included website and Twitter data for calendar year 2014, the third such annual report the Council has received.

Announcements: Upcoming work Council Work Sessions:

January 19 at 6:00 p.m.at the City Office to discuss Affordable Housing
February 2 at 7:30 at the City Office to discuss proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:00 p.m.**

Attest: Steven E. Ballard, City Attorney

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor