

November 30, 2017

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at the Community Center, 1302 Melrose Avenue, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor From called the November 30, 2017 special meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Mike Haverkamp, Jim Lane, Dotti Maher (by phone), Silvia Quezada and Jerry Zimmermann. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard and Housing Official Stan Laverman. Also present were: Pat Bauer, Andy Dudler, Karla Laubenthal, Nick Laubenthal, Tim Lehman, Liesa Moore, Paul Moore, Daniel Murray, Thomas Paulsen, Mike Ritchie, Jay Speckeen, Danny Stafford, Kyle Vogel, Carolyn Wells, Jeff Westlund, Larry Wilson, Mary Mathew Wilson, Ken Yeggy and Pat Yeggy.

No action was taken on Resolution No. 17-47 with regard to Tax Increment Financing revenues generated by the One University Place development. Attorney Ballard explained that the Council's adoption of Resolution No. 17-42 at the October 10, 2017, meeting was sufficient and no further action was required.

Council Member Zimmermann suggested that the Council consider naming the ravine lying generally northeast of the One University Place development for Alice Haugen.

Public Comments: Various members of the public expressed their views on proposed changes to ordinances concerning rental housing issues and other matters.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

Proposed changes to ordinances concerning rental housing issues and other matters:

Attorney Ballard reviewed the work and recommendations of the ad hoc Committee (comprising Council Members Maher and Quezada, Housing Official Laverman, and Attorney Ballard) appointed by the Council to address rental housing issues.

The Council discussed proposed Ordinance No. 217, amending the Zoning Ordinance (No. 79), proposed Ordinance No. 218, amending the Rental Housing Code (Ordinance No. 110), and proposed Ordinance No. 219, amending the Building Code (Ordinance No. 219). Members of the public also provided input during and as a part of the Council's discussion.

The Council directed that certain changes be incorporated into the proposed Ordinances and that the revised proposed ordinances be circulated to City Officials and placed on the website so they may be considered at the Council's December 12, 2017, monthly meeting. The Council also directed that a moratorium on rental permits be prepared.

Announcements: Mayor From reminded everyone about the Linda Severson Holiday Charity Challenge, which this year supports the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City; Mayor from encouraged everyone to participate so the City of University Heights can win the Severson Cup.

Linda Severson will carry on her legacy by collecting donations for area nonprofits and charities as part of the Severson Holiday Charity Challenge. Severson, who served as the Human Resources Planning Coordinator for the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County (MPOJC) from 1994 until her death in 2011

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:14 p.m.**

Attest: Steve Ballard, City Attorney

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor