

March 6, 2018

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.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the March 2018 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Nick Herbold, Dotti Maher, Liesa Moore and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, City Clerk Chris Anderson, Engineer Josiah Bilskemper, Interim Police Chief Nate Petersen and Treasurer Lori Kimura. Also present were: Pat Bauer, Maggie Burger, Will Downing, Jim Dreusicke, Jim Glasgow, Jase Humphrey, Steve Kuhl, Stan Laverman, Tim Lehman, Virginia Miller, Paul Moore, Mike Ritchie, Jim Shymansky, Francesca Spencer, Greg Stiltner and Pat Yeggy.

The minutes of the February 12, 2018 special council meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular council meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the February 19, 2018 special council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor From asked the council if anyone had a conflict of interest to report at the meeting. None were reported.

Presentation by Speer Financial Inc.: Maggie Spear, Senior Vice President, Director and Owner at Speer Financial, reviewed three financing options related to the loan for the municipal park. The three options are to borrow \$1.5 million, \$1.8 million or \$2.0 million, which will be repaid over a ten-year period. Net interest rates range from 2.806207 percent to 2.804536 percent.

Consideration of Resolution No. 18-14, to call an election on the proposition of entering into a loan agreement and borrowing money thereunder for a municipal park and greenspace in a principal amount not to exceed \$1.8 million, was deferred to the March 7, 2018 special council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019 BUDGET

Mayor From called the public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to order at 7:44 p.m. Steve Kuhl, city accountant, spoke on the budget. No members of the public spoke regarding the proposed budget.

Mayor From closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor From reopened the regular council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

FY19 Budget:

MOTION by Quezada, and seconded by Herbold, to approve Resolution No. 18-13, adopting the 2018-2019 Budget. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

Updates of One University Place Construction: No report from the OUP development team. No report from Glenn Siders.

Public Comments: The following addressed the council with their concerns:

Francesca Spencer - University of Iowa student	Mike Ritchie - 20 Olive Court
Paul Moore - 1000-1006 Melrose Avenue	

Housing Inspector Report: Housing Inspector led the discussion on the proposed rental housing ordinances.

First Consideration of Ordinance No. 223, amending the Rental Housing Ordinance (No.110) to establish caps on rental permits, enact code compliance requirements and regulations, provide for rent abatement in some circumstances, define "owner- occupied" not to include dwellings owned by entities, and address additional matters was deferred to the March 22, 2018 special council meeting.

First Consideration of Ordinance No. 224, adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, with amendments, was deferred to the March 22, 2018 special council meeting.

First Consideration of Ordinance No. 225, amending the Zoning Ordinance (No. 79) to authorize the Board of Adjustment to hear appeals where applications for certificates of structure compliance or rental permits have been denied was deferred to the March 22, 2018 special council meeting.

A special council meeting will be held on March 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. A special council meeting will be held on March 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion on Proposal to add Rooftop Restaurant and Underground Parking to Hotel Project: Greg Stiltner and Jim Glasgow, of University Lake Partners II, LLC (ULP) addressed the council to gauge interest for adding a rooftop restaurant and underground parking to the hotel project. Will Downing, architect for ULP, presented to the council architectural renderings and addressed their questions.

Attorney Ballard stated the additional eight feet needed for the restaurant would require an amended development application, a zoning change, and the city would need to publish notice of the potential change.

Mayor's Report: A written report was presented. Mayor From thanked Larry Wilson for his years of service to the city and work on the Zoning Commission. Any citizen interested in serving on the Zoning Commission should contact the mayor.

MOTION by Quezada, and seconded by Herbold, to approve Resolution No. 18-17, concerning city parking and other regulations for RAGBRAI July 27-28, 2018. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

Consideration of Resolution No. 18-18, ratifying the mayor's appointment to the Zoning Commission was deferred until the April regular council meeting.

MOTION by Herbold, and seconded by Moore, to approve a .36 cent per hour raise for the treasurer, .33 cent per hour raise for the clerk, and increase the salary for the housing inspector to \$750 per month, effective July 1, 2018. Council approved to increase the hourly salaries for Officers Sandifer and Kite to \$20 per hour, and to \$21.75 for Officer Simcox, effective February 13, 2018. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

Zoning Commission Report: Chairman Pat Bauer updated the council on the February 15th Zoning Commission meeting.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Maher, and seconded by Quezada, to approve Resolution No. 18-15, authorizing the mayor to sign and the clerk to attest the FY2019 28E Agreement between the City of University Heights and the City of Iowa City for the provision of transit services in University Heights, at an annual rate of \$38,299.00. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

MOTION by Maher, and seconded by Quezada, to approve Resolution No. 18-16, authorizing the mayor to sign and the clerk to attest the FY2019 28E Agreement between the City of University Heights and Johnson County for the provision of paratransit (SEATS) services in University Heights, at a rate of \$25.00 per ride. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

Clerk's Report: A written report was presented. The UH Candidate Forum will be held at Horn School at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21st. Paul De Young will moderate and questions will be organized by Pat Bauer, Paul De Young and Mike Haverkamp.

Finance Report: A written report was presented.

Third consideration of Ordinance No. 214, establishing the University Heights Culture, Art and Recreation Commission, was deferred until next regular council meeting.

First consideration of Ordinance 222 – Equal Voices: Leveling the playing field for the public good was deferred until the next council meeting.

Council consensus to proceed requiring a permit for oversize loads driving through University Heights.

Attorney Ballard to research the addition of an administrative fee for vehicles that are towed in University Heights.

Council discussed revising the permit process and fees for permit parking on Marietta Street.

Streets and Sidewalks: City Engineer Bilskemper presented a written report. No report from council member Maher.

Engineer Bilskemper thanked the City of Iowa City Streets Department for their assistance in patching a large pothole on Melrose Avenue by the University Club and Finkbine Golf Course.

eGovernment: A written report was presented.

MOTION at 10:58 p.m. by Herbold, seconded by Quezada, on the recommendation of the city attorney to meet in closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered, to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye Quezada - Aye

The Council then met in closed session.

Regular session of the council meeting reconvened at 11:28 p.m.

MOTION by Herbold, and seconded by Maher, to approve Resolution No. 18-19, terminating employment of Kristofer S. Lyon without cause. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye Quezada - Aye

Announcements: UH Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, April 21st, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. More information will be posted on the city website.

The City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 2nd. Sign-up will be in April and May.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 11:29 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor