

March 26, 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.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor From called the March 26, 2018 special council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Nick Herbold, Dotti Maher, Liesa Moore and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Attorney Abigail Brown, City Clerk Chris Anderson and Interim Police Chief Nate Petersen. Also present were: Jim Dreusicke, Kate Durda, Jase Humphrey, Nick Laubenthal, Stan Laverman, Paul Moore, Mike Ritchie, Josie Sato, Shawn Sato and Jim Shymansky.

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

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

Paul Moore – 1000-1006 Melrose Avenue
Shawn Sato – 46 Olive Court
Tim Adamson – 28 Highland Drive

Jim Dreusicke – 36 & 79 Olive Court
Mike Ritchie – 20 Olive Court

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Quezada, seconded by Maher, that 1) a rental permit is tied to the rental property owner and not the rental property, 2) that temporary rental permits will be granted for properties located 200 feet from the Marriott hotel project, and 3) two-year temporary permits will be granted for council-defined situations. Not Carried.

Herbold - No Moore - No
Maher - Aye Quezada - Aye

MOTION by Herbold, seconded by Moore, that 1) temporary rental permits will be granted for properties located 200 feet from Marriott hotel project, and 2) two-year temporary permits will be granted for council-defined situations. Not Carried.

Herbold - Aye Moore - Aye
Maher - No Quezada - No

MOTION by Quezada, seconded by Maher, that 1) a rental permit is tied to the rental property owner and not the rental property, 2) that temporary rental permits will be granted for properties located 200 feet from the Marriott hotel project, and 3) two-year safe-harbor permits granted for council-defined situations. Not Carried.

Herbold - No Moore - No
Maher - Aye Quezada - Aye

MOTION by Maher, and seconded by Moore, to approve Resolution No. 18-20, extending the rental permit moratorium until April 30, 2018. Carried.

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

MOTION by Herbold, and seconded by Moore, to grant an additional two weeks to the Rental Permit Application timeline. Carried.

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

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 until the next council meeting.

First Consideration of Ordinance No. 224, adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, with amendments, was deferred until the next 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 until the next council meeting.

Announcements: None.

MOTION at 7:36 p.m. by Quezada, seconded by Maher, to meet in closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the possible purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the city would have to pay for that property. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye
Maher - Aye

Moore - Aye
Quezada - Aye

The Council then met in closed session.

Regular session of the council meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 7:52 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor