

April 16, 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 April 16, 2018 special council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Nick Herbold, Dotti Maher, Virginia Miller, Liesa Moore and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, City Clerk Chris Anderson and Interim Police Chief Nate Petersen. Also present were: Pat Bauer, Jim Dreusicke, Dave Funk, Jase Humphrey, Stan Laverman, Tim Lehman, Paul Moore, Mike Ritchie, James Shymansky, Danny Stafford, Greg Stiltner, Ken Yeggy, Pat Yeggy and Jerry Zimmermann.

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

Jerry Zimmermann - 1434 Grand Avenue
Mike Ritchie - 20 Olive Court

Dave Funk - 406 Koser Avenue

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

Rental Housing Ordinances:

MOTION by Miller, and seconded by Herbold, to approve 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.

MOTION by Herbold, and seconded by Moore, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted upon for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. Discussion by council. Motion withdrawn without objection.

Council voted upon the motion. Carried.

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

Existing rental permit holders will be "grandfathered" under the ordinance and the grandfathered status will follow the property. Council member Miller suggested the council review this policy in year.

MOTION by Miller, and seconded by Maher, to approve first consideration of Ordinance No. 224, adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, with amendments.

MOTION by Miller, and seconded by Moore, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted upon for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. Carried.

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

Council voted upon final consideration of Ordinance No. 224, adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, with amendments. Carried.

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

MOTION by Quezada, and seconded by Miller, to approve 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. **Carried.**

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

The council will hold special meetings on April 18, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. and April 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance (No. 79):

MOTION by Quezada, and seconded by Herbold, to approve second consideration of Ordinance No. 226, amending the Zoning Ordinance (No. 79) to increase maximum building height and increase the maximum structure height of the hotel building and increase the maximum number of off-street parking spaces in the CH Commercial Hotel Zone, and to require those submitting development applications to enter into agreements to reimburse the City for professional and administrative fees and expenses associated with consideration of their proposals. **Carried.**

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

Discussion and consideration of the Flaum/Staab House:

MOTION by Miller, and seconded by Maher, that the city not pursue moving or keeping the Flaum/Staab house and receive offers from third parties to move the house by June 1, 2018. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Abstain
Miller - Aye	

Announcements: UH Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Street parking will be allowed for the Spring Game on April 20.

MOTION by Quezada 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. Motion died due to lack of a second.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 8:26 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor