

March 4, 2009

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

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor From called the March 4 , 2009 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Andrew Dudler, David Giecse (via phone) Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath and Amy Moore. Staff present: Attorney Ballard and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Chris Luzzie and Pat Yeggy.

Public Input: None.

Legal Report: Attorney Ballard updated the council on the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) which could be charged in University Heights. Ballard explained that most goods were purchased by University Heights residents in Iowa City and Coralville and if those cities pass the one-cent tax, University Heights residents would have to pay the tax and would not benefit from the revenues generated unless University Heights also passed the tax. If the one-cent tax was passed in University Heights, Iowa City and Coralville, it could generate over \$140,000 a year for University Heights and be in effect for four years.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore, to adopt Resolution 09-02, creating a local option sales and services tax, at the rate of one percent (1%), to be effective from July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2013. Revenues from this sales and services tax shall be allocated in the City of University Heights as follows: 0% to property tax relief; 100% to street improvements, sidewalk widening projects, and/or any other lawful purpose. **Carried.**

Dudler - Aye	McGrath - Aye
Giese - Aye	Moore - Aye
Laverman - Aye	

Chris Luzzie announced a citizens committee will be organized to give information about LOST.

Attorney Ballard also stated that he had reconsidered the city’s position on more than two council members attending a public meeting; as long as the members attend for informational purposes and do not give the appearance of deliberation or action, Ballard does not think this constitutes a violation of open meeting laws.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 7:18 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor