

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, IOWA

1004 Melrose Ave.

May 10, 2005

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.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND 2004/05 BUDGET

A public hearing to amend the 2004/05 budget was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on this date. No members of the public had any comments on the proposed budget amendment.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jacobson. Council Members From, Giese, Laverman, Schoenmaker. Absent: Wood. Staff present: Attorney Ballard, Clerk Musser, Engineer Bilskemper. Others present: Carl Ogren, Caroline Mast, Laura Bowers, Alison Ames Galstad and Donna Epley, for the Coralville Public Library Board and Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library director.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Schoenmaker, to approve the minutes of the April 12 meeting, subject to one typographical correction. Carried

PUBLIC INPUT: Caroline Mast appeared seeking information about a change she wished to make in her residence. Her plans do not meet building set-back Code. She was informed of her need to appear before the Board of Adjustment, which will be arranged through Attorney Ballard.

Laura Bowers spoke of her wish to place portable toilets on her property for football parking customers at her residence and would prefer to not have to remove them after each game. She was informed of the recent changes in the ordinance governing this problem and the fact that exceptions cannot be made. She was invited to return if more residents wanted the current ordinance revisited.

RESOLUTION 05-05 Be it resolved that the Council of the City of University Heights, following notice published April 29, 2005 and the public hearing held May 10, 2005 do amend the current budget as set out herein and in the detail by fund type and activity that supports this resolution which was considered at that hearing.

The vote on this resolution was:

From	AYE	Schoenmaker	AYE
Giese	AYE	Wood	Absent
Laverman	AYE		<u>Carried</u>

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by From, to approve the application for renewal of a liquor permit for the University Athletic Club. Carried

Mayor Jacobson reviewed the current history of discussions with the Iowa City and Coralville Library Boards regarding the fee card system. Alison Ames Galstad, director of the Coralville Library, relayed the decision of the Coralville Public Library Board to discontinue the use of fee cards as of July, 2006. The Coralville Library will join with the Iowa City Library in further discussion of a contract for library services with University Heights and the necessary funding. This should be ongoing discussion leading up to the 06/07 budgeting process.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by From, to approve Resolution 05-03 regarding sidewalk inspection and notice of needed repairs. The vote on the resolution was:

From	AYE	Schoenmaker	AYE
Giese	AYE	Wood	Absent
Laverman	AYE		<u>Carried</u>

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Schoenmaker, that, regarding Ordinance #149, to suspend the requirements that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. All present voting AYE. Carried

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to approve Ordinance No. 149, amending Ordinance No. 110 (Rental Housing Code) to require rental permits for any dwelling which is not owner-occupied. The vote on the motion was:

From	AYE	Schoenmaker	AYE
Giese	AYE	Wood	Absent
Laverman	AYE		<u>Carried</u>

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by From, to change the hourly wage of the City Clerk, Jerry Musser, to \$15.00 per hour, effective May 24, 2005. This action voids any action regarding this wage noted in previous minutes. Carried

Though it was not an agenda item, Mayor Jacobson revisited the subject of changing the official newspaper for the City. After giving her opinion, she informally polled the Council, who were not in favor, with one exception, of any change.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to approve all bills presented. Carried

Warrants April 13 through May 10, 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Postmaster	74.00	Fort, Ronald R.	1,080.28
Hamm, Michael G.	1,133.87	Rockafellow, Ryan P.	891.64
Thomas, Jason N.	206.87	McLeod USA	109.08
MidAmerican Energy	71.50	MidAmerican Energy	602.10
MidAmerican Energy	58.44	MidAmerican Energy	53.16
Thomas, Jason N.	162.53	Rockafellow, Ryan P.	881.27
Musser, Jerry B.	286.79	Fort, Ronald R.	1,075.29
Kimura, Lori D.	221.83	Hamm, Michael G.	1,185.29
Hills Bank & Trust	94.64	IPERS	1,319.49
Iowa State Bank & Trust	2,099.62	Paul J. Moore	750.00
Electronic Engineering	58.80	City of Iowa City	13.60
ABC Solutions	14.41	SEATS	644.07
Action Sewer & Septic Service	448.88	City of Iowa City	3,117.46
Fesler's Inc.	39.36	Hy-Vee Food Stores	24.50
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	100.00	Iowa City Tire & Service	36.00
JP Mechanical	157.00	Johnson County Emergency Mgmt	235.00
Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	1,555.50	Nate Moore Wiring Service	142.54
Iowa City Press Citizen	230.72	Pyramid Services	91.67
Racom Corporation	125.20	Westport Touchless Autowash	15.00
Cathy Schiele	75.00	Julie Damiano	75.00
Duncan Stewart	75.00	Staples	<u>239.69</u>
		TOTAL WARRANTS.	\$19,872.63
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$150,150.22

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jacobson reminded the Council that all elected positions will be on the ballot this year and that they should be considering their future on the Council and seeking interested persons for any potential vacancies. She reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Public Leadership Group, held in Shueyville. This group is now being facilitated by Doug Elliot, who has been invited to a future Council meeting. The Mayor has written a letter of congratulations to retiring Iowa City Police Chief Winkelhake.

Clerk's Report: Two building permits, most significant being for the renovation of two apartment units in Grandview Court.

Legal Report: Attorney Ballard has been in contact with former Assistant Police Chief Sedivec to make arrangements for payment of the remaining ILEA expenses owed. \$1000 has been received from the City of West Liberty toward those costs. A meeting of the Board of Adjustment will be scheduled to consider a request by Bruce Moyer, 903 Melrose. Ballard verified some information about the cost of fire hydrant flushing. He has sought information about the status of the Neuzil property. The Coralville Building Department looked at the garage at 1409 Grand Ave. and found it to be structurally sound. Any problems with drainage are between the neighboring property owners. Questions were raised about the use of a vacant lot on Melrose. The plans for the PUD at Grandview Court have come to the Attorney and Engineer and are being reviewed at this time. A special meeting was scheduled for May 24, 2005 for consideration of the plan.

Engineer’s Report: Trees have been removed at the end of Prospect and the storm sewer hole and clog has been filled and cleared. The new LED walk signals on traffic lights are saving electricity as expected. Bilskemper had new proposals for street sweeping. The Council agreed to use Greg’s Lawn Service for street sweeping work this year.

Police Report: The usual written report was filed. The Council noted the proposal for parking on Marietta and asked to be able to take formal action at the June meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: No report.

e-govt: No report

Building, zoning & Sanitation: No report.

Community Protection: The Marietta parking proposal previously mentioned had been discussed.

Streets and sidewalks: No report. Informally, the “Garden Club” is making very good progress, but needs additional funds from the public.

JCCOG: Attended the JCCOG Urbanized Area Policy Board and Emergency Management meetings.

Topics at the Urbanized Area meeting included Senior Citizens, traffic volume, trails & hazardous waste collection. The HAZMAT assessment and the IMAC program were topics of the Emergency Management meeting.

MOTION by From, seconded by Laverman, to go in to closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in a matter where litigation is imminent and disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the City of University Heights in that litigation. The vote on this motion was:

From	AYE	Schoenmaker	AYE
Giese	AYE	Wood	Absent
Laverman	AYE		<u>Carried</u>

The Council then resumed discussion in closed session

MOTION by From, seconded by Laverman, to adjourn the closed session and return to the regular meeting. Carried

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by From, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Attest: Jerry B. Musser, City Clerk

Approved: Gloria Jacobson, Mayor