

June 10, 2008

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.

Council Work Session – Discussion on “Keep University Heights Beautiful” Plan

Mayor From called the Council work session on the discussion on “Keep University Heights Beautiful” Plan to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members David Giese, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath and Amy Moore. Staff present: Attorney Ballard, Police Chief Fort and Clerk Anderson. Pat Bauer and Pat Yeggy also attended the work session.

Absent: Andrew Dudler

Council member Moore handed out a preliminary comprehensive plan for the council to review. Four main points were addressed:

- 1) Promote awareness of the need to stop littering and facilitate the proper disposal of litter with the community; enforce anti-litter measures.
- 2) Limit litter during Hawkeye football games.
- 3) Created teams to adopt streets and other areas within the city to keep litter free.
- 4) Create and annual community-wide clean-up event.

Council members accepted assignments covering the 4 main points.

Mayor From adjourned the work session at 6:53 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the June, 2008 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Andrew Dudler, David Giese, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath and Amy Moore. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Treasurer Kimura, Police Chief Fort and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Tom Carsner, Oguz Poroy, Mary Schmidt and Rich Schmidt.

The minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting of the Council were presented and approved by **unanimous consent**.

Public Input: None.

Mayor’s Report: The Mayor’s written report was presented.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by McGrath, to adopt resolution No. 08-05 authorizing the Mayor to sign and Clerk to attest a 28E agreement with the City of Iowa City concerning Transit Services for FY2009. **Carried.**

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| Dudler - Aye | McGrath - Aye |
| Giese - Aye | Moore - Aye |
| Laverman – Aye | |

Plastic Bag Ordinance – Council member McGrath asked the city attorney to research a possible ordinance banning or restricting the use of plastic bags within the city. McGrath would like to talk with University Heights’ businesses to not use plastic bags.

Council member Laverman is not interested in creating this ordinance at the time; Council member Moore suggested that if further commercial development occurs, then the city might revisit this topic. It was agreed by council not to pursue a plastic bag ordinance at this time.

U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement - City Attorney Ballard described this agreement in his legal report as aspirational in nature. For example, the agreement provides the city will inventory its "global warming emissions", promote alternative transportation options, and increase the average fuel efficiency of city-owned vehicles. It was agreed upon by council that they generally support the ideas and goals but agreed not to sign the agreement. Suggestions were made to post this on the website and ask for volunteers to help address issues that University Heights can realistically accomplish. Council member Giese commented that the city has already enacted the use of LED lights.

Mr. Oguz Poroy addressed the council concerning the letter he received from Attorney Ballard to mow his lawn. Much discussion ensued between Mr. Poroy and the council as to what was expected from the homeowner and the timetable for being in compliance. Mr. Poroy was informed that he had to mow his yard; if he did not comply, the city would hire someone to mow the yard and send him a bill for the costs.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Anderson updated the council on new building and rental permits and those that are still outstanding. The council was asked if the clerk should ask for license plate numbers for occupants in rental property; the council was not in favor of asking for the information on the rental permit.

Attorney Ballard commented that a citizen's group is organizing to address issues about rental properties. Ballard also commented that a rental booklet was being created which would be geared towards UH's rental issues.

Finance Report: Treasurer Kimora will be attending an IPERS meeting in Cedar Rapids; the meeting is free to attend.

Treasurer's Report: All bills presented were approved by **unanimous consent**.

**Warrants
May 14, 2008 through June 10, 2008**

| Name | Amount | Name | Amount |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Kevin Hochhalter | 101.25 | Wellmark BC/BS | 973.94 |
| Ronald Fort | 1,217.34 | Hills Bank & Trust | 4,819.00 |
| Brad Reinhard | 1,148.04 | IPERS | 1,833.06 |
| Matthew Fort | 1,003.99 | ISB&T | 3,444.24 |
| Donald Strong | 813.55 | Paul J. Moore | 750.00 |
| Michael Hamm | 147.11 | Breese Plumbing & Heating | 67.84 |
| Michael Hamm | 42.46 | Galls Incorporated | 89.86 |
| McLeod USA | 115.88 | Greenwood and Crim, P.C. | 750.00 |
| ISB&T | 18.00 | ABC Solutions | 14.41 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 32.06 | Paul J. Moore | 35.00 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 29.78 | SEATS | 689.86 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 70.31 | City of Iowa City | 14,109.27 |
| Iowa City Public Library | 18,000.00 | Iowa City Tire & Service | 36.00 |
| Coralville Public Library | 2,000.00 | Johnson County Refuse, Inc. | 1,555.50 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 610.91 | Leff Law Firm. L.L.P. | 14,588.50 |
| Christine Anderson | 446.12 | Iowa City Press-Citizen | 550.76 |
| Ronald Fort | 1,227.58 | Pyramid Services Inc. | 84.84 |
| Matthew Fort | 1,004.00 | Racom Corporation | 136.80 |
| Brad Reinhard | 1,066.19 | Staples | 307.38 |
| Donald Strong | 813.55 | VISA | 503.13 |
| Michael Hamm | 129.50 | Julie Pulkrabek Law Office | 435.00 |
| Michael Hamm | 42.46 | Mercy Hospital | 231.40 |
| Lori Kimura | 221.92 | Westport Touchless Autowash | 30.00 |

Total Receipts **\$ 29,465.33** **Total Warrants** **\$ 76,337.79**

Community Protection: No report.

Streets and Sidewalks: Council member Giese reported that the potholes at the corner of Koser and George have been fixed. The city handyman will continue to fix potholes throughout the city once the weather allows. Council member Giese and citizen Pat Yeggy will be measuring overhanging tree branches throughout the city in the coming weeks.

Engineer Bilskemper stated that the bids for the street improvement project will require a special meeting to review the bids and award the contract. It was decided that the special meeting will be held Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00pm. Pavement markings in the city has begun and the company did more markings than were listed in the contract. Engineer Bilskemper will follow up further with the contractor.

Discussion of the future Olive Ct. street repair project was tabled awaiting decision by the Iowa City City Council regarding the Neuzil tract development project.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: No report.

Pat Bauer updated the council on the zoning intern's report as there were many "process points" for discussion. Bauer suggested that the Zoning Commission meet in the next month to review the report and come back with recommendations to council.

E-Government: No report.

JCCOG: No report.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 8:33 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise From, Mayor