

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY – JUNE 13, 2000

7:00 P.M.

AT

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY OFFICE
1004 MELROSE AVENUE**

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Minutes of May.

Other Business: U of I DPS discussion of BB traffic control
28E Agreement with Iowa City for Transit
Consider Adding “Towing” Provision to Ordinance 110
Nate Moore Memorial Garden Plot
Signal Lights at Melrose and Sunset

Public Input.

Treasurer's Report. Payment of Bills.

Mayor's Report.

Clerk's Report.

Legal Report.

Engineer's Report.

Police Report.

Committee Reports: Finance
Building, Zoning and Sanitation
Fire and Police
Discussion of Health Insurance for Police
Street and Sidewalks
JCCOG

Next Meeting: July 11, 2000

Gloria Jacobson, Mayor

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University Heights, Iowa

1004 Melrose Avenue

June 13, 2000

Mayor Jacobson called to order a regular meeting of the Council at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jacobson; Council Members From, Gay, Jones, Martin, Schoenmaker; Attorney Ballard; Chad Lambi, Shive-Hattery Engineers & Architects; Police Chief McDonald; Treasurer Lane; Clerk Birk.

Others Present: Lt. Mike Laing, U of I Public Safety.

Absent: None.

ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

MOTION by Martin, second by From, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting in May.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lt. Laing of Public Safety for the University told Council of a new plan for handling traffic after basketball games. On Melrose Avenue they propose that there be two outbound lanes of traffic and one inbound land and that temporary “no parking” sign be posted on Melrose Avenue. It was pointed out that due to the width of Melrose between Sunset and Emerald a barricade is used during football games and that only two lanes of outbound use this portion. Emergency vehicles and some other traffic are allowed to travel east; most eastbound traffic is routed down Emerald. Engineer Lambi will ask a traffic engineer at Shive-Hattery for an opinion on whether Melrose can support three lanes of traffic. Attorney Ballard will talk to someone at the University about providing indemnification if there should be problems. No action will be taken at this time and this will be discussed next month.

A 28E agreement for transit service was received from Iowa City. The cost to University Heights for bus service will be \$27,411 for FY2001.

Resolution (00-6) introduced by Jones, second by From, authorizing the FY2001 agreement between the City of Iowa City and the City of University Heights for the provision of transit service within University Heights.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
X			From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 13th day of June 2000.

Council discussed adding a towing provision to the ordinance that prohibits parking on lawns. In some areas this is an ongoing problem. Attorney Ballard said that options included towing after a certain number of unpaid tickets had accumulated, towing all vehicles parked on lawns, or increasing the fine for vehicles parked on lawns. There was further discussion about illegal parking. Due to the number of complaints about cars parked on lawns, Council decided that the only way to stop this was to have cars that are parked on lawns towed. Attorney Ballard will draft an ordinance pertaining to this.

Council discussed the idea of a memorial for Nate Moore. Council would like to honor Mr. Moore because he was a former mayor, was the citizen of the decade in the 1960s, and contributed so much to the City. Because no decision has been made as to how much to spend or what costs would be, Council will not make any decision at this time. Councilmembers Jones and From will look at options and costs and report back to Council.

Council discussed the traffic signal at Melrose and Sunset. Iowa City has proposed that this signal be coordinated with the signals at Melrose and Koser and those east, however University Heights does not wish to incur any expense for such a project. Engineer Lambi reported that he talked to Jeff Davidson who said that there might be JCCOG support and money for this. The City would also want to add a left turn lane at that time. If there are funds available, Council would be agreeable to the project.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Lane distributed the report for May.

MOTION by Martin, second by Jones for payment of all the bills.

Carried.

WARRANTS - MAY

11696	City of Iowa City – gas	201.91
11698	Johnson Co – sheriff	1,666.25
11701	Mid-American – street lights	602.99
11702	Westport Touchless – car wash	24.00
11709	Phillips 66 – car wash	14.00
11710	Canterbury – tire repair	12.00
11712	Gall’s – blue light	190.72
11712	Gall’s – dash laser	88.98
11729	Uniform Unlimited – Tasers	1,259.40
11694	Johnson Co – April	1,350.00
11695	SEATS – April	591.50
11696	City of Iowa City – bus	2,337.50
11713	Bobbie Stehbens – plants	258.50
11714	Kate Kemp – library	75.00
11715	Wanda Robertson – library	75.00
11716	Karen Friedman – library	75.00
11690	IPERS – clerk/treas	53.28
11690	IPERS – police	763.72
11691	Iowa State Bank – April	1,451.30
11692	Treas State of Iowa – April withholding	204.00
11696	City of Iowa City – water	13.97
11696	City of Iowa City – administration	10.00
11696	City of Iowa City – hydrant	725.00
11697	Nate Moore – rent	650.00

11699	McLeod TMO – telephone	101.72
11700	Shive-Hattery – prof services	1,517.00
11701	Mid-American – electric detail	108.64
11701	Mid-American – electric detail	112.60
11701	Mid-American – office electricity	34.38
11703	Trafeteria – parking tickets	144.16
11705	US Cellular – phone	96.10
11706	Iowa City Tire – oil change	29.00
11707	Greenwood & Crim – tax preparation	190.00
11708	Welt-Ambrisco – workman’s comp	1,459.00
11708	Welt-Ambrisco – commercial policy	7,546.00
11711	Press-Citizen – publishing	302.60
11717	Garry McCune – postage	17.85
11718	Brian Shimon – car parts	7.96
11719	Robert McDonald – police May	1,927.58
11721	Brian Shimon – police May	1,361.41
11722	Pat Birk – clerk	205.91
11723	Catherine Lane – treas	205.91
11730	Garry McCune – police May	1,382.01
11734	Steve Stange – police May	199.30
11704	Carl Chadek – street sweeping	1,130.00

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Jacobson reported on the proposal by Sprint to construct a tower on church property. Initially the church decided against it, but Sprint told them that they would then construct the tower on University of Iowa property just behind them. The tower would still be there, but the church would not receive any rent. It will be discussed again at the Church’s next meeting.

There will be a meeting on June 21 at the Civic Center to review the Response 2020 report.

CLERK’S REPORT: The joint meeting of small cities and the Johnson Co Board of Supervisors has been changed to October 16 at 6:00 at the Johnson Co administration building. One building permit was received last month. Several calls were received complaining about cats. Councilmember Gay said that Coralville would be interested in providing animal control service and he will talk to them about this. Caller ID was added to the City’s phones.

LEGAL REPORT: Properties that have not paid for their sidewalk repairs will have it added to their taxes. Other sidewalk issues were discussed. Attorney Ballard and Engineer Lambi have updated the snow removal contract. The police manual has been updated and copies dispersed. The berm at the Athletic Club was discussed. Attorney Ballard will talk to Bernie Mauch. A 28E agreement with Coralville for rental housing inspection services is not ready to be signed, but the July 1 target date for implementation is still on.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: July 10 will be the bid day for this year’s street improvements. The public hearing to consider street improvements will be on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. A new contract has been written for snow removal services. It is more definitive than the previous and has separate requirements for plowing the side streets and the main streets.

POLICE REPORT: Chief McDonald gave the police report for the month. All officers have been certified for the Tasers. Defibrillator training has been set for June 29. A decision on the purchase of new police radios will be made soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING, ZONING & SANITATION: The garbage pick-up scheduled for Tuesday, July 4 has been changed to Wednesday, July 5. Citizen concerns about rental housing and other zoning issues should be directed to Councilmember From’s committee. A citizen asked about having a community clean-up day. It is now handled on an individual basis between the homeowner and the garbage hauler. It can be discussed later, but would be expensive and there is the potential for abuse.

FIRE AND POLICE: Two defibrillators have been received at a cost of about \$3250 per unit. Chief McDonald said that the administrator of the Johnson Co ambulance told him that he was pleased to hear that the police cars would be equipped with defibrillators.

Councilmember Gay distributed a summary of a meeting with an insurance representative in regard to health insurance for police. Options include: (a) the City paying the entire premium which would cost around \$12,000 per year; (b) a partial payment of the premium could be offered at a cost of \$5,400 to the City; (c) if a minority of the officers want insurance, a group could not be formed but the City could pay up to \$150 per month toward an individual policy. Council decided on (c), to pay \$150 per month toward insurance for officers who choose it. Councilmember Gay wants the City to offer group insurance in the future and will continue to investigate plans and costs.

Council discussed giving a pay raise to the two senior officers, and decided to raise their pay by \$150 per month, adjusted to an hourly rate.

MOTION by Gay, second by Jones, to provide health insurance to employees who want it and to pay up to \$150 per month of the premium in accordance with State of Iowa guidelines; the salaries of the senior police officers is increased by \$150 per month.

Carried.

STREET AND SIDEWALKS: Councilmember Schoenmaker met with Engineer Lambi to learn about streets and sidewalks in order to better serve as chairman of this committee.

JCCOG: A resident applied for SEATS ridership.

MOTION by Jones, second by From, to approve the SEATS application.

Carried.

Upon motion the Council adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Approved

Gloria N. Jacobson, Mayor

Attest _____
Patricia Birk, Clerk

NOTE: Minutes subject to approval and corrections.