

AGENDA

City of University Heights, Iowa City Council Meeting

August 8, 2006

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Meeting called by Mayor Louise From

Time	Topic	Owner	
7:00-7:05	Call to Order	Louise From	
	Minutes of July 11, 2006	Louise From	
7:05-7:15	Public Input	Public Comments	
	Committee Reports:		
	<u>Administration</u>		
	- Mayor	Mayor's written report- newsletter update -consideration for special meeting to award streets and sidewalk bids- Tuesday, August 22 @ 7:00pm	Louise From
	- City Attorney	First consideration of Ordinance No. 155 concerning mowing and trimming of yards and vegetation and providing penalties.	Steve Ballard
	- City Clerk	-Cigarette approval for Taste on Melrose -Building / rental permits	Jerry Musser
	<u>Community Protection</u>	Committee Report Police Chief's Report	Stan Laverman
	<u>Finance</u>	Committee Report Treasurer's Report Payment of Bills	Pat Yeggy Lori Kimura
	<u>Streets and Sidewalks</u>	Committee Report City Engineer's Report- Review and approve public bids for 2006 street projects- and review and approve Invitation to bid for 2006 sidewalk project. -Consideration of request by two homeowners. 22 George St. regarding sidewalk repair and 23 George St. regarding repair of gravel road. -consideration of request by 526 Mahaska Ct. for variance of fence placement along Sunset St. - Consideration of repainting curb address numbers	Brennan McGrath Josiah Bilskemper
	<u>Building, Zoning & Sanitation</u>	Committee Report -Presentation of University Athletic Club project - Consideration of Comprehensive Plan revisions by review committee for council approval.	Chris Anderson Ed Humpleby, Bill Rose Pat Bauer
	<u>Johnson County Council of Governments (JCCOG)</u>	Committee Report -Sign Committee report -Discuss JCCOG traffic study on Melrose Avenue	Erling Anderson
	<u>e-Government</u>	Committee Report	Pat Yeggy
8:55-9:00	Announcements	Anyone	
9:00pm	Adjournment	Louise From	

Next City Council Meeting: September 12, 2006.

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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.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor From at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council members: Chris Anderson, Erling Anderson, McGrath, and Yeggy. Absent: Laverman. Staff: Attorney Steve Ballard, Clerk Musser, Treasurer Kimura, Engineer Bilskemper. Also present were Pat Bauer, Christian Aanestad, Betsy Platt, Nancy Wombacher, Mike Wombacher, Ed Humpleby, Bill Rose, Linda Fincham, Carol Christiansen, John Beck, Oguz Poroy.

The minutes of the July 11, 2006 meeting were approved by **unanimous consent**.

Public Comment: Mike and Nancy Wombacher, owners of 23 George St., were present to address the condition of the portion of George St. north of Koser. This is the gravel portion of George St. Council agreed to have Russ Boyer place more gravel on the road according to Engineer Bilskemper directions. Bilskemper will also give consideration to asphalt hard surface in future street programs.

Wombachers also spoke for the owners of 22 George St. to request removal of a portion of the sidewalk on that property which is slated for repair. The sidewalk ends in the lawn. **Motion** by McGrath, seconded by Yeggy, to allow the owners of 22 George St. to remove the sidewalk sections to the right of the driveway, as you face the house. Carried

John Beck was present to finalize a contract for painting house numbers on curbs. McGrath and Yeggy had recently checked the condition of the numbers. Around 150-200 will be repainted. A notice will be put on the City website. **Motion** by Yeggy, seconded by McGrath to approve up to \$1500 to Mr. Beck for painting house numbers on curbs. Carried

Christian Aanestad appeared regarding placement of a new fence on his property at 526 Mahaska Ct. Aanestad would like to place the fence directly on the property line, which is a slight variation from the code. This would locate the fence 36 inches from the sidewalk. Doing this would preserve existing shrubbery on the property. **Motion** by Yeggy, seconded by C. Anderson, to allow placement of a fence at 526 Mahaska Ct. on the property line as requested. AYE 3 Nay 1 Carried

Carol Ann Christiansen and Linda Fincham had questions regarding the proliferation of rental properties in the City, asking who is responsible for behavior of the tenants. They wondered if Realtors were aware of the rental restrictions in the City when selling properties. Attorney Ballard reminded them of the public nuisance and disorderly property ordinances and encouraged them to call the police whenever they felt it necessary.

Oguz Poroy of 36 Highland was present and expressed that he was upset with the letters he received regarding the condition of his lawn. He said he felt the letters were badly written, signed poorly, with little information, and pictures were taken of his backyard. City personnel and Steve Ballard explained their position to him in detail. Attorney Ballard also stated the Mr. Poroy had also refused certified mail about his sidewalk repairs. Mr. Poroy said he knows his sidewalk needs to be repaired and said he wanted the city to do the repairs. Mr. Poroy was asked if he wanted an extension to take care of his backyard, and he replied he was not going to do anything about it. Attorney Ballard will follow up as the letter stated.

Betsy Platt, 1144 Melrose, had a question regarding the legality of a fence at the back of their property. Ballard will follow up.

Bill Rose and Ed Humpleby were in attendance to present very preliminary plans being explored by the University Athletic Club for construction of multiple condominium units on that property at approximately the tennis court area. Rose spoke to the Council, showing a concept drawing of the six story building and potentially 46-50 units. Condos would be of the "upscale" concept and fully a part of the Athletic Club. Mr. Rose requested feedback about

the project from the Council in the next few weeks. As Chair of the Zoning Commission, Pat Bauer suggested that Iowa City and the University of Iowa be included in discussions regarding this property.

Mayor's Report: The written report has been distributed. With agreement from the Council, Mayor From scheduled a special meeting of the Council for August 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for consideration of the street repair project for 06/07 and to choose a contractor for sidewalk repairs.

Legal Report: Proposed Ordinance #155 regarding cutting and removal of weeds and grass was discussed. After some discussion, C. Anderson and Laverman were appointed as a committee to solicit input from the community about the need for such an ordinance and what should be included. No action was taken on the proposed ordinance.

Attorney Ballard reminded the Council of the problems with parking enforcement on the date of the football "Kids Day" scrimmage, scheduled for August 19. By consensus the Council agreed to direct the police NOT to enforce normal parking regulations for football game days for the August 19th scrimmage.

The Koser Ave. block party street closing will be handled by the Police

Police Report: A written report filed. The Police Committee had no report.

Finance Committee. No report.

Clerk's Report: A written report was presented. 57 rental permits are paid as of meeting date. **Motion** by Yeggy, seconded by E. Anderson, to approve renewal of the cigarette permit for Taste on Melrose. Carried

Treasurer's Report: The monthly written report was presented. There were no questions regarding the bills to be paid, therefore the payment of those bills was approved by **unanimous consent**.

Warrants: July 12 through August 8, 2006			
Name	Amount	Name	Amount
City of Iowa City	4,167.31	Fort, Ronald R.	98.88
Hamm, Michael G.	1,024.00	Reinhard, Brad	1,018.53
Rockafellow, Ryan P.	1,053.82	McLeod USA	103.82
MidAmerican Energy	36.61	MidAmerican Energy	109.21
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Fort, Ronald R.	1,265.18	Hamm, Michael G.	1,051.27
Reinhard, Brad	1,001.17	Rockafellow, Ryan P.	997.66
Musser, Jerry B.	106.38	Kimura, Lori D.	242.70
Wellmark BC/BS	555.94	Iowa State Bank & Trust	2,602.08
IPERS	977.23	Paul J. Moore	750.00
City of Iowa City	25.05	Electronic Engineering	58.80
ABC Solutions	28.82	Pat Yeggy	80.58
City of Coralville	16,029.00	City of Iowa City	3,450.01
Iowa Dept. of Public Safety	687.00	Johnson County Emergency	235.00
Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	3,111.00	LL Pelling Co. Inc.	2,036.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	25.47	Racom Corporation	132.80
Shive Hattery	8,198.27	SEATS	689.86
Staples	191.19	Iowa City Press-Citizen	234.45
VISA	467.42	Nate Moore Wiring Service	<u>95.43</u>
Total Receipts	\$19,075.76	Total Warrants	\$53,585.58

Warrants: June 14 through July 11, 2006			
Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Fort, Ronald R.	1,192.16	Hamm, Michael G.	1,037.37
Reinhard, Brad	882.54	Rockafellow, Ryan P.	900.31
McLeod USA	106.17	MidAmerican Energy	37.47
MidAmerican Energy	32.48	MidAmerican Energy	93.55

MidAmerican Energy	610.71	Fort, Ronald R.	1,153.59
Hamm, Michael G.	1,054.63	Rockafellow, Ryan P.	895.85
Reinhard, Brad	871.53	Anderson, Christine M.	184.70
From, Louise A.	454.13	Laverman, Stanley M.	184.70
McGrath, Brennan	184.70	Yeggy, Patricia A.	184.70
Musser, Jerry B.	321.47	Kimura, Lori D.	209.54
Wellmark BC/BS	555.94	Fort, Ronald R.	2,890.80
Reinhard, Brad	692.74	Rockafellow, Ryan P.	528.21
Neiland, Eric A.	1.85	Veng-Pederson, David	1.85
Dunbar, Nicholas G.	1.85	Strong, Donald K.	1.85
Thomas, Jason N.	1.85	Culver, Dennis W.	1.85
IPERS	2,581.41	Iowa State Bank & Trust	4,791.04
Iowa Workforce Development	285.83	Treasurer, State of Iowa	1,678.67
Paul J. Moore	750.00	Electronic Engineering	58.80
City of Iowa City	15.60	SEATS	644.07
Dr. Terrance Williams	660.00	Aero Rental	36.38
Andrew Dudler	220.00	Galls Inc.	58.98
Iowa League of Cities	492.00	LL Pelling Co. Inc.	46.41
Pyramid Services, Inc.	93.06	Racom Corp.	128.90
Russ Boyer Construction	460.00	Staples	151.31
VISA	177.58	Secretary of State, Iowa	<u>30.00</u>
Westport Touchless Autowash	15.00		
Total Receipts	\$16,526.40	Total Warrants	\$28,646.13

Streets and Sidewalks Engineer Bilskemper reported that bid information will be distributed tomorrow for the 06/07 street project and to prospective contractors for the sidewalk repairs. Sidewalk specifications will be for either replacement or grinding. At least 60 properties will be involved. Information is going out to 8 bidders. Ten more storm water intakes need to be labeled. McGrath will contact interested Boy Scouts about doing this as a project. Bilskemper reported on two properties on Koser where sidewalk repairs have been made with concrete patching grout, which is not an approved repair method. The consensus of the Council was to not accept this method of repair.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: C. Anderson and McGrath had met with Steve Smith, owner of Johnson County Refuse. More discussion and planning are needed before making any changes to biodegradable garbage bags. Smith will be checking garbage cans more carefully for the correct stickers for the size of each can.

Pat Bauer reported again on the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. They have finished their proposed revisions and intend to present the Plan to the Council for approval by resolution in October. The revised plan will be posted on the website by the end of August. Any comments by the public are welcome.

JCCOG: E. Anderson had attended one meeting. Points of discussion were Forevergreen Road in North Liberty and the county arterial street map. Anderson would like to make a detailed presentation regarding the University Heights traffic study report at the next meeting.

Ad hoc sign ordinance committee: The sign committee chaired by E. Anderson will also report at the next meeting.

e-govt: There should be pictures of the garden club along with a write-up appearing soon on the web site.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:55 p.m.

Attest: Jerry B. Musser, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor