

October 13, 2020

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held by electronic means pursuant to Iowa code section 21.8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor From called the October 13, 2020 council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Louise From. Council Members: Casey Cook, Liesa Moore, Sara O’Sullivan, Bobby Scott, Doug Swailes. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, Temporary City Clerk Mike Haverkamp, City Videographer Steve Anderson, City Engineer Josiah Bilskemper, Police Chief Troy Kelsay, and Treasurer Lori Kimura. Also present were: Sarah Walz, Greg Stiltner, Dave Conrads, Mike Ritchie, Pat Yeggy, Jim Shymansky, Newman Abuissa, and Pete Damiano.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular council meeting and the September 22, 2020 work session were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY’S ZONING ORDINANCE (NO. 79) TO PERMIT THE TOP FLOOR OF THE HOTEL IN THE CH COMMERCIAL HOTEL ZONE (901 MELROSE AVENUE) TO BE USED AS CONFERENCE/MEETING SPACE, IN ADDITION TO A ROOFTOP RESTAURANT

Mayor From called the October 13, 2020 Public Hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. No members of the public spoke regarding the proposed amendment.

Mayor From closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor From reopened the Regular Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION by Moore and seconded by Scott, for first consideration of Ordinance 249 amending the Zoning Ordinance (No. 79) to permit the top floor of the hotel in the CH Commercial Hotel Zone (901 Melrose Avenue) to be used as conference/meeting space, in addition to a rooftop restaurant. CARRIED.

- Cook - Aye
- Moore - Aye
- O’Sullivan - Aye
- Scott - Aye
- Swailes - Aye

Public Input: The following addressed the council with their concerns:

- Dave Conrads - 49 Koser Avenue
- Mike Ritchie - 20 Olive Court
- Jim Shymansky - 52 Olive Court

Mayor’s Report: Mayor From introduced Pete Damiano, candidate for appointment to the vacancy on the Zoning Commission. Dr. Damiano spoke briefly to council.

MOTION by Moore and seconded by Cook to approve Resolution No. 20-28, ratifying the Mayor’s appointment of Pete Damiano to the Zoning Commission. Carried.

- Cook - Aye
- Moore - Aye
- O’Sullivan - Aye
- Scott - Aye
- Swailes - Aye

Mayor From introduced Sarah Walz, Associate Transportation Planner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County (MPOJC), who reviewed the City’s Comprehensive Plan Update.

Hotel Update: Greg Stiltner gave an update on the Marriott Hotel progress. Projected opening is currently early December.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Cook and seconded by O’Sullivan, to adopt Resolution No. 20-20, concerning tailgating and related activities on UI Football Game Days. Carried

- Cook - Aye
- Moore - Aye
- O’Sullivan - Aye
- Scott - No
- Swailes - No

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Scott and seconded by Cook to approve the liquor license renewal for Marriott Hotel. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailles - Aye
 O'Sullivan - Aye

Treasurer's Report: A written report was presented. All bills presented were approved for payment by **unanimous consent.**

**Warrants
 September 9 through October 13**

Name	Memo	Amount
RevoPay	monthly active merchant fee	-10.00
Akers, Christopher M	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,785.17
Brinkema, Brian E	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,723.85
Tucker, Darryl J	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,974.12
Cox, Nicholas J	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-106.85
Kelsay, Troy A	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-2,342.09
Macke, Matthew C	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,570.51
MidAmerican Energy	OUP Community Center/Offices gas/electricity	-188.06
Goerdts, Terence J	building inspector monthly paycheck	-1,880.26
Cook, Kyran J	quarterly council salary	-184.70
From, Louise A.	quarterly council salary	-454.13
Moore, Liesa K	quarterly council salary	-184.70
O'Sullivan, Sara A	quarterly council salary	-184.70
Swailles, Douglas J	quarterly council salary	-184.70
Anderson, Christine M.	clerk monthly paycheck	-487.88
Haverkamp, Michael J	temporary clerk monthly paycheck	-536.98
Kimura, Lori D.	treasurer monthly paycheck	-418.70
Jensen, Brian A	rental inspector monthly paycheck	-1,693.51
Mediacom	online service 9/21/20-10/20/20	-387.08
Paul J. Moore, Melrose Avenue Building	garage rent automatic deposit	-50.00
Akers, Christopher M	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,836.55
Brinkema, Brian E	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,664.19
Macke, Matthew C	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,608.19
Tucker, Darryl J	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,849.40
Kelsay, Troy A	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-2,342.09
Jack Laverman	mowing services payment #7 of 7	-200.00
One University Place South Condo Assoc	monthly association dues	-433.58
Stephen M Anderson	recording and editing September meeting	-125.00
Tree Guys	removal of 5 dead trees in right of way	-3,380.00
Advanced Electrical Services Inc	pedestrian signal repairs	-200.00
SEATS	August & September trips	-275.00
Iowa City Press-Citizen	September legal publications	-537.71
AT&T Mobility	wireless service for police cars 8/20/2020- 9/19/2020	-288.89
L.L. Pelling Co., Inc.	2019 street restriping retainage/2020 street	-9,310.88
US Cellular	wireless data/internet service for car computers	-80.30
Harapat Auto Service Inc	oil change	-50.66
City of Iowa City	bus, fuel, animal serv, library, park water	-14,999.16

VISA	gsuite, grasshopper, postage, parking permits	-376.50
VISA	cleaning supplies, ink refill, binders	-182.72
Metropolitan Planning Organization	FY21 MPOJC Program assessment	-2,342.00
CenturyLink	telephone service for October	-95.13
Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	Sept garbage & recycling services/landfill charge for city wide clean up	-6,880.25
Kevin Mote	refund of late fee paid twice	-75.00
Internal Revenue Service	federal payroll taxes	-3,629.20
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	ipers contribution	-897.15
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Internal Revenue Service	federal payroll taxes	-1,688.39
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	state withholding tax	-4,328.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	quarterly unemployment taxes	-464.52
Wellmark BC/BS	monthly insurance payment	-3,867.73
Internal Revenue Service	federal payroll taxes	-3,494.06
Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation	work comp premium installment #4	-654.00
MidAmerican Energy	1301 Melrose stop light	-61.20
MidAmerican Energy	pedestrian lights at 113 Golfview	-34.11
MidAmerican Energy	1011 Melrose stop light	-29.05
MidAmerican Energy	street lights	-470.46
Iowa Prison Industries	street signs	-208.40
BWC Excavating LC	pay application #3 for Olive Ct improvements	-38,728.58

General Fund - \$51,263.79	Employee Benefits Fund - \$23,447.73	Road Use Tax - \$803.22
Capital Projects - \$38,728.58		
Total Receipts - \$234,836.83	Total Warrants - \$128,460.72	

Community Protection: Police Chief Troy Kelsay presented a written report. Council member O'Sullivan presented a written report.

Mayor From suggested that the Council consider a \$500.00 contribution to help support the NAACP Iowa Summit on Justice and Disparities on October 29th, for which Chief Kelsay will be a panelist, noting that this amount could be taken from the Farmer's Market budget. The Council unanimously voted to approve the contribution.

Streets and Sidewalks: City Engineer Bilskemper presented a written report. Council member Swailes presented a verbal report.

Finance Report: Council member Scott presented a verbal report.

Building, Zoning and Sanitation: Council member Cook presented a verbal report.

MOTION by Cook and seconded by O'Sullivan for second consideration of Ordinance No. 248, amending Ordinance No. 110 (Rental Housing Code) with respect to short-term rentals. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye
 Moore - Aye
 O'Sullivan - Aye

Scott - Aye
 Swailes - Aye

eGovernment: Council member Moore presented a written report.

Announcements: Leaf Vacuuming information is on the website. Start dates are October 26 and November 16.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:54.

Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor

Attest: Michael Haverkamp, Temporary City Clerk