

**Coralville City Council  
Work Session  
February 8, 2022  
City Hall**

Present: Mayor Meghann Foster, Council Members Mike Knudson, Jill Dodds, Hai Huynh, Laurie Goodrich

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel, Director of Finance Tony Roetlin, City Attorney Kevin Olson

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 7:50 pm.

1. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Discussion: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said the next step in budgeting for FY2023 is finalizing transfers in funds and along with that determining the ARPA allocations. Hayworth noted the City will receive \$3.3 million in ARPA funding over two years and said the discussion has been focused on replenishing general fund expenses and approximately \$600,000 for various requests. Hayworth identified requests of \$250,000 from the Coralville Community Food Pantry and \$25,000 from DVIP, both for capital campaigns, and a request for \$8,000 per year for five years from the Center for Worker Justice. Mayor Foster added that the Housing Coalition requested funds. Hayworth said \$2.5 million for revenue loss was targeted. Mayor Foster suggested an additional increase of \$50,000 to the food pantry for a social services co-lab and social work position with the Coralville Public Library. Councilor Huynh said the Food Pantry received a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health for a 15-month part-time social services position to be housed at the Library and the Library Board of Trustees approved funding to make the position full-time; services will be provided in the café space. Hayworth noted ARPA funds need to be spent before the 15-month period is over and that will also allow the library director to determine the success of the staffing during the 15-month period. Mayor Foster said she is in favor of dedicating a significant chunk of funding to the Housing Trust Fund, which could be leveraged, earmarked, and targeted. Mayor Foster said she would also like to give more to the Center for Worker Justice and direct assistance through Johnson County. Councilor Dodds said she prefers to give to proven entities. Mayor Foster said she also supports \$25,000 for DVIP. Councilor Huynh continued that she would like to support the Center for Worker Justice and DVIP, as well as replacing lost revenue for the City. Councilor Dodds said she would like to help organizations that help Coralville residents such as the Free Medical Clinic and United Action for Youth. Councilor Huynh suggested Houses into Homes, maintaining the Food Pantry/Library position in the future, Path of Hope, and the Immigrant Entrepreneurial Summit. Hayworth discussed the value of allocating dollars to the project fund deficits. Councilor Goodrich suggested a sustainable project such as an outdoor basketball court; she also expressed support for Houses into Homes. Hayworth said it is the council's role to determine the allocations based on their priorities and said that capital campaigns are a good one-time investment as opposed to operations or staffing. Councilor Knudson suggested accepting applications from organizations seeking funding. Councilor Huynh suggested providing funding for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Mayor Foster noted Councilor Gross was absent and his input was important.

2. City Administrator's Time: Hayworth provided the following updates:

- One of the single family homes on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue is nearly complete and is expected to be available for the council to tour prior to the next meeting.
- He and Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel are reviewing federal infrastructure grant opportunities for funding for a joint application with North Liberty for extension of Forevergreen Road and for the second phase of the intermodal facility. He said staff is also watching water and wastewater funding opportunities.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator