

**Coralville City Council
Work Session
February 11, 2020
City Hall**

Present: Mayor John Lundell; Council Members Laurie Goodrich, Meghann Foster, Jill Dodds, Mitch Gross, Tom Gill

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Director of Finance Tony Roetlin, Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud, City Engineer Dan Holderness

Others Present: Judy Joyce, Impact 7G; Paul Buss, Kapa Advisors

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 6:55 pm.

1. Iowa River Power Dam Stream Mitigation Bank: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth noted the feasibility study for creating a stream mitigation bank showed real possibilities. Judy Joyce of Impact 7G said the study, completed in partnership with Riverwise Engineering of Colorado, showed the bank could be created with no impact to the flood plain while mitigating the safety hazard of the dam, all while maintaining the pool required for the Iowa City Water Plant. Joyce said the project would improve water quality and fish habitat, could include adding floating docks, and would allow for kayaking and canoeing. Joyce said the project could also include work on Clear Creek. Joyce reviewed the market for credits, the service area, and the costs and potential income stream for the project. Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud said the next step would be a contract with Impact 7G to gather further information, then on to a prospectus phase.

At this time Joyce and Proud left the meeting.

Paul Buss provided a brief update on Iowa River Landing operations, tenants, sales, and parking.

At this time Buss left the meeting.

2. 2021 Budget Discussion: Hayworth shared a summary of property tax levies for area cities, including North Liberty, Marion, Iowa City, and Hiawatha, along with Coralville's proposed rate of \$14.31 per \$1,000 for FY21. Director of Finance Tony Roetlin noted the debt service tax levy rate would not change and that the hearing for the "maximum levy rate," newly required by the Iowa legislature, does not include the debt service levy. Roetlin shared the budget schedule going forward, which includes public hearings at the City Council meetings on February 25 and March 10, and adoption of the budget on March 24.
3. City Administrator's Time: Hayworth reported on the following:

- The arena event planned for Friday, February 14 will go on as planned in spite of the fact it will be too cold to pour the floor; Senator Grassley plans to attend.
- Brian Hixenbaugh is no longer the general manager for the Xstream Arena; a search for a new manager is underway.
- Senator Ernst will visit Coralville on February 28 for discussions regarding flood recovery and protection, housing, the 1st Avenue/Interstate 80 interchange, and the Goodwill soy oil packaging operations.
- Updates at Coral Ridge Mall are underway, including Target, the movie theater, and H and M.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Assistant City Administrator