Coralville City Council
Work Session
April 14, 2022
City Hall

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

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

Others Present: Ellen McCabe, Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County; two media representatives

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

1.   Discussion of Allocation of ARPA Funds: Mayor Foster noted proposals from Domestic Violence Intervention Program for $25,000; Coralville Community Food Pantry for $250,000; Center for Worker Justice for $40,000; and Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County for 45% of the ARPA award or $1,485,000. Mayor noted the City received $3.3 million in ARPA funds and $2.7 million was used for loss of revenue, leaving $600,000 for allocation. Councilor Gross suggested programming or staff at Northwest Junior High School. City Administrator Kelly Hayworth responded that it would be important to discuss that with the superintendent. Councilor Goodrich suggested funds for renovating homes and home repairs through the Housing Trust Fund. After further discussion, the council indicated a desire to allocate $25,000 to DVIP, $250,000 to the Food Pantry, and $40,000 to CWJ, with an intent to fund the Housing Trust Fund at an amount to be determined later. Councilor Huynh suggested additional organizations, including the Catholic Worker House, Houses Into Homes, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, bus tickets to be distributed through Johnson County, House of Hope, and Immigrant Entrepreneurial Summit. Hayworth said the next City Council agenda would include the agreements with DVIP, Food Pantry, and CWJ.

At this time McCabe left the meeting.

2.   Updates on the agreements with the Clear Creek Amana Community School District for a new elementary school: Hayworth reported staff has worked with the Clear Creek Amana superintendent and facilities committee regarding programming at the proposed elementary school that they plan to open by fall 2024. Hayworth said Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud and Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel will present information on April 13 to the school board about programming the Recreation Department could host at the school and noted the interim superintendent has been supportive. Hayworth said the full scope of the partnership is being finalized, including BASP, gym space, and outdoor fields, along with construction of the infrastructure.

3.	Review ACLU Complaint: City Attorney Kevin Olson said the ordinance referenced by the ACLU in their correspondence was passed in 2004 and no one has been prosecuted under it since then. Olson said the ordinance was intended for safety, primarily on arterial streets, those with high traffic counts or high speeds, where it is not safe for people to stand in streets. Olson said he recommends repealing the ordinance and considering one that would limit standing in streets with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or more and not standing in medians or roundabouts, business districts, or areas of high traffic volume. Olson said he would contact the ACLU to update them.

4.	City Administrator's Time: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth provided updates on the following:
- Olson participated in a conference call with the Secretary of State and Johnson County regarding the new precinct map in Coralville for the voting locations for Auburn Ridge and the co-operative building at Brown Deer. Hayworth said there were multiple cities that had issues and it arose when areas were annexed after the Census mapping was done. He said the precinct ordinance will need to be considered again to comply with the Secretary of State's requirements and there will now be 9 precincts instead of 8.
- He is working with Ryan Heiar of North Liberty and Representative Miller-Meeks office to request funds for the Forevergreen Road extension.

Adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator