

Coralville City Council
Work Session
April 26, 2022
City Hall

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Community Development Director Dave Johnson, Library Director Alison Ames Galstad

Others Present: George Shillcock, Iowa City Press Citizen

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

1. May Planning and Zoning Submittals: Community Development Director shared the following:
 - Amendment request for Forevergreen Heights: Johnson noted this amendment request does not change the dwelling unit total nor the density, but added 34 single family units and 34 zero lot line units, with fewer multi-family units and townhomes.
 - Millenium Addition at 800 2nd Street, Site Plan: Johnson noted this is a demolition of the existing building and construction of a tunnel car wash system and vacuums.
 2. Discussion of Rental Permit Fees: Johnson noted a new rental housing inspector position was supported in the budgeting process. He said there was also a review of the current rental fee permit schedule, which is confusing and varies based on the ownership structure. Johnson recommends a fee of \$50 per unit, which is the current rate for 90% of the buildings, to make the permit schedule more equitable and clear. He said owners of 4-plexes, 8-plexes, 12-plexes, and mixed use buildings will see increases in rental permit fees, and he recommends implementing the increase with the next permitting cycle. Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel noted she looked at the rates in other cities in Iowa and the proposed rate is in line with those. City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said the next steps are to place the change in fees on the council agenda for approval, publicize, and then start the process of adding an inspector.
- At this time Johnson left the meeting.
3. Library Department Report—Library Director Alison Ames Galstad reviewed the reintroduction of services at the Library and highlighted several areas, including elimination of late fees, circulation, computer and web services, children’s services, community outreach, renovations, Friends of the Library, mobile printing, and the addition of Hoopla, which allows for simultaneous use of e-materials.

4. City Administrator's Time: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth provided updates on the following:

- ImOn is starting construction in Coralville next week; MetroNet expects to be finished in Coralville by the end of 2022; MetroNet's first neighborhood will have service by May 31.
- Staff inspected Auburn Ridge and found the sediment controls in place, but the mulch and other applications are not visible from a distance. Hayworth said the silt plume in the pond was from the same source as prior years. He said Parks and Recreation Director Sherri Proud is setting up a meeting in the Dovetail neighborhood regarding the pond.
- Staff would like to add a dedicated classroom and kitchenette to the Clear Creek Amana school and the City would pay for those as part of the agreement.
- The Biscuit Creek project storm water project is underway; 2 of the 3 single family homes on 5th Avenue have sold; and the tenants in the duplex owned by the city at the north end of Central Park will be leaving this summer. Hayworth said the down payment assistance program was allowing for the purchase of a 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo for \$80,000 with a monthly payment of \$460 including escrow, which is very affordable.
- Council goal setting is on Wednesday, April 27 at 4:30 pm.

Councilor Mitch Gross noted he had a conversation with the district regarding ARPA funds for Northwest Junior High and they suggested routing it through United Action for Youth.

Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator