

Coralville City Council
Work Session
May 10, 2022
City Hall

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

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

Others Present: George Shillcock, Iowa City Press Citizen; Izabela Zaluska, The Gazette; Travis Weipert, Johnson County Auditor

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

1. Discussion on filling Council vacancy: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth summarized the options for filling the vacancy through appointment or election. He noted an election, if held, would be August 16. Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert said that if appointment was chosen, an election could be required with a petition of 396 signatures. He also said that an election would cost about \$25,000 but that would depend on how many voting sites are made available. Hayworth said the Council can define the process if appointment is the selected process. Weipert advised against saying an appointee cannot run in the future and said he is very opposed to that. Hayworth said that for past vacancies, Councils have chosen both appointment and election and both work. He continued that after the Council states an intent to appoint, citizens have 14 days to petition for an election, and that quorum issues will come up soon. Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel said that someone could be appointed by the second meeting in June and the board and commission application form could be used as a starting point for the application process. The council indicated a preference for appointment and Hayworth said the resolution to appoint and application will both be on the May 24 agenda, and a draft application will go out to the council by May 13.

At this time Weipert left the meeting.

2. Discussion on allocation of remaining ARPA funds: Mayor Foster noted the Council had allocated \$315,000 of ARPA funds with \$285,000 remaining, and those funds that had been allocated went to organizations that had approached the City to request specific dollar amounts; Mayor noted the Council had agreed the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County is an organization they would like to fund and they need to identify a dollar amount. Council Member Huynh suggested funding for the Excluded Workers Fund through Johnson County. Mayor Foster said \$30,000 would allow for an additional 21 checks through that program. The Council also discussed \$5,000 for Houses into Homes; \$2,000 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the City's utility assistance program; and \$48,000 for staffing at Northwest Junior High through United Action for Youth. The Council allocated \$200,000 for the Housing Trust Fund. Hayworth said he would notify Johnson County of the intent to fund and will have a resolution on the next meeting.

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

- Utility relocations for the I-80/1st Avenue interchange begin on May 11; this work is bored so will not disrupt traffic.
- City Engineer Scott Larson talked to the property owner regarding the trail north of Oakdale Boulevard, and the repair work will be completed by City staff and a contractor for about \$3,500.
- City Attorney Kevin Olson, Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud, and Hayworth met with the Clear Creek Amana committee regarding the agreements for the elementary school and they will be on the May 24 agenda.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator