

Coralville City Council

Work Session

May 12, 2020

Via Electronic Meeting because a meeting in person is impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of Council members, staff, and the public presented by COVID-19

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

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

1. COVID-19 Financial Review: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth reviewed the options for responding to shortfalls in revenues in the general fund resulting from COVID-19 in FY20 and FY21. Hayworth identified multiple open staff positions that would not be filled, as well as federal assistance, to fill the gap. He noted the Iowa League of Cities and National League of Cities continue to advocate for assistance for local governments in a potential additional stimulus bill. Hayworth also said that he asked the directors of the Parks, Recreation, and Library departments to identify cost savings for FY21. Hayworth said other areas under review include the Marriott, Iowa River Landing, and Xtream Arena. He added that duties for the frozen positions may need to be reassigned and new revenues are unlikely. Hayworth said additional items will be reviewed at the next meeting.
2. City Administrator's Time: Hayworth reported on the following:
 - The City's first application for CDBG funding through the state was successful and will provide additional hot spots for loan from the Library. Hayworth said an additional application for weekend food bags with support for the Coralville Community Food Pantry, Table to Table, and Coralville Farmers' Market has been submitted. He added that the Iowa City School District will be providing lunches through July 28 and the CDBG funding would allow for an additional 100 weekend bags to be distributed. Hayworth said the demand for the bags is very high.
 - Arby's had originally requested a deferral on rent in April and May but has paid.
 - No late fees or shut-offs continue for utility bills and the City will work with individuals on repayment when late fees resume. Hayworth said the number of new late payers was about 100.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Assistant City Administrator