

**Coralville City Council  
Work Session  
May 24, 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, Chief of Police Shane Kron, Community Development Director Dave Johnson, Streets and Solid Waste Superintendent Eric Fisher

Others Present: Chris Barnum, PhD, St. Ambrose University

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 8:30 pm.

The agenda order was changed to reflect availability of presenters. It was also noted that Eric Fisher, Streets and Solid Waste Superintendent, would be presenting his report this month.

1. Police Department Report: Chief of Police Shane Kron introduced Chris Barnum, who has conducted a traffic data study for the City. Barnum said he is a professor at St. Ambrose University and was a police officer in Cedar Rapids from 1983 to 2007. Barnum presented the draft Coralville Police Traffic Study 2021 and said the focus of the study was disproportionality, including looking at the decision by an officer to make a traffic stop and the outcome of a stop. Barnum said his study made 65,500 roadside traffic observations from January to November of 2021 on every day of the week. Barnum said the study compares raw police stop demographic data to Census data and computes a disparity index, with a disparity index greater than 1 indicating disproportionality. Barnum reviewed the scale for disproportionality for day and night stops and said he did not see meaningful disproportionality in Coralville, nor did he see evidence of a problem by any individual officers. Barnum continued that nearly all arrests at traffic stops were made for non-discretionary charges. Barnum said his recommendations are to continue to monitor the data; evaluate arrests to determine if a larger proportion could be issues summonses in lieu of jail; and reconsider traffic stop policy and its relationship to the strategic mission of the department.

At this time Kron and Barnum left the meeting.

2. June Planning and Zoning Submittals: Community Development Director Dave Johnson presented Coral Ridge Commerce Park Phase Seven PUD B Site Plan, which is on Coral Ridge Avenue near The Foundry. Johnson said this was for a restaurant/retail building and a bakery building. Johnson shared the elevations and expressed satisfaction with the site layout and building design.

At this time Johnson left the meeting.

3. Streets and Solid Waste Department Report: Streets and Solid Waste Superintendent Eric Fisher shared his report. Fisher said the department is receiving \$200,000 in additional Road Use Tax Funds as a result of the growth in population shown in the 2020 Census. Fisher also reviewed the snow plowing process, noting salt costs have increased 30% in two years, and solid waste and recycling, including the rate increase that begins July 1.

At this time Fisher left the meeting.

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

- Applications for the vacant City Council seat will be sent out as they are received; interviews will take place at 5:30 pm on June 9 in a meeting of the full City Council at City Hall; applications are due on Friday, June 3 at noon; interviews will be 15 minutes apart.
- Police testing took place over the weekend and 4 people were added to the list, including one currently at the Police Academy and one certified officer.
- The Iowa DOT has decided against demolition of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue bridges for the interchange work this year. Hayworth said bids will be due in September and one bridge will be demolished and completed in 2023 and one in 2024.
- Major work on the Interstate 80/380 interchange will be complete by December 2023 and will allow for opening the trail to Tiffin.

Adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator