

Coralville City Council

Work Session

July 28, 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

Members present: Mayor John Lundell; Councilmembers Meghann Foster, Mitch Gross, Tom Gill, Jill Dodds and Laurie Goodrich.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Parks and Recreation Director Sherri Proud

Members of Public present: Zach Smith (Iowa City Press-Citizen), Kathy Hotsenpiller, Krystal Roberts, Candice Smith, Mike Boateng, Felicia Stanton, Aleka Stanton

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 7:45 pm.

1. Parks & Recreation Department Report: Parks and Recreation Director Sherri Proud presented her annual report by showing a power point presentation and highlighting the accomplishments and challenges in the department. Proud outlined the building projects completed by the building maintenance department, including the City Hall sewer replacement project. The Parks Department completed the woodland restoration project among its many projects over the past year. Proud outlined the numbers at Brown Deer Golf Club, the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts and with the partnership programs. Proud recognized staff member Amy Faulkner and Josh Worrell for receiving awards for their work in Coralville. Councilmembers and Proud discussed various detailed questions in the report.
2. Discussion of time line and priorities of Racial Justice Proposals: City Administrator Hayworth started the discussion on the timeline for Racial Justice Programs. Hayworth stated that he is finalizing numbers for use of force, arrests/citations by race categories and will get that to the Council. Councilmember Gross wants to have a quasi-timeline, there are some "low hanging fruit" that can be implemented rather quickly, and asks for a page on the City's website to keep the public informed. Councilmember Foster requested more information on the content of the anti-bias training and the number of officers trained and how often officers receive said training. Gross suggested that the Council invite Chief Kron to provide updates on some of these matters to the Council. Councilmember Gill interjected that 80-90% of Coralville residents do not believe this is a pressing issue for them. Councilmember Goodrich stated that it was very helpful to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy and that reading the policy manuals also very informative to know about policing. Foster indicated that these would be challenging conversations, people don't want to talk about systemic racism and that these discussions would make the department better. Councilmember Dodds stated that she

reviewed the Iowa Freedom Riders demands and that the only one that applied to Coralville was the curfew and that she believed that most of the "8 Can't Wait" items were already in place. Gross mentioned the Gazette Article on police review boards. Hayworth indicated that City Attorney Olson and himself should present materials on the civil service commission and how that would affect any police review boards. Mayor Lundell indicated that he would like more structure to this discussion and to make a list of items to work on and complete. Hayworth asked the Council to get any remaining questions to him so he can get the council the information they request. Dodds commented that not all black persons are the same, just like all police officers are not the same. She believed Chief Kron provided great answers on the topics. Gross and Foster commented that these remain challenging issues. Gill stated that Coralville Police Department is a good example of working well.

3. Permitting of Waste Haulers Discussion: City Attorney Olson presented the proposed solid waste haulers permitting ordinance and stated that he mailed a copy of the same to six different companies providing service in Coralville and only heard back from one company, which asked why the ordinance was being implement. Olson indicated that the City has received complaints about service from numerous businesses, mainly from one company.
4. City Administrator's time: Hayworth indicated that he would bring the urban chicken issue to the City Council at the work session the first meeting in August. He also stated that the ribbon cutting/open house for the arena would tentatively be set for September 17, 2020, and that the contractor would turn the arena over around August 14, 2020. Hayworth explained that at the July 28 meeting, the Council would be reviewing changes to transit routes that were made in response to the ongoing transit study and community input sessions.

Adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Notes taken by Kevin Olson, City Attorney