

Coralville City Council
Work Session
July 27, 2021
City Hall

Present: Mayor John Lundell; Council Members Laurie Goodrich, Jill Dodds, Mitch Gross, Meghann Foster

Staff Present: Deputy/Acting City Administrator Ellen Habel, City Attorney Kevin Olson, City Clerk Thor Johnson

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

1. August Planning and Zoning Submittals: There were no submittals for review.
2. City Clerk Report: City Clerk Thor Johnson presented his report. Johnson reported on cemetery plot sales and grave markings, noting 196 plots remain; beer and liquor licenses, noting there had been a delay in collections because of the pandemic; cigarette licenses; taxi licenses; transient and peddlers' permits; block party permits; and sound permits.
3. City Administrator's Time: Deputy/Acting City Administrator Ellen Habel provided updates on the following:
 - Habel asked City Attorney Kevin Olson to discuss ordinances on wage theft and hate crimes, actions taken by neighboring cities, and the enforceability of such ordinances. Olson said he would consider the discussion and research a resolution or other format for these issues. Councilor Mitch Gross asked that Olson also review a "ban the box" ordinance.
 - The status of the lease and tenant on 5th Avenue.
 - Progress on the housing rehabilitation program, which has been slowed somewhat by a single contractor bidding on the work, therefore requiring approval at the state level for sole source procurement. Habel said the work to be done includes new roofs, gutters, soffits, windows, doors, and siding, and the work on one home will be re-bid because it was over the estimate by a considerable margin. She said the down payment assistance program is moving slowly because of the tight housing market.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator