

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORALVILLE,
JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE CORALVILLE
CITY COUNCIL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coralville, Johnson County, IA was held at City Hall, 1512 7th Street on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 with Mayor Meghann Foster presiding and was called to order at 6:30 PM. Recorded webcasts of this meeting are on Mediacom 118-8 and on-demand at www.coralville.org/coralvision.

The following Council Members were present: Gross, Huynh, Knudson, Dodds. Absent: Goodrich.

The following Staff were present: City Attorney Don Diehl; City Attorney Kevin Olson; City Administrator Kelly Hayworth; Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel; City Engineer Scott Larson; Director of Parks & Recreation Sherri Proud; Finance Director Tony Roetlin; Library Director Alison Ames Galstad; Police Chief Shane Kron; Production Assistant Annabel Hendrickson; Production Assistant Matt Palmer and City Clerk Thorsten J. Johnson.

Motion by Gross, seconded by Dodds to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4. Absent: 1. Motion Carried.

Votes are 4 Ayes and 1 Absent for Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances unless otherwise noted.

City Attorney Kevin Olson swore in Meghann Foster as Mayor and Laurie Goodrich, Hai Huynh and Mike Knudson as Councilpersons.

Director of Parks & Recreation Sherri Proud introduced Eagle Scouts Errol Alden, Luke Prella and Anja Rumping and described their completed Eagle Scout projects for the City of Coralville. Alden designed and installed a flowerbed to protect signage on the trail leading to the soccer field and worked with staff to design two bullpens for pitching warmup at the Youth Sports Complex. Alden is a member of Troop 2000, a graduate of West High School and is attending college at Buena Vista University. Prella designed and built six picnic tables for the TAKO-Rotary Shelter that have already been well used. Prella is a member of Troop 207, graduated from Liberty High School, is attending Kirkwood College. Rumping planned and installed a perennial flowerbed to protect the siding on the north side of the pig shed and around a tree in Altmaier Park. Rumping is a member of Troop 270 which is a local all-girls scout troop. Rumping is a senior at West High School and will attend the University of Iowa and major in elementary education next year. Mayor Meghann Foster presented Rumping with a Certificate of Appreciation and she had pictures taken with the Mayor and Council. The other two Eagle Scouts were unable to attend the meeting but will also receive Certificates of Appreciation.

Foster explained her expectations for community comments and that speakers are limited to 5 minutes on items not on the agenda or items on the agenda without public hearings. Judi Clinton addressed the Mayor and City Council during community comments about the Farmer's Market having been moved from S.T. Morrison Park to the Iowa River Landing. Clinton noted the lack of shade, lack of seating areas, inconvenient parking, and people living near the park not having transportation to the Iowa River Landing. Foster thanked Clinton and recognized she has brought up this issue before. Foster stated the Council will continue to monitor and discuss the Farmer's Market.

John Weihe took time during community comments to congratulate those newly elected and reelected and thanked former Mayor John Lundell for his service and smooth transition of leadership.

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

After the resolution was read, City Administrator Kelly Hayworth reported this is for the sewer line that will go from Highway 6 to the lift station in North Liberty. Hayworth noted this is part of the agreement where North Liberty will provide sewer service to the Scanlon area and we will provide service to west part of North Liberty so they can get rid of the lift station currently serving that area. It was noted this agreement is not to exceed \$460,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1

Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for the West Land Use Central Trunk Sewer, was introduced by Gross, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

1ST AVENUE/INTERSTATE 80 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

After the resolution was read, Hayworth reported these are minor slivers of land that will not impact any current properties or buildings. This is needed to proceed with the project which will be bid on this summer with work beginning in the fall and most of it happening in 2023. It was noted this is a large project that has been turned over to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) along with a \$20 million grant the City received. This was not part of the budget discussion because the IDOT will now pay all the expenses and it is no longer a City project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2

Resolution of intent to dispose of interests in real property for the Interstate 80/1st Avenue Interchange Project, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

CORALVILLE CITIZEN'S POLICE REVIEW BOARD

After the resolution was read, City Attorney Kevin Olson reported one of the duties of the Citizens Community Policing Advisory Board is to assist citizens with complaints about biased policing. Complaints can be handled one of two ways. The first is an internal process through the Police Department and the second is through the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. The Board has come up with a couple of ways to help with and oversee these complaints but they are not allowed to investigate them per Iowa Code Chapter 400. Councilperson Jill Dodds asked if the Police Chief will be involved if the complaint goes to the Civil Rights Commission. Olson responded the Commission will send the Chief a letter asking for a response to the complaint. The Police Chief will determine if and how an officer will be disciplined and the officer can appeal that decision through the Coralville's Civil Service Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3

Resolution approving complaint forms and complaint workflow process for the Citizen's Community Policing Advisory Board, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Dodds. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION FUND

Proud reported the City was awarded this grant last fall and it will finish off the purchase of the first 60 acres in the West Land Use Area identified for the Park & Fen Protection Acquisition. The REAP paid for 30 acres and State Revolving Fund paid for the other 30 acres. They plan to bid out for the master plan this spring and have some type of access to the park in 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4

Resolution approving an Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for grant funding via the Resource Enhancement and Protection ("REAP") Program, was introduced by Dodds, seconded by Gross. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

After the resolution was read, Hayworth reported the Council already discussed this contribution but the Iowa Economic Development Authority wants a formal resolution approving the local match. Hayworth noted there are a lot of steps involved with this grant and he hopes we are getting close to finishing. Foster who is a Board Member for the Coralville Community Food Pantry thanked Hayworth for all of his work and let him know the staff at the food pantry appreciate his efforts. Councilperson Mike Knudson stated this is a great project and he fully supports it. Knudson asked about the Attorney General's interpretation of rules that require the City needs an agreement with non-profits it gives fund to showing a public benefit is being received. Hayworth explained the ruling and noted an agreement will be needed which he thinks will be easy to do with this project. The benefit also has to be something the City is allowed to spend its own funds on legally but is having someone else do on the City's behalf.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5

Resolution approving the local match for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) for the Coralville Community Food Pantry Commercial Kitchen Equipment, was introduced by Gross, seconded by Dodds. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Knudson, Dodds, Gross. Abstain with conflict: Huynh. Absent: Goodrich.

After the resolution was approved, Councilperson Hai Huynh thanked Hayworth for all of his work which the food pantry staff really appreciate. Huynh couldn't express this before the resolution was approved due to a conflict of interest. Hayworth noted Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel has shared he expertise with CDBG applications and helped with this one. Hayworth added this grant application has required a lot of different things than previous ones and it has now become a type of challenge to everyone not to give up on this one until they see it through.

MOTION BY DODDS TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR items a-r:

- a) Approve minutes for the December 21, 2021 Coralville City Council Regular Meeting.
- b) Approve Special Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for **Homewood Suites by Hilton Coralville – Iowa River Landing**: Eff. 01/22.
- c) Approve Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for **Mellow Mushroom**: Eff. 02/02.
- d) Approve payment to **AAA Mechanical Contractors, Inc.** for Town Center Parking Ramp snowmelt loop repairs (#11203311): \$10,499.53.
- e) Approve payment to **Freeman Construction, Inc.** for 4th Avenue Demolition Services and Tree Removal (#232483): \$33,634.00.
- f) Approve payment to **McCullough Creative** for Stormwater Management Public Outreach Campaign (#INV-13126): \$26,374.00.
- g) Approve payment to **Iowa Interstate Railroad, LLC** for WestCor Dr. Railroad Crossing Repairs (#727658): \$18,510.00.
- h) Approve payment to **HR Green, Inc.** for structural floodwall recommendations for FEMA certification (#148979): \$3,515.75.
- i) Approve payment to **Terracon Consultants, Inc.** for Brownfields Assessment Grant (#TG16492): \$393.75.
- j) Approve payment to **Shive-Hattery** for 5th Street Improvements – 12th Avenue to 20th Avenue (#1219270-1): \$20,519.94.
- k) Approve payment to **Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.** for:
 - i) Bridge Deck Testing (#3) \$1,474.00
 - ii) North Central Sewer Capacity Evaluation (#5) \$637.50
 - iii) WWTP Biosolids Transfer Pump Replacement (#6) \$2,026.00
- l) Approve payment to **Stevens Erosion Control** for E. 7th Street sidewalk (#11049): \$1,600.00.
- m) Approve payment to **Impact7G** for CRANDIC Wetland Mitigation Monitoring:
 - i) Invoice #22796 \$1,211.98

- ii) Invoice #24019 \$1,568.75
- n) Approve Pay Application #1 to **Grand Rail Development** for Bridgewater Pond Sidewalk reimbursement: \$141,551.14.
- o) Approve Change Order #11: -\$50,000.00; and Pay Estimate #17: \$49,028.45; to **Langman Construction, Inc.** for 1st Avenue Reconstruction – 9th Street to 6th Street.
- p) Approve attendance of Mike Mrstik to Supervision of Police Personnel in Washington, IA from February 21, 2022 to March 4, 2022: \$1,250.00.
- q) Approve attendance of Deborah Summers to Lifesaver Conference 2022 in Chicago, IL from March 12-15, 2022: \$1,525.86.
- r) Approve Bill List for January 11, 2022.

Seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

City Administrator Kelly Hayworth reported the City has formally started the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Process and this is the time for the public to ask their questions and give their input before it is approved in March.

Mayor Meghann Foster welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2022 and welcomed Mike Knudson to the Council and recognized his previous service on other Boards and Commissions. Foster looked forward to working with re-elected Councilpersons Hai Huynh and Laurie Goodrich and current Councilpersons Mitch Gross and Jill Dodds. Foster offered her condolences to the family of Al Axeen who was Mayor of Coralville and a tremendous public servant. Foster encouraged everyone to weigh in on the budget process and thanked City staff for their hard work. Foster noted the rise of community COVID cases and warned getting results is taking longer and it could take 36 to 48 hours to get results. Foster encouraged everyone to be vaccinated, boosted and to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.

City Attorney's Don Diehl and Kevin Olson had nothing to report.

Councilperson Jill Dodds congratulated Foster, Huynh, Knudson and Goodrich and looked forward to working with them. Dodds noted the rise in COVID cases and announced the City will adopt a policy of requiring non-vaccinated employees to wear masks and take weekly tests as we need to get on top of this pandemic. Dodds asked for a discussion on electric chargers for vehicles because of an article she read that raised a lot of questions and suggested some things they should consider.

Councilperson Mike Knudson congratulated Foster, Huynh and Goodrich and he noted having been on a track team when he was younger never received so many congratulations on coming in third. Knudson is honored to serve with them as well as Gross and Dodds. Knudson noted he works at the hospital and treats COVID patients through the blood center. Knudson wanted people to know the vaccines and booster are very effective and everyone should take advantage of them. Knudson encouraged people to ask him about the vaccines if they have any questions. Knudson added that 90% of the people in the hospital due to COVID are not vaccinated and that percentage increases to almost a 100% for those in the ICU and are on ventilators. Knudson stated you are not vaccinating just for yourself but also for the community and those at high risk with compromised immune systems. Foster thanked Knudson for his perspective and expertise.

Councilperson Hai Huynh noted this is a new year and she wanted to thank the staff and her colleagues for helping her serve the community by being open to her questions and giving her their perspective on issues. Huynh thanked the community and asked them to continue to take care of one another and get vaccinated, boosted and wear a mask. Huynh reported free COVID test kits are available at City Hall, the library and food pantry and they have been giving out 600 tests per week. We are lucky to have the hygienics lab in Coralville. Huynh congratulated Foster on being the first female Mayor in Coralville and Goodrich and Knudson and she looked forward to serving with all of them.

Councilperson Mitch Gross offered his condolences to Al Axeen's family. Gross noted Axeen was a mentor and supporter and his passing is a huge loss for the community. Gross noted Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and he shared his favorite King quote: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then

walk and if you can't walk then crawl but by all means keep moving forward." Gross noted how the City has continued to move forward on the issues King fought for and even though they may not happen right away the City continues to move forward. Gross thanked his colleagues, City staff and the community for maintaining and moving forward to attain a more just and equitable society. Gross noted one of the things he is proud of is starting the tradition of reading the "I have a Dream" speech at the library but this did not happen last year and this year because they got in trouble with the King foundation for publicly reciting the speech and broadcasting it. Gross reported they are still looking for ways to continue to honor King. Gross announced he will no longer be the Council's liaison to the Library which he will miss and he thanked Library Director Alison Ames Galstad and the library staff for their hard work. Gross informed Huynh, who will be taking over the position, that she is lucky and will enjoy it a lot. Gross welcomed Knudson to the Council and congratulated Huynh and expressed his appreciation for her fresh perspective and working with her. Gross congratulated Foster who he commended on doing her homework and being a outstanding representative for the City. Gross noted it is important for his daughter to have a female leader to look up to and he presented Foster with a personalized LED light up Wonder Woman figure. Foster thanked Gross.

Motion by Gross, seconded by Huynh to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Motion carried.

Meghann Foster, Mayor

Thorsten J Johnson, City Clerk