

**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**

An **Emergency Electronic Meeting** (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) of the City Council of the City of Coralville, Johnson County, IA was held via Zoom, Tuesday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM 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. Until further notice all of our Council Meetings will be held electronically only. Minutes from the meeting and an electronic recording can be found on the City website at www.coralville.org/agendacenter.

Mayor John A. Lundell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The following Council Members were present: Foster, Gross, Gill, Dodds, Goodrich.

The following staff was present: City Attorney Kevin Olson.

The Following Staff were present at City Hall: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth; Asst. City Administrator Ellen Habel and City Clerk Thorsten J. Johnson. The Mayor, Council and other staff listed attended the meeting electronically via Zoom.

Councilperson Tom Gill had problems accessing the meeting in the beginning but joined it later through Councilperson Laurie Goodrich's phone.

Mayor John A. Lundell opened up the discussion of the Mayor's Emergency Declaration. Lundell reported they have received ominous reports about tonight and he spoke with the Governor on the phone three to four times today about a plan for tonight and possible National Guard assistance at the Coral Ridge Mall. The Governor informed Lundell she feels good about the plan they have come up with but did not provide him many details. Lundell suggested City Administrator Kelly Hayworth report on the curfew proclamation, last night's events and what is being done for tonight and he asked the Council to keep political or philosophical issues out of tonight's discussion. Hayworth reported after the Lundell, Chief of Police Shane Kron and he had conversations they decided it the Mayor should deliver an Emergency Proclamation putting a curfew in place until the Mayor declares it is no longer needed. The curfew is in effect from 8:00 PM tonight until 6:00 AM tomorrow. Hayworth continued the Police Department coordinated with other agencies and received a lot of very good assistance last night. Hayworth spoke with Monica at Coral Ridge Mall today and they are very appreciative of the City's efforts to protect their facility and have given the Police Department permission to block off all their entrances this evening and restrict access after their 7:00 PM closing. Lundell reiterated the curfew will continue until he suspends it and it will be in effect tomorrow night. He hopes they won't be need it after that. Councilperson Meghann Foster asked about tonight looking ominous. Hayworth responded the Police Department received information through various sources there are individuals coming from outside the community with ill intentions and this is from the same sources that warned them about last night. Lundell added there are posts on social media stating Coralville will have a night it will never forget. Asst. City Administrator Ellen Habel reported the mall moved up their closing time to 6:00 PM but Target will remain open until 7:00 PM. Gross asked if Coralville is being targeted specifically. Hayworth responded the threats are against Coralville specific but they are not anything different from what is being seen across the State. The mall is seen as a major target for some reason. Gross asked how the curfew will affect voting since the polls close at 9:00 PM. Lundell responded the curfew allows essential transportation like coming home from work or if you need to go to the pharmacy or things like that and it is understood by everyone the curfew is targeted towards perpetrators of criminal activity. A person might be stopped going to or from the polls but the officer will use their judgement to take them at their word and let them go to or from that destination. There are no plans to modify the curfew. City Attorney Kevin Olson and Habel confirmed the Police will not do anything about people coming to or going from the polls between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM and that information has been posted on Facebook and other social media. Foster asked if there were concerns about this spreading to residential neighborhoods. Hayworth responded he hopes not but it did last night. Gross asked if Iowa City or North Liberty were going to have curfews. Hayworth responded he

found out from their City Administrators they will not have curfews but Iowa City is expecting issues to arise. Iowa City is hoping to cancel some activities planned for tonight but Hayworth hadn't heard if that happened. Gross reported one group has moved their protest in front of the Coralville Police Station from 9:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Hayworth added the Police had been contacted and made aware of that protest. Councilperson Jill Dodds asked if the Council should meet at the protest to show their solidarity. Foster noted people are afraid and need to hear and see the Council is there for the Community but they need to balance that with safety. Lundell stated the protest now scheduled for 7:00 PM is a perfect example of a non-violent peaceful protest that should be allowed to show some of the problems in our society, but those demonstrations are being swept in with the criminal activities so he is sheltering at home tonight. Gross added the demonstrators plan to write on the sidewalks using chalk. Foster wanted the Police Department to know the goal tonight is de-escalation and she doesn't want to see images of them being violent with protesters and she asked about the protocols for engaging with force. Hayworth clarified that the people the Police confronted last night were not at the mall to protest and they actually told the Police they were there to loot the stores. The Police Department has a strong understanding of the difference between protestors which they support and understand and looters. Hayworth reported Police Chief Shane Kron told the people last night he would stay with them at the mall all night long but they were not going to do any damage and that was not what they wanted to do or hear. Gross confirmed the curfew was based on the information the Police Department received. Gross asked what the criteria is to extend the curfew. Lundell explained it will be based on what happens tonight, law enforcement intelligence and recommendations, so if the same thing happens tonight as happened last night, he will not be in a hurry to lift the curfew. Lundell asked what criteria is used to stop a car during the curfew period. Olson responded the Police have the right to stop a car for a curfew violation and ask where they are going but he assumes the Police will use their discretion to determine if the driver has a legitimate reason to be out per the emergency proclamation. Gross asked if each stop will be recorded. Olson responded all officers have body cams as do the vehicles and they are required to be on when encountering the public. Foster asked if they were on last night. Olson stated he had not reviewed any video from last night but overheard Police Lieutenant Summers asking for all body camera videos to review this morning. Olson added other agencies involved last night will have recordings as well. Dodds asked how they can be kept informed on tonight's events. Hayworth responded they will do their best to keep the Council informed but Police Chief Kron did not get Hayworth a report about last night until 3:00 AM in the morning. Councilperson Tom Gill stated he is not in favor of second guessing the Police Department who are the professionals and he will be staying at home. Lundell agreed. Foster asked if there is anything they can do and if they should take to social media, but at the same time she doesn't want to escalate the situation. Gross had concerns about how many people were not aware of what happened last night and didn't understand why there is a curfew. Lundell noted there were 60 to 30 TVs and computers stolen out of Walmart and Hayworth added several store windows in the surrounding stores and strip malls were broken out. Habel reported the looting and damage was covered by several local media outlets and that it is a struggle to get people accurate information these days. Lundell reported he and Dave Wilson with Emergency Management have requested National Guard assistance from the Governor but nothing has been confirmed. Lundell explained the Guard would be protecting the mall and not patrolling the City. This will allow local law enforcement to focus on the front lines and other areas. Gross asked about the spill over into surrounding neighborhoods. Hayworth reported there were several people involved with last night from Coralville and the Police Department recognized several individuals including some seen at the Christmas Eve shooting. Lundell clarified that half the people arrested by several agencies last night were not from the local area. Hayworth didn't know the exact number of arrests because they were not all done by the Coralville Police Department. Gross asked if they can have further discussion at the June 9th Work Session to see where the City is at, what they will do and how they will address this. Lundell thought that was a good idea and they could have staff there like the Police Chief. Dodds wondered if the Council could send out a joint message showing the Council's support stating they are listening, trying to protect the City but respect the right to protest. Foster noted she wrote something she hadn't shared yet addressing what Dodds is talking about, because she wanted to run it by them first. Gross reported he spoke with RaQuisha Harrington and they discussed how important it is for all three cities to be together and maybe have a joint statement of support. Gross agreed they need to share in the grief and outrage with what has happened but also condemn the violence and lawlessness. Dodds added it is important to state they are willing to continue to listen and hear them and they won't just brush this off as soon as it goes away. Foster thought this is hard for them to do because it is so unpleasant but they all have to and

it would be even better if they could do a regional approach. Lundell thanked Gross for taking the lead and maybe this could lead to a group event with as many area mayors and councilmembers that can make it. Dodds stated she is willing to attend an event with any of the others showing they are here to take care of Coralville and their citizens regardless of race. Lundell and Gill thought there are a lot more people in support of what they are doing than are not. Gross asked Hayworth to let the Police Department know the Council supports them. Hayworth stated Police Chief Kron feels it is very important they get outside assistance because his staff can only do so much and they do get stressed out with day after day of this, which is one of the reasons, he asked the Mayor and him for help. The Council approved of supporting the Police Department and understood their concerns. Dodds added while keeping the Police Department in their thoughts to remember former Councilperson Bill Hoeft's daughter who is a Police Officer in Waterloo. Foster asked about Davenport and Des Moines. Hayworth reported there were issues in Muscatine with people driving around with license plates removed today, and Fort Dodge had reports they were being targeted. Olson reported he heard Davenport is expecting people from out of town to make it a night to remember there too. Foster asked about the officer hit last night and Hayworth responded he was okay and doing better.

Lundell closed the meeting at 6:35 PM and asked everyone to hope and pray for a reasonable evening.