

July 11, 2017

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at the Community Center, 1302 Melrose Avenue, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the July 2017 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Mike Haverkamp, Jim Lane, Dotti Maher, Silvia Quezada and Jerry Zimmermann. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, City Clerk Anderson, Engineer Bilskemper, Interim Police Chief Kris Lyon and Treasurer Kimura. Also present were Pat Bauer, Steve Boyd, David Giese, Clayton Hargrave, Nick Herbold, Rachel Howell, Jase Humphrey, Catherine Lane, Lisa Lynes, Liesa Moore, Paul Moore, Mary Schmidt, Rich Schmidt, Jay Speckeen, Greg Stiltner, Brad Wiley, Larry Wilson, Mary Mathew Wilson, Ken Yeggy and Pat Yeggy.

The minutes of the June 13, 2017 regular council meeting, the minutes of the June 20, 2017 special council meeting, and the minutes of the June 27, 2017 work session were approved by unanimous consent.

MOTION by Lane, seconded by Quezada, to approve Resolution No. 17-29, granting a permit to Fourth Room Theatre to hold a "Community Rocks" event at 901 Melrose Avenue on August 5, 2017, to spur civic engagement and increase voter participation in school elections, and to produce sound audible across property lines pursuant to Ordinance 59(2)(c). Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye Lane - Aye
Maher - Aye Quezada - Aye
Zimmermann- Aye

Public Comments: The following addressed the council with their concerns:

Paul Moore - 1000-1006 Melrose Avenue David Giese - 1138 Melrose Avenue
Larry Wilson - 308 Koser Avenue Jay Speckeen - 217 Monroe Street
Mary Mathew Wilson - 308 Koser Avenue Rich Schmidt - 207 Mahaska Drive
Clayton Hargrave - 11 Glencrest Drive Mary Schmidt - 207 Mahaska Drive

Updates of One University Place Construction: No report from the OUP development team. Glenn Siders submitted a written Report.

Mayor's Report: A verbal report was presented.

MOTION by Lane, seconded by Haverkamp, to approve Resolution No. 17-32, to rescind the rental permit moratorium. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye Lane - Aye
Maher - Aye Quezada - Aye
Zimmermann- Aye

MOTION by Zimmermann seconded by Haverkamp, to appoint Jim Lane to the OUP Board. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye Lane - Abstain
Maher - Aye Quezada - Aye
Zimmermann- Aye

Chairman Pat Bauer provided an updated on the five draft ordinances the council reviewed at the June 20th work session meeting. Council consensus for consideration of the ordinances at the September council meeting.

Bauer also updated the council on the status of the ULP PUD application for 901 Melrose Avenue. The next Zoning Commission meeting will be July 13th, at 7:00 pm, at the Community Center.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Quezada, seconded by Haverkamp, to approve Resolution No. 17-31, city adoption of 2017 Game Day Tailgating recommendations. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Lane - Aye
Maier - Aye	Quezada - Aye
Zimmermann– Abstain	

Community Protection: A verbal report was presented by Interim Police Chief Kris Lyon. Verbal reports were presented by council members Maher and Zimmermann.

Council consensus for Lyon to proceed with the cell phone signal booster installation, not to exceed \$2,200. Lyon will get more bids for the installation.

Council discussed signage for the Police Department and Community Center, as well as naming conventions for both. From will get additional quotes for consideration.

Maier informed the council the Crime Stoppers' national Night Out Against Crime is August 1, 2017, at Tower Court Park, and will include a stop by Herky. Ice cream will be provided to all who stop by the event.

Streets and Sidewalks: City Engineer Bilskemper presented a written report. Verbal reports were presented by council members Maher and Zimmermann.

Council member Zimmermann discussed the need for a commercial development plan, as opposed to an ad-hoc process when proposals are presented to the city. Maher stated the Visioning project received input of the entire community and prioritized that input and commercialization is no an urgent issue.

Haverkamp spoke of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and the land uses that were addressed in the report. There is a list of proposed items that should be included in each application and Haverkamp stated he thought this was a good framework for evaluating proposals.

Quezada questioned Zimmermann's comment about potential commercialization of Melrose Avenue and the need to bring in experts to help determine a commercialization plan.

Motion by Quezada to close discussion. Motion died due to lack of a second. Council continued discussion.

From suggested re-opening the comprehensive plan and updating it for commercialization. Lane stated the 2005 plan did not address the OUP or UPL sites for commercialization.

This topic will be added to the August agenda for further discussion.

Haverkamp addressed the possibility of implementing marked on-street bike lanes and utilizing painted "sharrow" markings on Melrose Avenue in advance of the Melrose Streetscape Project. Haverkamp stated there is a lot of congestion between bike and pedestrian traffic, especially where the street narrows on the east end of Melrose Avenue between Triangle Park and the railroad. Maher stated she feels it is a public safety issue.

Haverkamp showed a draft map created by City Engineer Bilskemper on how bike lanes and shared lane markings might look under current conditions. Haverkamp commented on the use of a "bike box" which allows a bicyclist to move ahead of traffic at an intersection, and thought using a bike box at some intersections could help with congestion issues between pedestrians and bicyclists on the north wide sidewalk.

Bilskemper said additional research and further evaluation is needed to determine if bike lanes and shared lane markings can be implemented safely with the current configuration of Melrose Avenue. He suggested that if the City wants to pursue this idea further, working with staff at MPOJC and a representative from the Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee (RTBC) for input would be beneficial. Bilskemper also recommended an evaluation of the pavement condition where the bike lanes would be installed to determine if repairs are needed before placing bike lane markings.

eGovernment: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Lane, to approve second consideration of Ordinance No. 207, establishing the procedure for nominating candidates for city office, providing that any person with nomination papers signed by at least 10 eligible electors will appear on the city election ballot, and providing that those candidates receiving the highest vote will be elected, eliminating the need for primary or runoff elections. **Not Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Lane - Aye
Maher - No	Quezada - No
Zimmermann- No	

MOTION at 9:36 p.m. by Haverkamp, seconded by Lane that the council holds a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters in litigation where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the City. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Lane - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye
Zimmermann- Aye	

The Council then met in closed session. Regular session of the council meeting reconvened at 9:57 p.m.

Announcements: None

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:58 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor