

August 21, 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.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor From called the August 21, 2017 special council 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 (late), Silvia Quezada and Jerry Zimmermann (phone/in person late). Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard and City Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Emily Bothell, Bill Boyd, Steve Boyd, Erin Crocker, Andy Dudler, David Giese, Jim Glasgow, Mark Greiner, Nick Herbold, Jase Humphrey, Scott Kading, Catherine Lane, Liesa Moore, Mike Ritchie, Greg Stiltner, Carolyn Wells, Larry Wilson, Ken Yeggy and Pat Yeggy.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Lane, to approve payment to Treat America Dining for meals during police training for James Sandifer and Josh Kite. Carried.

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

Council member Lane updated the council on the redevelopment of the University Club. The clubhouse will begin construction in Spring 2018 and will take a year to complete. The university is developing a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a 100-room boutique hotel. It is unknown if the hotel will be located in University Heights. The university will be straightening Finkbine Road from the Commuter Lot to Melrose Avenue. This will be done across University Club property. They also plan to widen Melrose to four lanes, beginning at the west end of the Birkdale development.

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

Pat Bauer - 338 Koser Avenue Mark Greiner - 77 Olive Court
David Giese - 1138 Melrose Avenue Carolyn Wells - 322 Highland Drive
Larry Wilson - 308 Koser Avenue Erin Crocker - 1490 Grand Avenue Mike
Ritchie - 20 & 24 Olive Court Lisa Cramer - 230 Golfview Avenue

Presentation by ULP on Proposed Development: Jim Glasgow, one of the developers, stated all of their planning is based a 140 room Marriott Hotel. Glasgow said the developers would be open to purchasing a couple houses on Olive Court, working with an organization that could refurbish them and sell as owner-occupied only properties. Glasgow stated they are open to donating or moving the current house on the property to another location.

MOTION by Lane, seconded by Maher, to approve first consideration of Ordinance No. 208, amending the Zoning Ordinance (No. 79) to create a CH Commercial Hotel Zone that would establish a procedure for the property to be redeveloped as five-story hotel comprising no more than 140 rooms and associated amenities including lobby space: a restaurant, café, and/or bistro; meeting space; and a fitness center. Carried.

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

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Quezada, to approve consideration of Resolution No. 17-33, submitting language for a public measure to be included on November 7, 2017 City Election ballot to impose a hotel/motel tax. Discussion by council. Motion withdrawn without objection.

Consideration of Resolution No. 17-33 will be placed on the council's agenda for the special meeting Monday, August 28, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Announcements: Council member Haverkamp commented on the signs located on Melrose Avenue with safety messages and to encourage pedestrians and bicyclists to share the road.

Lane commented that cars have been observed turning illegally into OUP from Sunset Street. Police will begin ticketing offenders and a sign will be installed.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:56 p.m.

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor