

January 23, 2018

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 January 23, 2018 special council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Nick Herbold, Dotti Maher, Liesa Moore and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, City Clerk Chris Anderson and Interim Police Chief Nate Petersen. Also present were: Pat Bauer, Jase Humphrey, Stan Laverman, Virginia Miller, Mike Ritchie, Danny Stafford, Doug Swailes, Ken Yeggy and Pat Yeggy.

Jase Humphrey, 27 Prospect Place, informed the council he has the requisite signatures on a petition, to call for a special election to fill the vacant council member seat.

MOTION by Quezada, and seconded by Maher, to approve Resolution No. 18-04, requesting that the Johnson County Auditor set a special election to fill the vacancy created by council member Hughes's resignation. Carried.

Herbold - Aye                      Moore - Aye  
Maher - Aye                        Quezada - Aye

There was no vote to consider Resolution No. 18-03, giving notice of the City Council's intention to fill the vacancy created by council member Hughes's resignation by appointment.

Public Comments: Pat Bauer, 338 Koser Avenue, Mike Ritchie, 20 Olive Court, Doug Swailes, 546 Mahaska Court, and Jase Humphrey, 27 Prospect Place, addressed the council with their concerns.

Rental Housing Program: Housing Inspector Stan Laverman led the discussion on the city's rental housing program. Council discussed to limit the number of rentals in the city, and to determine and enforce stronger guidelines for rental properties.

Council consensus to reduce the number of rental properties from 35 to 20 percent, through attrition. Once a rental property is sold, the rental permit will not transfer to the new owner.

Laverman suggested the city consider adopting the Criminal Complaint Code that City of Iowa City follows; citing 17-5-16, sections 5,6 and 7. Laverman stated the city should create a board to address complaints with the property owner and tenants, outlining a required property plan and consequences for non-compliance. Consensus to discuss at future meeting.

The council will continue discussion of the rental program at the January 30, 2018 meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

MOTION at 8:59 p.m. by Herbold, seconded by Moore, at the recommendation of city attorney to meet in closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered, to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Carried.

Herbold - Aye                      Moore - Aye  
Maher - Aye                        Quezada - Aye

MOTION at 8:59 p.m. by Quezada, seconded by Maher, to meet in closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the possible purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the City would have to pay for that property. Carried.

Herbold - Aye                      Moore - Aye  
Maher - Aye                        Quezada - Aye

The Council then met in closed session.

Regular session of the council meeting reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

**MOTION** by Quezada and seconded by Maher, to approve the conditions set forth in the closed session. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

**MOTION** by Herbold, and seconded by Quezada, to approve Resolution No. 18-07, consenting to and ratifying the placement of the Police Chief on paid administrative leave and authorizing the investigation of allegations. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

**MOTION** by Maher, and seconded by Moore, to approve Resolution No. 18-08, appointing Sgt. Nate Petersen as Interim Police Chief, at a salary of \$59,500, retroactive to January 15, 2018. **Carried.**

Herbold - Aye	Moore - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye

**Announcements:** None.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:52 p.m.**

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**Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk**

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**Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor**