

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY MARCH 13, 2001

**FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 P.M.
ON THE FY01 BUDGET**

AT

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY OFFICE
1004 MELROSE AVENUE**

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Minutes of February.

Other Business: Sidewalk Repair Assessment Resolution
Contracts with Johnson County for Police and Dispatch Services
28E Agreement with Coralville for Building Inspection Services

Public Input.

Treasurer's Report. Payment of Bills.

Mayor's Report.

Clerk's Report.

Legal Report.

Engineer's Report.

Police Report.

Committee Reports: Finance
Building, Zoning and Sanitation
Fire and Police
Street and Sidewalks
JCCOG

Next Meeting: April 10, 2001

Gloria Jacobson, Mayor

Telephone: 338-3489

March 13, 2001

Mayor Jacobson called to order a public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jacobson; Council Members Gay, Jones, Martin, Schoenmaker; Attorney Ballard; Chad Lambi, Shive-Hattery Engineers & Architects; Treasurer Reitz; Clerk Birk.

Others Present: Afon Offenheimer; Linda Spencer; Steve Kuhl, Greenwood and Crim.

Absent: Council Member From; Police Chief McDonald.

ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Steve Kuhl of Greenwood and Crim presented the FY2001 budget with the adjustments made as discussed at last month's Council meeting. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Martin, second by Jones, to approve the FY01 budget as presented and published.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
		X	From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 13th day of March 2001.

Upon motion the public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Approved _____
Gloria N. Jacobson, Mayor

Attest _____
Patricia Birk, Clerk

NOTE: Minutes subject to approval and corrections.

March 13, 2001

Mayor Jacobson called to order a regular meeting of the Council at 7:11 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jacobson; Council Members Gay, Jones, Martin, Schoenmaker; Attorney Ballard; Chad Lambi, Shive-Hattery Engineers & Architects; Treasurer Reitz; Clerk Birk.

Others Present: Police Officer Brian Shimon; Afon Offenheimer; Linda Spencer.

Absent: Council Member From; Police Chief McDonald.

ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

MOTION by Jones, second by Martin, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting in February.

Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Linda Spencer, representing the Horn School PTO, was present to express concerns about pedestrian crossing at Melrose/Koser/Golfview and Melrose/Sunset intersections. She would like to see a full time "walk" cycle so that children may cross safely, as motorists who are turning do not always yield to them. Mayor Jacobson said that she left a phone message for the gentleman from the Horn PTO who sent a letter last month, informing him that this issue would be taken under advisement. Engineer Lambi said that he spoke with traffic engineers at Shive-Hattery and that the controller needed to be looked at to see if anything could be done. Council Member Jones explained that Melrose and Sunset were arterial streets and that manipulating the signal was not a simple thing to do. A full time "walk" cycle would shut down vehicular traffic through the intersection. He said it needed to be determined if procedures and regulations for arterial streets will permit this. Engineer Lambi said that it could be costly to investigate whether the signal can be manipulated. Also, it is planned that traffic signals at both intersections will be sequenced with intersections to the east.

Ms. Spencer said that signal at Hawkins and Melrose had an "all walk" cycle. Mayor Jacobson pointed out that Hawkins and Melrose had pedestrian traffic all day and Melrose and Sunset had the most pedestrian traffic before and after school. A traffic crossing guard would have to be paid for by the City.

Council Member Jones will check with JCCOG as to regulations and Engineer Lambi will check with a traffic engineer as to the technical aspects, and both will report to Council next month.

OTHER BUSINESS: Attorney Ballard presented the list of property owners who had their sidewalks repaired by the City. The cost will be collected as property tax.

RESOLUTION (01-02) introduced by Jones, second by Martin, to authorize the City Clerk to execute and transmit certification of certain sidewalk repairs.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
		X	From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 13th day of March 2001.

Attorney Ballard discussed agreements for dispatch service and police protection with Johnson County.

MOTION introduced by Jones, second by Martin, to authorize and agreement with Johnson County for dispatching services at a rate of \$256.20 per month for one year.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
		X	From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 13th day of March 2001.

MOTION introduced by Jones, second by Martin, to authorize an agreement with Johnson County for police protection services at a rate of \$1,493.30 per month for one year.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
		X	From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 13th day of March 2001.

Attorney Ballard has spoken with the Coralville Building Inspection Department about building inspection services, but a formal agreement is not ready at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Reitz distributed the report for February. A withdrawal of \$10,000 was made from the reserve fund to cover this month's expenses. Property taxes will be received soon.

MOTION by Martin, second by Jones, for payment of all the bills.

Carried.

WARRANTS - FEBRUARY

<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12414	Paul J. Moore, Melrose Avenue Building	Gen:P&A-Rent	650.00
12445	Robert McDonald	Gen:CP:Equipment	50.21
12446	Iowa City Press-Citizen	Gen:P&A:Publications	221.65
12447	McCune, Garry W.	Gen:CP:Police Supplies	13.89
12448	McCune, Garry W.	Gen:P&A:Shipping for radar repairs	17.29
12449	Triple T Enterprises	Gen:CP:Supplies-books	103.50
12450	Reitz, Sharyn H.	Gen:P&A:Postage	34.00
12451	Shive Hattery	Gen:HCE:Engineering Fees	2,933.95
12452	Copyworks	Gen:P&A:Copying/Council Meeting	24.85
12453	ABTEC, Inc.	Gen:CP: Equipment - lockers	440.00
12454	Phillips 66 Company	Gen:CP:Vehicle Maintenance/Supplies	7.00
12455	Latta Harris Hanon & Penningroth LLP	Gen:P&A:Accounting Fees	203.00
12456	Westport Touchless Autowash	Gen:CP:Vehicle Wash	24.00
12458	Westport Touchless Autowash	Gen:CP:Vehicle Wash	16.00
12459	City of Coralville	Gen:CP:Fire Protection	14,859.00
12460	VISA	Gen:CP:Equipment/Shipping	224.25
12461	Johnson County Treasurer	Gen:CP:Sheriff/Radio contract	1,666.25
12462	McLeod USA	Gen:P&A:Phone	117.23
12463	U.S. Cellular	Gen:CP-cell phone	98.98
12464	Johnson County Refuse	Gen:HCE-Trash/Recycling	1,350.00
12465	MidAmerican Energy	Gen:P&A/CP:Utilities/SR:CP:Utilities	595.50
12466	Paul J. Moore, Melrose Avenue Building	Gen:P&A:Insurance Increase Percentage	23.30
12467	Iowa City Tire and Service	Gen:CP:Vehicle Maintenance	386.86
12468	City of Iowa City	Gen:Fuel/Bus Service	2,497.38
12469	City of Iowa City Water/Sewer	Gen:P&A:Water	13.59
12470	Galls Incorporated	Gen:CP: Equipment	296.96
12471	Hugh Lewis	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12472	Chesca Colloredo-Mansfield	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12473	Nathan Spencer	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12474	John A. Nesbitt	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12475	Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association	Gen:P&A:Dues	30.00
12476	Iowa City Press-Citizen	Gen:P&A:Publications	1,040.12
12477	Johnson County Refuse	SR:HCE:Snow Removal	3,850.00
12479	Birk, Patricia	Gen:P&A:Payroll	210.72
12485	McCune, Garry W.	Gen:CP:Payroll	1,836.04
12480	McDonald, Robert F.	Gen:CP:Payroll	1,864.36
12481	Reitz, Sharyn H.	Gen:CP:Payroll	211.72
12482	Sharp, Shawn P.	Gen:CP:Payroll	573.82
12483	Shimon, Brian S.	Gen:CP:Payroll	1,309.30
12484	Stange, Steven R.	Gen:CP:Payroll	155.61
12486	IPERS	IPERS Payment	1,248.60
12487	IOWA STATE BANK & TRUST CO	42-1109342	2,020.74
12488	TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	42-1109342-001	288.00
TOTAL			41,807.67

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
	6,497.75	538.51	6,330.17	13,366.43

CLERK'S REPORT: The Press-Citizen reports that the 2000 Census population of University Heights is 987.

LEGAL REPORT: Last month Council discussed what percentage of an annual budget should be kept on reserve. This year legislation was introduced in the Iowa Legislature to limit city's ability to maintain a reserve to 25% of the annual budget. Many cities wish to maintain a reserve of 40%. Moody's bond service reports that on average Iowa cities maintain a reserve of 38%. University Heights currently has a reserve of 29%. Mayor Jacobson asked Treasurer Reitz to report in July if that changes.

Ken Schweitzer of the Coralville Housing Inspection Department reports that so far \$5900 has been collected and that inspections are going well.

Attorney Ballard will hold an in-service meeting with the City's police officers on Thursday, the 15th, to review ordinances and procedures.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Lambi received a call regarding Lot 115. The party who is selling the home would like to redraw the lot line.

As green traffic signal lights burn out, they will be replaced with LED lights. A traffic sign on Koser needs to be fixed.

Mayor Jacobson asked Engineer Lambi to assess possible damage to the property at 323 Highland Drive due to snow removal and report at the next meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Police Officer Shimon gave the police report for the month. Officer Shimon wishes to attend a seminar on the Taser gun (non-lethal weapon). Council approved of training funds up to \$400 being used for this if Police Chief McDonald approves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING, ZONING & SANITATION: The landfill grant was approved. New recycling bins will be purchased. They will be yellow with a black lid and black printing.

STREET AND SIDEWALKS: The problem of snow being plowed up on the sidewalk on the north side of Melrose just west of the bridge seems to have been eliminated. Paul Moore expressed his thanks for this. Because of the amount of snow this winter there is a lot of sand on City streets. Paul Moore said that it is OK to use his lot as temporary storage during street sweeping. A letter from a resident who appreciated the snow removal efforts was read. Council Member Schoenmaker went on "pothole patrol". He has asked Police Chief McDonald to keep a list of new potholes.

Upon motion the Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved _____
Gloria N. Jacobson, Mayor

Attest _____
Patricia Birk, Clerk

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