

# AGENDA

## City of University Heights, Iowa City Council Meeting

April 11, 2006

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Meeting called by Mayor Louise From

| <b>Time</b>      |  | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Owner</b>                               |
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| <b>7:00-7:05</b> | Call to Order  | Roll Call  | Louise From                                |
|                  |  | Minutes of March 7, 2006   | Louise From                                |
| <b>7:05-7:15</b> | Public Input   | Public Comments  |  |
|                  |  | Mid American Energy customer service rep   | Donna Ashmore                              |
|                  | Committee Reports:                                   |  |  |
|                  | <u>Administration</u>                                |  |  |
|                  | - Mayor  | Mayor's written report   | Louise From                                |
|                  | - City Attorney                                      | City legal report  | Steve Ballard                              |
|                  | - City Clerk   | Building/Rental Permits  | Jerry Musser                               |
|                  | -Treasurer   | Treasurer's report<br>Payment of Bills   | Lori Kimura                                |
|                  | <u>Community Protection</u>                          | Fire Chief's Report<br>Police Chief's Report<br>Committee Report<br>-Transit ridership analysis review | Dave Stannard<br>Ron Fort<br>Stan Laverman |
|                  | <u>Streets and Sidewalk</u>                          | City Engineer's Report<br>Committee Report   | Josiah Bilskemper<br>Brennan McGrath       |
|                  | <u>Building, Zoning &amp; Sanitation</u>             | Committee Report<br>Comprehensive Plan Report  | Chris Anderson<br>Pat Bauer                |
|                  | <u>Johnson County Council of Governments (JCCOG)</u> | Committee Report   | Erling Anderson                            |
|                  | <u>e-Government</u>                                  | Committee Report   | Pat Yeggy                                  |
|                  | <u>Finance</u>                                       | Consideration of amending FY06 Budget.   | Pat Yeggy                                  |
| <b>8:25-9:00</b> | Announcements  |  | Anyone                                     |
| <b>9:00</b>      | Adjournment  |  | Louise From                                |

**Next City Council Meeting – May 9, 2006**

April 11, 2006

**Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor From at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council members: Chris Anderson, Erling Anderson, Laverman, McGrath, and Yeggy. Staff: Police Chief Fort, Attorney Pat Ford, Engineer Bilskemper, Clerk Musser, Treasurer Kimura. Also present were Donna Ashmore of MidAmerican Energy, Carl Orgren, Pat Bauer, and Dave Stannard, Fire Chief.

The minutes of the March 7, 2006 meeting were approved by **unanimous consent**.

**Public Comment:** Carl Orgren reported that the Iowa City Library Board had approved the 28E agreement for library service with University Heights. Pat Bauer stated that he was expecting to receive the Council minutes by e-mail as part of the public information group, but had not. That will begin with the April minutes. Donna Ashmore spoke on behalf of MidAmerican Energy. She told the Council that a \$250 grant could be available for “city beautification” and that further grant dollars could be available for tree planting upon application for such funds.

**Community Protection:** Dave Stannard, Fire Chief, spoke to the Council about the Coralville Fire Department and their service, through 28E agreement, to University Heights. He explained the status of the Department, still a volunteer department, their goals, and future plans. He quoted response time statistics and emphasized the fact that the insurance rating of the Department is quite favorable. The new training facility and its current construction stage was described. Mayor From thanked Chief Stannard for the extra hours the Department spends in University Heights during football season and for his attendance at the meeting.

Police Chief Fort noted that in addition to his written report, there had been 100 hours worked by the reserve officers since last meeting. He reported that Officer Reinhard had completed his ILEA training and congratulated him for being the top of his class in scholastic achievement.

The Committee reported that a “holiday time” policy had been agreed upon and details were being finalized.

**Transit Report:** Laverman noted that analysis of this report suggests that the number and location of some bus stops in University Heights needs further study and discussion.

**Mayor’s Report:** Nothing added to the written report.

**Legal Report:** Pat Ford was present for City Attorney Ballard. A written report has been filed.

**Clerk’s Report:** One building permit had been issued since the March meeting, for remodeling at 231 Golfview. The total permit revenue this fiscal year is now \$20,054, of which \$15,716 is for work at Grandview Court. Clerk Musser also reported that he has reviewed the insurance coverage for the next year with agent Craig Welt. The premium is slightly reduced for the new policy.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The monthly written report was presented. There were no questions regarding the bills to be paid, therefore the payment of those bills was approved by **unanimous consent**.

**Warrants: February 15 through March 7, 2006**

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Name</u>         | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Fort, Ronald R.    | 1,133.40      | Reinhard, Brad      | 862.87        |
| Hamm, Michael G.   | 1,186.06      | Rockafellow, Ryan P | 897.45        |
| McLeod USA         | 107.48        | MidAmerican Energy  | 32.24         |
| MidAmerican Energy | 24.98         | MidAmerican Energy  | 78.15         |
| MidAmerican Energy | 601.77        | Hamm, Michael G.    | 1,142.83      |
| Fort, Ronald R.    | 1,216.80      | Reinhard, Brad      | 784.51        |

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| Rockafellow, Ryan P.         | 894.86              | Musser, Jerry B.      | 244.99             |
| Kimura, Lori D.              | 249.16              | Wellmark BC/BS        | 555.94             |
| Iowa State Bank & Trust      | 2,793.74            | IPERS                 | 1,694.88           |
| Paul J. Moore                | 750.00              | City of Iowa City     | 12.93              |
| Electronic Engineering       | 58.80               | ABC Solutions         | 14.41              |
| City of Iowa City            | 2,402.24            | Fesler's Inc.         | 20.40              |
| Iowa Law Enforcement Academy | 3,210.00            | Iowa League of Cities | 90.00              |
| Johnson County Refuse        | 1,555.50            | Mercy Hospital        | 221.70             |
| Racom Corporation            | 128.90              | Staples               | 339.85             |
| Iowa City Tire and Service   | 487.04              | Shive Hattery         | 4,467.20           |
| Pyramid Service              | 151.08              | The Blind Factory     | <u>50.00</u>       |
| Leff Law Firm, LLP           | 12,572.30           |                       |                    |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>        | <b>\$ 23,629.07</b> | <b>Total Warrants</b> | <b>\$41,034.46</b> |

**Finance Committee:** Committee member Yeggy went through the current account register comparing expenditures to date with budgeted amounts in preparation for a public hearing on a budget amendment at the May meeting.

**Streets and Sidewalks:** McGrath had received a favorable bid from for street sweeping from MSI of Wyoming, Ia. Expenditure for this task has been previously budgeted and approved and will be carried out in the next few days. Cost estimates he had received for leaf removal from contractors other than Johnson County Refuse were in a similar price range, so he will continue to work with them. McGrath is also investigating the cost of biodegradable waste bags and a possible program to offer incentives for people who volunteer to help runoff problems by cleaning storm sewer grates.

**Engineer's Report:** Engineer Bilskemper's initial report was that he and Councilmember McGrath would begin the survey of sidewalks for repair quite soon. This led to considerable discussion as to who would be responsible for the cost of these repairs. Ultimately it was agreed that they should begin the survey, re- evaluate the areas needing repair and record them on digital film. The cost responsibility would be further discussed in the future.

**Building, Zoning & Sanitation:** No report.

**Comprehensive Plan:** The final draft of the plan created by the University of Iowa group will be presented to the Council at the May meeting. It was agreed that a committee will be formed to further review their work before final approval by the Council. There was discussion of seeking work by a similar group to rewrite the zoning ordinance during the next academic year.

**JCCOG:** A request for a study of Melrose Ave. traffic flow has been made.

**e-govt:** No report.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent** at 9:30 p.m.

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**Attest: Jerry B. Musser, City Clerk**

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