

AGENDA

**City of University Heights, Iowa
City Council Meeting**

July 11, 2006

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Meeting called by Mayor Louise From

Time	Topic	Owner	
7:00-7:05	Call to Order	Louise From	
	Minutes of June 13, 2006	Louise From	
7:05-7:15	Public Input	Public Comments	
	Committee Reports:		
	<u>Administration</u>		
	- Mayor	Mayor's written report -City newsletter review	Louise From
	- City Attorney	City attorney's written legal report -Third consideration of Ordinance No. 154 amending Ordinance No. 108, concerning Possession of Alcohol Under Legal Age. -Consideration of Resolution No. 06-09 authorizing the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest a 28E agreement among the City of Iowa City and certain other cities and independent fire districts in Johnson County, Iowa, for mutual fire and protection.	Steve Ballard
	- City Clerk	City clerk's written report -Building / rental permits	Jerry Musser
	<u>Community Protection</u>	Committee Report Police Chief's Report -Recommend Officer Brad Reinhard promotion to Sergeant	Stan Laverman Ron Fort
	<u>Finance</u>	Committee Report Treasurer's Report Payment of Bills	Pat Yeggy Lori Kimura
	<u>Streets and Sidewalks</u>	Committee Report City Engineer's Report -Consideration of request by two homeowners on Mahaska Ct. regarding sidewalk repair notice	Brennan McGrath Josiah Bilskemper
	<u>Building, Zoning & Sanitation</u>	Committee Report Comprehensive Plan review committee report	Chris Anderson Pat Bauer
	<u>Johnson County Council of Governments (JCCOG)</u>	Committee Report Sign Committee report -Traffic speed/volume data report on Melrose Avenue	Erling Anderson John Yapp
	<u>e-Government</u>	Committee Report	Pat Yeggy
	8:55-9:00	Announcements	Anyone
9:00pm	Adjournment	Louise From	

Next City Council Meeting: August 8, 2006.

July 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 Steve Ballard, Engineer Josiah Bilskemper, Treasurer Kimura. Also present were Joseph Frankel, Christian Aanestad, Daniel "Kip" Sheldon, Carl Orgren, Pat Bauer, and Gloria Jacobsen.

The minutes of the June 13, 2006, meeting were approved by **unanimous consent**.

Public Comment:

- Joseph Frankel of 1323 Koser reported on an arbor vita hedge that he planted 36 years ago that recently was damaged by a crew working for Mediacom. Mr. Frankel described his efforts to research Mediacom's right to trim the hedge and responsibility for doing so properly. Mayor From indicated that Mediacom's attention to protection and restoration of property within easement rights-of-way could be addressed next time the cable franchise is up for renewal.
- Christian Aanestad requested that he be permitted to remove the sidewalk in front of his home. His neighbor to the north joined in the request, according to Mr. Aanestad. Their reasoning is that although the sidewalks connect to one another, they do not connect thereafter. Furthermore, the rest of the cul-de-sac on Mahaska Court has but one sidewalk and it also is not connected to anything. The council discussed the present sidewalk repair undertaking and the upcoming city survey, which will include the question whether citizens desire to have sidewalks installed at all residences. **MOTION** by McGrath, seconded by E. Anderson, to defer requiring repair of the sidewalk of 526 Mahaska Court until further notice by the city. The motion carried.
- Daniel "Kip" Sheldon, 316 Mahaska Drive, expressed concern about the lighting recently installed at Grandview Court Condominiums. Mr. Sheldon has spoken with Larry Pogue, project manager for Regency Homes, and was assured that downcast lighting specified in the building plans would be installed. Attorney Ballard will follow up with Regency Homes.
- John Beck approached the Council with respect to painting house numbers on curbs as his company has done in the past. This was last done in 2004. Mr. Beck indicated that about 70-75% of the city addresses needed to be repainted. He offered to do work on that portion of the city or on the entire city at a rate of \$7.50 per address. For \$10.00 per address he would include the Iowa Hawkeye logo. This item was not on the Council's agenda, so the Council took no action. McGrath and Yeggy will assess the need for repainting and this matter will be placed on the August agenda.
- Carl Orgren reported that the University of Iowa's long-term development plans do not appear to implicate common boundaries with the City of University Heights in any negative manner. These plans also show three commuter stops on the CRANDIC railway line, which could accommodate passenger traffic if light rail service is established between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, perhaps among other destinations.

- John Yapp of JCCOG presented a report concerning Melrose Avenue speed and volume data as collected after considerable study. Among other findings, the report indicates that average daily traffic volumes on Melrose Avenue range from 12,406 east of Sunset to 14,426 west of Sunset. In addition, the 85th percentile speed for east bound traffic was 35.9 mph and for westbound traffic 33.1 mph east of the intersection of Melrose Avenue and Sunset Street. The 85th percentile speed ranged from 29.8 mph to 35.9 mph in the locations where traffic data and counts were collected. The Council discussed traffic calming devices, enforcement, and other measures to lower the speed of motor vehicles. The Council also discussed what the appropriate speed on Melrose Avenue should be in light of the data from JCCOG.

Finance Committee: No report.

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**.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor From reviewed her written report. Newsletter information should be e-mailed to the Mayor by the weekend of August 5-6 to be discussed at the August meeting.

Legal Report: Attorney Ballard explained the need for revision of Ordinance 108 concerning Possession of Alcohol Under Legal Age to make this ordinance consistent with current state law and laws in other cities. **MOTION** by Laverman, seconded by Yeggy, to approve the third consideration of Ordinance No. 154, an ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 108 Concerning the Possession of Alcohol by Minors. The vote was:

C. Anderson	Aye	McGrath	Aye	
E. Anderson	Aye	Yeggy	Aye	
Laverman	Aye			<u>Carried</u>

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Yeggy, to approve **Resolution 06-09** authorizing the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to Attest a 28E Agreement among the City of Iowa City and certain other cities and independent fire districts in Johnson County, Iowa, for mutual aid fire protection. The vote on the resolution was:

C. Anderson	Aye	McGrath	Aye	
E. Anderson	Aye	Yeggy	Aye	
Laverman	Aye			<u>Carried</u>

Community Protection: Chief Fort presented the monthly written report. He also presented an annual report. A brief discussion occurred concerning a keg registration ordinance in Johnson County and various cities. Chief Fort recommended the promotion of Office Brad Reinhard to the rank of sergeant with a 50-cent per hour increase in pay. Motion by E. Anderson, seconded by Laverman, to promote Officer Brad Reinhard to rank of sergeant with 50-cent per hour increase in pay. Carried.

Streets and Sidewalks: The community is responding to the letter sent concerning sidewalk repairs. Josiah Bilskemper indicated that a street repair cost estimate of \$18,000.00 would be decreased to \$15,000.00-16,000.00 with the elimination of a storm water intake on Prospect Place and the addition of two panels for replacement on Melrose Avenue. McGrath and Yeggy will notify residents whose trees need to be trimmed in accordance with city ordinances.

Building, Zoning and Sanitation: C. Anderson and B. McGrath will be meeting with Steve Smith to discuss service. Attorney Ballard was directed to follow up concerning mowing at 36 Highland Drive.

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee: Pat Bauer presented a report from the committee comprising Laverman, C. Anderson, Dell Richard, and Mr. Bauer. The committee has reviewed and made proposed recommended changes to the draft prepared by the University of Iowa Urban Planning Graduate Students. Mr. Bauer asked that the Council review the proposed amendments and come to the August meeting with additional changes, if any, such that the tentative document could then be placed on the website and adopted at a later meeting. Mr. Bauer will be speaking with Heather MacDonald, the graduate student

adviser, about the possibility of enlisting more graduate student help to create a zoning ordinance and/or a comprehensive survey concerning community desires concerning such an ordinance. He will follow up with Ms. MacDonald.

JCCOG: E. Anderson reported that the Forever Green Road extension was up for discussion and continuing consideration.

Sign committee: E. Anderson reported that the Sign Committee did not believe action needed to be taken now to enact or revise an ordinance concerning signage.

E-government: Yeggy will be taking pictures of the flower garden to add to the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

Mayor From presented Attorney Ballard with a plaque and a key to the city for serving fifteen years as University Heights' City Attorney. Attorney Ballard expressed his gratitude for the acknowledgment and everyone enjoyed refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent** at 8:40 p.m.

Attest: Steven E. Ballard, City Attorney (Acting Clerk in Jerry Musser's absence)

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor