

June 9, 2020

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COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor From called the June 9, 2020 council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Louise From. Council Members: Casey Cook, Liesa Moore, Sara O’Sullivan, Bobby Scott and Doug Swailes. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, City Clerk Chris Anderson, City Videographer Steve Anderson, Engineer Josiah Bilskemper, Police Chief Troy Kelsay, Rental Inspector Brian Jensen and Treasurer Lori Kimura. Also present were: Jim Glasgow, Nate Kaeding, David Kieft, Ben Longsdon, Silvia Quezada, Mike Ritchie, Kent Ralston, Laura Westmeyer and Pat Yeggy.

The minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular council meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the May 19, 2020 special council meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the June 2, 2020 work session meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor From read the following statement:

I wanted to start our meeting tonight by addressing the tragic killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the resulting protests – nationally and locally. I am proud of our residents and their participation in protesting against racism and calling for change. I am also proud of Chief Troy Kelsay and the University Heights Police Department for fostering an environment of open communication and dialogue and protecting the rights of everyone – those protesting and those not protesting. Local protestors marched through University Heights Saturday night without significant incident, aside from graffiti on streets and some City and private signs. UHPD was present and protected the rights of those marching and the rights of those not marching UHPD has worked with neighboring departments through the protests to coordinate the protection for everyone involved and will continue to do so.

I also want to point out that the City of University Heights and UHPD have already worked to address some of the issues raised by this national movement. Nearly two years ago, the City Council and UHPD began working with local NAACP leaders and others to come up with local regulations to combat racism. As a result, the University Heights City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance more than a year ago to establish standards and expectations for UHPD relations with our community. The City was recognized as being the first in Iowa to enact such an ordinance. Through the ordinance, the City and UHPD partner with local NAACP leaders, who were involved in identifying issues and specific provisions to be included in the ordinance.

The ordinance takes the following steps to help promote police-community relations:

- Prohibits profiling, discriminatory policing, and disparate treatment in the course of performing law enforcement duties on the basis of a person’s race, color, ethnicity, religion or national origin.
- Creates a Citizens’ Advisory Board to review allegations of profiling, discriminatory policing practices, and disparate treatment while performing law enforcement duties. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has interrupted the CAB’s work, but we look forward to the CAB’s important contribution to our community.
- Requires UHPD to collect data with regard to community interactions and report that data to the City Council and make the data available online.
- Mandates UHPD Chief and officers receive training related to the prohibition against profiling and disparate treatment, including implicit bias training and data collection and reporting.

As a community and a City, we will continue to listen and take action to combat racism in all its forms.

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

Silvia Quezada - 416 Ridgeview Avenue	Laura Westmeyer - 23 Leamer Court
Pat Yeggy - 305 Ridgeview Avenue (e-mail)	Virginia Miller - 7 Glencrest Drive (e-mail)
Katy & Nick Herbold - 1250 Melrose Avenue (e-mail)	Erin & David Shriver - 100 Sunset Street (e-mail)
Erin & Michael Crocker - 1490 Grand Avenue (e-mail)	

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented.

Mayor From announced the 2020 University Heights Farmers Market will be held in the former University Club parking lot on Melrose Avenue. Vendors will not be charged a stall fee for the 2020 market.

Hotel update: Jim Glasgow shared pictures and gave an update on construction for the Marriott Hotel.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Scott, and seconded by Cook, to move the corporate boundary to the east (putting the development into Iowa City) and for city staff to draft the necessary documents and agreements for further presentation to and consideration by council. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailes - No
 O’Sullivan - Aye

MOTION by Scott, and seconded by Moore, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted upon for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailes - Aye
 O’Sullivan - Aye

MOTION by Cook, and seconded by Scott, to approve final consideration of Ordinance No. 246, amending the Ordinance No. 239 (Regulating Refuse, Yard Waste and Recycling) and Ordinance No. 110 (Rental Housing Code) to require that storage containers be kept in locations not visible from the street. **Carried.**

Cook - No Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailes - No
 O’Sullivan - Aye

MOTION by Cook, and seconded by Scott, to approve first consideration of Ordinance No. 247, amending the Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning) and Ordinance No. 110 (Rental Housing Code) with respect to several items including rooming houses, commercial parking, and requirements for rental housing permit applications.

Discussion by council. The motion was withdrawn without objection by the council.

MOTION by Moore, and seconded by Swailes, to approve Resolution No. 20-15, approving the application of Verizon Wireless to install small communication technology equipment (antennas to deploy a 5G network) on certain MidAmerican Energy utility poles in the city and authorizing the City Engineer to issue permits accordingly. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailes - Aye
 O’Sullivan - Aye

MOTION by Moore, and seconded by Scott, to approve Resolution No. 20-16, approving transfers totaling \$113,246.31 from Special Assessments and General Funds to Debt Service Fund for debt payments not financed by the debt service levy. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailes - Aye
 O’Sullivan - Aye

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented.

Treasurer’s Report: A written report was presented. All bills were approved for payment by **unanimous consent.**

**Warrants
 May 13, 2020 through June 9, 2020**

Name	Description	Amount
Harold Plate	Crossing guard paycheck	352.27
Nicholas Sherman	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	288.09
Akers, Christopher M	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,664.64
Brian Brinkema	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,824.38

Nicholas Cox	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	631.26
Ryan Dahm	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	552.61
Mathew Macke	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,472.02
Darryl Tucker	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,794.96
Troy Kelsay	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	2,336.99
MidwestOne Bank	laser checks & envelopes	541.25
MidAmerican Energy	OUP Community Center and Offices gas & electricity	178.69
Christopher Akers	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,481.90
Brian Brinkema	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,567.15
Ryan Dahm	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	263.08
Troy Kelsay	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	2,156.22
Matthew Macke	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,702.89
Nicholas Sherman	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	72.02
Darryl Tucker	Bi-weekly officer paycheck	1,794.95
Christine Anderson	Clerk monthly paycheck	1,185.26
Terence Goerd	Building Inspector paycheck	1,880.26
Brian Jensen	Rental Inspector paycheck - 2 months	2,045.20
Lori Kimura	Treasurer monthly paycheck	457.90
Mediacom	City Hall online service 5/21/20 - 6/20/20	399.95
Paul Moore	Garage rent	50.00
Jack Laverman	2020 mowing services payment #2 of 7	200.00
One University Place South Condo Association	Monthly association dues	433.58
Stephen Anderson	Recording and editing previous month meeting	125.00
CenturyLink	Telephone service for June	88.88
Office of Auditor of State	Annual exam filing fee	175.00
AT&T Mobility	Wireless service for police cars 4/20/2020 - 5/19/2020	278.78
Breese Plumbing & Heating	Dewinterize park fountain, repair leaking RPZ device	369.94
City of Iowa City	Bus, fuel, animal, park water, billing services	3,947.42
Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	May garbage & recycling services	6,789.50
US Cellular	Wireless data & internet service for car computers	79.89
Westport Touchless Autowash	April vehicle washes	45.00
Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC	Work on FY20 amended budget & attend meetings	1,025.00
Leff Law Firm, L.L.P.	May legal services	10,640.00
Iowa City Press-Citizen	May legal publications	289.28
VISA	Shelves for city hall	196.39
VISA	Bike, parts, G Suite, postage, Grasshopper, spray bottles	1,718.12
Shive Hattery	Engineering services 5/2/20 - 5/29/20	1,868.50
Internal Revenue Service	Federal payroll taxes	3,968.64
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Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS contribution	1,318.65
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Wellmark BC/BS	Monthly insurance payment	5,480.58
Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation	Deposit for 2020-2021 work comp premium	1,531.00
MidAmerican Energy	1301 Melrose stop light	55.00
MidAmerican Energy	Pedestrian lights at 113 Golfview	30.39
MidAmerican Energy	1011 Melrose stop light	25.25
MidAmerican Energy	Streetlights	469.67
Shive Hattery	Olive Court engineering services 5/2/20 - 5/29/20	7,352.53
Two Rivers Bank	Principal & interest payment on 2017 bond	33,968.38

General Fund - \$ 54,964.22	Employee Benefits Fund - \$ 24,474.87	Road Use Tax - \$ 580.31
Debt Service - \$ 33,968.38	Capital Projects - \$ 7,352.53	
Total Receipts \$ 260,807.61		Total Warrants \$ 121,340.31

Streets and Sidewalks: City Engineer Bilskemper presented a written report. Council member Swailes presented a verbal report.

eGovernment: A written report was presented.

Community Protection: Police Chief Troy Kelsay presented a written report. No report from council member O’Sullivan.

Council consensus to increase fingerprinting fees to \$20 for non-residents.

Finance Report: No report from council member Scott.

Building, Zoning and Sanitation: Council member Cook presented a verbal report.

Announcements: None.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:42 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor