

**Coralville City Council
Work Session
February 14, 2017
Coralville City Hall**

Present: Mayor John Lundell; Council members Jill Dodds, Mitch Gross, Tom Gill, Bill Hoeft, Laurie Goodrich

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel, Director of Finance Tony Roetlin, City Attorney Kevin Olson

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

1. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Discussion: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth explained this discussion was postponed to allow for further refinement of the Capital Improvement Plan.
2. City Administrator's Time: Hayworth reported on the following:
 - He, Director of Finance Tony Roetlin, and Councilperson Laurie Goodrich attended the Iowa League of Cities Legislative Day where they met with Senator Dvorsky, Representative Jacoby, Representative Art Staed, and others on the topics of collective bargaining, property tax backfill, and local option sales tax. Hayworth said there are requirements for federal transit funding with regard to collective bargaining rights of transit employees and the Iowa Public Transit Association is working with legislators to assure federal funds are not threatened by the proposed legislation.
 - Arena planning continues with interviews of firms interested in operating the arena and the concessions taking place last week. Hayworth also said work continues on new market tax credits, naming rights, use of space, and documentation.
 - Review of the Iowa Riverfront Master Plan from 2012, further work as approved by the council at the regular meeting, and its impact on the proposed mixed use project at the intersection of 1st Avenue and E. 7th Street. The Council also reviewed proposed elevations for the project and deemed them vastly improved. Hayworth acknowledged the assistance of Tim Kent and Paul Buss in this progress and noted the development agreement remains in negotiations.
 - Updates on potential expansions of area businesses.

Councilperson Bill Hoeft offered the availability of the Arts Commission for a broader role.

Councilperson Dodds inquired about the issue of driving on the trail behind Kirkwood Elementary and Hayworth reported temporary signs are up and permanent signs are ordered; he also reported the Police Department had stopped a driver on the trail twice.

Hayworth encouraged the Council to drive along Clear Creek to view progress on the flood wall.

Councilpersons Gross and Hoeft reported they will be absent on March 14. Mayor Lundell said he will be also. Councilperson Goodrich said she will be traveling that day.

Mayor Lundell reported on correspondence regarding livestock within the City limits and inquired about a response to correspondence on recycling. Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel responded a letter was ready to be sent by the Streets and Solid Waste Department on February 15.

Councilperson Goodrich expressed concern about staff time for community events with limited participation. Hayworth responded the goal is to increase participation.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Assistant City Administrator