

**Coralville City Council  
Work Session  
March 28, 2017  
Coralville City Hall**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Mitch Gross; Council members Jill Dodds, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Sherri Proud, Parks Superintendent Alex Buhmeyer, Native Grass Vegetation Specialist Josh Worrell, Assistant City Engineer Scott Larson, Broadband Telecommunications Coordinator Eric Dickerson

Others Present: Ryan Sempf, Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce; Ben Caster, Troop 207

Mayor Pro Tem Gross opened the meeting at 7:55 pm.

1. April Re-zonings: No submittals for the April Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
2. Broadband Telecommunications Department Report: Coordinator Eric Dickerson provided a report for CoralVision, highlighting replacement of council microphones, production of council meetings in high-definition, video viewing, and goals for the coming year.
3. Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan: Parks and Recreation Director Sherri Proud said the Emerald Ash Borer has been identified in a tree in Coralville. Parks Superintendent Alex Buhmeyer reviewed options for treatment, and the effectiveness and duration of each, recommending systemic injections. Buhmeyer noted the injections can be effective for two years and the department currently has a contract out for bids. Buhmeyer said he expects a 10" diameter tree injection to cost about \$50. Proud said the department is recommending a treatment plan so all of the City's ash trees don't die at once. She noted additional planting began in 2015 to replace ash trees. Buhmeyer said there are 300 ash trees in city parks and rights-of-way and some trees have been removed already. Proud recommended treating 200 trees in fiscal year 2017 at an estimated cost of \$40,000 and continuing to treat through 2021, when 50 trees would be treated at an estimated cost of \$10,000. Council member Tom Gill said he preferred removing all of the trees rather than using chemicals and at a significant cost.
4. City Administrator's Time: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth asked Assistant City Engineer Scott Larson to update the council regarding tree removal in the Bridgewater subdivision. Larson shared the tree clearing plan for the project and said the tree removal has followed the clearing limit as delineated. He also noted street trees are to be included as part of the project.

Adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Assistant City Administrator