

**Coralville City Council
Work Session
August 14, 2018
Coralville City Hall**

Present: Mayor John Lundell; Council members Jill Dodds, Laurie Goodrich, Meghann Foster, Mitch Gross

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Chief of Police Shane Kron, Associate Arena Coordinator Nicky Beaurivage

Others Present: Tim Oswald, Piper Jaffray; Ralph Stephens, Licensed Massage Therapist; Carol "Charlie" Belding, Licensed Massage Therapist; Dede Dancing, Licensed Massage Therapist, Dancing Prairie Massage Therapy College; Beverly Birky, Licensed Massage Therapist, Spa Bilancia; Lisa Troughton, Licensed Massage Therapist, Peaceful Nature Massage; Margaret A. Glass, Licensed Massage Therapist, Coralville Chiropractic

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

1. Discussion of Massage Therapy Business Establishments Ordinance: City Attorney Kevin Olson provided background on the proposed ordinance, which passed a first reading in July. Olson explained that the process began with the City of Johnston, Iowa, ordinance, and that the state allowed for local regulation of massage therapy businesses in 2017. Olson said Johnston has successfully implemented the ordinance and that he met with local massage therapists to receive input. He added that the current version incorporated several changes and summarized the proposed ordinance. He noted there is no fee associated with permitting. One of the licensed massage therapists present stated that she was offended that the regulation was proposed to be under the Chief of Police and felt also that the information required for background checks was too vague and open to abuse. Mayor Lundell responded that it is appropriate for the Chief to review since he knows the type of criminal activity that the ordinance is trying to address and if the ordinance is abused there is a format for appeal.

A licensed massage therapist who was present noted that no background check is required to receive a state license. Council members Mitch Gross and Meghann Foster noted that background checks are required to teach and to volunteer at elementary schools and they are not offended and understand that it is necessary for protection of children. Council member Jill Dodds agreed.

Chief Kron clarified that he interprets "additional information required" for background checks as that information he may need to get the correct background check, for example, middle name, birth date, etc.

Ralph Stephens suggested rewriting the prostitution laws rather than regulating massage therapy. Chief Kron noted prostitution laws are written by the state and the ordinance is

intended to address criminal activity in Coralville, which is the area where the City has jurisdiction. He added that the Johnston ordinance has been tested in court and has passed. Lisa Troughton said she understood the importance of the ordinance and supports it. She requested a clarification or grace period regarding insurance and training in sections 133.04H and 133.04J. Olson said he would address those.

2. City Administrator's Time: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth reported on the following:
 - Requested feedback from the council on reserve fund replenishment for the Iowa Arena, and said he would provide more information.
 - Potential additional funding for the arena from New Market Tax Credits if they can be sold to a local bank.
 - Iowa City is moving to a two-year cycle for social services funding, which will allow for longer-term planning and less frequent applications for the agencies. Hayworth said Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel was working with the United Way on the multi-jurisdictional application and recommended that Coralville also consider a two-year cycle beginning with FY 20.
 - The first meeting in September will be in the Iowa Children's Museum and will include a tour.
 - Staff continues to work with the City of Tiffin and Scott Anderson concerning a shared road, property access, and future development.
 - A meeting in September with Coral Ridge Mall representatives regarding their plans for the future.
 - Plans for nine townhomes along Quarry Road.
 - A meeting with the City of Iowa City, attended by Councilman Tom Gill, Hayworth, John Thomas, and Iowa City Mayor Jim Throgmorton, regarding Iowa City's opposition to widening of Interstate 380, and resulting in a letter from Mayor Throgmorton to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Assistant City Administrator