

Minutes of the **Joint Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Coralville and the Johnson County Board of Supervisors will be held at City Hall, 1512 7th Street on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Coralville Council Present: Mayor Lundell, Foster, Gross, Gill, Dodds, Goodrich

Johnson County Board of Supervisors Present: Carberry, Friese, Green-Douglas, Sullivan

Also Present: Eve Casserly, Bill Laubengayer; Project Manager Matt Miller and Steering Committee Chairperson Lance Clemens for the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center; Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Coralville City Administrator Ellen Habel, Coralville Finance Director Tony Roetlin, and Coralville Director of Parks & Recreation Sherri Proud, Coralville City Clerk Thor Johnson.

Johnson County Supervisor Mike Carberry called the meeting to order. Carberry explained the County Board of Supervisors started having these annual joint meetings a few years ago with the larger communities in the County. They believe it is good to know what the cities and county are doing and finding out what they can do together.

Discussion/Updates:

Johnson County trails including the Clear Creek Trail.

Carberry read a trail report from Johnson County Conservation Program Manager Brad Freedhoff. The County is working on three trails right now. The Hoover Trail that will run from Cedar Rapids to West Branch. The County is working on the section coming from the County line near Ely to Solon. The trail is progressing at a good pace, all three bridges have been placed over Lingle Creek, Unnamed Creek and Mill Creek and the concrete decks have been poured. Culverts have been replaced or installed in most segments of the trail and some work remains at the trail head in Solon. Some segments of the trail have been poured and they will pour more in the coming weeks. The rest area trailhead and finish grading will take some time but they are on schedule with the project. Two of the three phases of this trail project will be completed this year and the third phase will be finished next year. The next trail project is the Mahaffey Bridge Trail from Solon to North Liberty where the trail between Solon and Mahaffey Bridge is a shared curbside along the road and a separate trail will go from the bridge to North Liberty. They are installing a box culvert underpass near the bridge, which required reducing the road to one lane controlled with a stop light. Most of the fill for grading of the trail, new retaining wall and new entrance of the U.S. Corps of Engineer's boat ramp and parking area has been added for the site. Work in that area will be completed this year and only one section will remain to complete the Cedar Falls to Coralville to Iowa City trail. Clear Creek trail is the final project. It is completed from the Tiffin 380 Interchange to Half Moon Avenue. They now have the needed parcels to extend to trail to F. W. Kent Park. Staff intends to file for grant money to have Engineering Staff engineer the trail to Kent Park. It will have one bridge over Buffalo Creek and another bridge or culvert to cross another drainage; the trail will be on the southside of the railroad tracks until it reaches Copi Road where it will cross at grade to the north side of the railroad tracks and continue for a mile and then go north to the Highway 6 Right-of-Way until it enters Kent Park. This project will take a couple of years to get all the grants and do the construction. Carberry stated Johnson County is working with Cedar and Iowa County to on their trail systems and a possible conservation bond issue like Johnson County that will not only to help with their trails, but to spread funds around to other parts of those counties.

Coralville Mayor John Lundell introduced Coralville Director of Parks & Recreation Sherri Proud to report on Coralville's trail projects. Proud reported the City is working on its final 1.2-mile section of Clear Creek Trail that extends from the east side of Deer Creek Road goes under I-380 using the Highway 6 Right-of-Way and connects with the Tiffin Clear Creek Trail. The whole Coralville Clear Creek Trail will be 6.4 miles when it is complete connecting to the University of Iowa campus to Tiffin. The bridge is being constructed east of Deer Creek Road and will lead to an at grade crossing at Deer Creek Road and go over the Creekside Ballpark. They hope to have it done in July so they can bike to the Creekside Cross. They hope to complete the whole trail by September. The IDOT will close parts of the trail in intervals as they construct the I-80/I-380 interchange, but the City hopes to work with the IDOT to make those closures short by working with the MPOJC to do trail counts to show how busy and well utilized the trail

will be. They are finishing a 3-mile figure eight single track trail for the Woodpecker Single Track course making for a total of 5.8 miles of riding. Creekside Cross opened last week a month early.

Further discussion on the details of the projects continued. Carberry noted he has been working with the Convention & Visitors Bureau to make Johnson County and the area a bicycle destination that featured almost any type of biking you may want to do like trails, mountain/off road biking, cyclocross and others instead of focusing on one type of biking like other areas. Bicycle tourists are known to spend a lot of money on food and beverages when they visit an area. Lundell noted the trail will be reestablished in the Iowa River Landing once the Latitude project is completed enough to allow the trail to go back in.

Funding for the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center.

Carberry noted the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center has previously been known as the CIT or Access Center. Johnson County Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglas reported Johnson County is going into closed session this week to discuss a property for the location of the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center. A subcommittee is working on figuring out the capital costs, programming to be provided, participating entities, and complying with the State's idea of an access center. There is currently a group that will be submitting proposed rules for access centers to the State, which looks really good and like this area's vision of an access center. Green-Douglas announced Johnson County has hired Matt Miller as Project Manager for the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center and she asked him to speak. Green-Douglas also introduced the chairperson of the Steering Committee Lance Clemens. Miller introduced himself and stated he is trying to meet with everyone on the Steering Committee individually and he is working on various subcommittees to work on different aspects of the facility like finance, facility and governance so they can hit the ground running when they have a location. They plan to have a solid project plan that includes the number of beds and plans for the building or buildings in two or three months along with a better understanding of how much it will cost. Clemens introduced himself and explained he is taking over from previous chair Jessica Peckover who led the committee through much of the research phase. They are now entering the action phase where everything will come together. They are contemplating a temporary facility as well as a permanent facility so they can get things up and running because the need is there. They anticipate to come back to this group and the other municipalities in the near future to ask for what they will need from them. This project will make a large impact. Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan added the City will benefit from this facility by saving Police Officers time. Currently if they take someone to the Jail it takes one to two hours and if they go to the emergency room it takes at least 7 hours. This facility would take an officer about 10 minutes to drop someone off. It may not, even though it could save money but it will definitely save time that officer could be doing something else and providing a higher level of public safety. Green-Douglas noted not only those that need the services will benefit, but public safety personnel and agencies, emergency rooms and jails will too. Sullivan invited the Coralville Mayor and Council to the closed session at 10:00 am on Friday about the facility property/building since they are stakeholders. Clemens noted Iowa is about last in the nation to take care of the population that experiences behavioral health crisis's but there is a lot of momentum building to change this. They then discussed how Medicaid and Mental Health regions and Johnson County will have to pay for some of the costs of the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center. The cities will participate in the capital and set up costs and not the operational costs. Sullivan noted the great thing about the partnerships is the skills different entities bring to the table and the UIHC will help with figuring out how to find eligibility and get help from Medicaid and insurance companies. Clemens noted this will not just be a facility for the Medicaid population, but for the whole community and anyone in a mental health crisis just as the hospital is for all people with a medical crisis. Coralville City Councilmember Mitch Gross liked the name of the new center because it told you exactly what it is for. Green-Douglas explained that the name is still under discussion and could change. The facility will not provide child specific services due to the additional complexities, people and entities that are involved, but it could expand to provide those services in the future once they are established. Sullivan noted most of Coralville's Police Officers have undergone CIT training and Coralville City Administrator confirmed most of the officers have and the rest will be done in the next two trainings. Positive feedback has been received on their training from residents, the school district and hospital.

Discuss Sunday transit service.

Sullivan stated he has spoken with a two people; one who lives in Coralville and one that works in Coralville and both of whom use SEATS. They wanted him to bring up this topic next time the 28E Paratransit Agreement was negotiated. Gill noted they are hearing feedback that people want Sunday, second and third shift routes for SEATS service, but the truth is some of regular routes are not being used enough let alone adding more. SEATS services the same routes for the same hours as the normal transit routes in Johnson County. Carberry added the hotel industry is affected by the lack of Sunday routes. They cannot get the rooms cleaned on Sunday because employees who use the bus cannot get to work that day so the rooms are not available until Monday even if the guest has left. Iowa City is conducting a study of routes. Lundell noted there will never be a fixed route service on Sundays, second and third shifts, but taxi companies have suggested a voucher system for a long time. Lundell added the hotels could offer its employees a voucher for taxi rides to work as a job incentive. Gross noted Coralville opted out of the survey at this time because it would not be accurate with all of the construction going on right now. Sullivan agreed with Lundell that a smaller solution is in order, but all of the area transit systems should use the same solution and coordinate, because they are interconnected. Carberry mentioned Cedar Rapids uses an on-demand service for neighborhoods when the transit system isn't operating where people can pay \$5 to get a ride to work or somewhere else. Several Supervisors and Councilmembers noted there will also need to be a regional discussion about transit services as the whole region along the Corridor becomes more interdependent and they need to start planning for the next 25 to 30 years.

Other

For other discussion Carberry asked about road construction in Coralville. Lundell responded all road projects are on schedule and will continue until late fall. Lundell thanked the Supervisors for pushing for this joint meeting and the next time they have one it may be time for another bus tour of Coralville and Johnson County projects and developments. Lisa Douglas remembered last time they had toured the historic poor farm and now they are going to unveil their first sign for it in July. She invited everyone to come out for it as well as to see the changes going on out there, like the land being used to grow food for local pantries. Sullivan suggested if they have a bus tour next time it should include the West Land Use area, because things are beginning to happen out there. Lundell reported they had the groundbreaking for the Arena recently and dirt will start being moved Monday. Lundell gave credit to President Josh Schamberger, Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth and Coralville staff for getting the Arena project off the ground and it will be completed by 2020.

Discussion from Public

There was no discussion from the public

Carberry adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Thor Johnson, Coralville City Clerk