

**Coralville City Council  
Work Session  
February 28, 2023  
City Hall**

Present: Mayor Meghann Foster, Council Members Mike Knudson, Hai Huynh, Laurie Goodrich, Keith Jones, Mitch Gross

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud

Others Present: Charlie Eastham, Lisa Williams, Ashley Reedy, Iowa City Community School District

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 7:50 pm.

1. March Planning and Zoning Submittals: There were no submittals presented.
2. Iowa City Community School District Preschool Presentation: Lisa Williams and Charlie Eastham of the Iowa City Community School District Board and Ashley Reedy of the district staff were present to discuss preschool and wrap-around care in the district. Williams reviewed the value of preschool and three options for municipal contributions based on enrollments. Based on those options, Williams said Coralville's contribution would be \$308,000 to \$359,000 annually of the \$1.6 million needed for the program. Williams noted that 81 Johnson County preschoolers receive child care assistance whereas 40% of district students qualify for free and reduced lunch because of the difference in criteria. Williams said the request is for 10% of LOSST and that Supervisor Sullivan had noted that 50% of LOSST must go to property tax relief so the request for preschool is closer to 30% for each local government. The council discussed and encouraged a review of the figures in light of the LOSST distribution formula. The council agreed to continue the conversation but noted ongoing budget constraints. Williams added that the costs for each local government would change if some choose not to participate. The council also inquired about transportation challenges for families.

At this time the representatives from the school district left the meeting.

3. Parks and Recreation Department Report: Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud shared her 2022 annual report, including a review of trails, tree planting, and programming in recreation, sports, and partnerships. She also provided an update on the aquatic center, indoor pool, special events, Brown Deer Golf Club, rental facilities, Center for the Performing Arts, and projects.
4. City Administrator's Time: Hayworth provided updates on the following:

- Work continues on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget while waiting on the updated revenue numbers. Hayworth noted the need to consider FY25 as well and avoid recurring costs. Hayworth said some cities have estimated that the legislation currently under consideration may result in a 30% decrease in revenues if passed. He also said the renewal premium for property, casualty, and liability insurance will go up by 25%.
- Work continues by staff on the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, RAGBRAI preparations, and an expanded 4thFest.
- The developer for the Southeast Commercial Area continues to work with the property owners and the building designs are very appealing.
- The search for a Director of Finance continues and additional interviews took place last week.

Adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator