

**Coralville City Council
Work Session
April 11, 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 Finance Melissa Christianson

Others Present: Dave Wilson, Johnson County Emergency Management Agency; Jennifer Banta, United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties; one media representative

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

1. Tornado Recovery Update: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth introduced Dave Wilson of Johnson County Emergency Management Agency and Jennifer Banta of United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties. Wilson noted the timely response by the Coralville Fire Department and other local partners in response to the tornado of March 31. Wilson said the Red Cross Shelter at the Recreation Center also serves as a triage and intake point for resources and can direct those impacted by the storm to the Long Term Recovery Committee, which includes HACAP, Red Cross, Johnson County Social Services, and the Salvation Army. Wilson noted that each organization has different criteria and that United Way is both a hub for resources and can assist with unmet needs; he added that it is important to keep people on the coordinated track for assistance so they get the help available to them.

Wilson said Governor Reynolds declared the disaster on April 1 and it is uncertain whether the state will meet the level for a federal disaster declaration that would result in public assistance paid at 75% federal share. He said crowd source funding, while well intended, is not eligible for reimbursement and should be used only after other resources are exhausted. He stressed the importance of following established protocols for assistance and the speed with which assistance can be provided.

Banta reviewed the step-by-step recovery plan available in multiple languages. She said the first step is to self-report in Crisis Track, then initiate personal insurance, then file for Iowa Individual Assistance Grant through HACAP, then apply for Red Cross assistance, and as a last resort, Johnson County Social Services General Assistance. Banta noted the United Way of Iowa's 211 hotline is available by call or text for services.

At this time, Councilor Gross left the meeting.

Wilson noted that Iowa Legal Aid is assisting tenants with recovering deposits. Hayworth noted that EMA has resources and a process and they work very well together.

At this time, Banta and Wilson left the meeting.

2. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Discussion: Hayworth said the fund balances will be in the packet for the next City Council meeting along with percentages from the financial policies so transfers can be made before May 31 for the budget amendment. He added that the budget amendment process would begin in May.

At this time the media representative left.

Hayworth said the refinancings previously discussed with Tim Oswald of Piper Sandler will also be completed by June 30. Regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, he said the property tax levy is proposed to be unchanged from FY2023.

There was discussion regarding social services funding in future years and the various ways the City supports non-profit organizations.

3. City Administrator's Time: Hayworth provided updates on the following:

- Coralville has been selected as one of KCRG's "Our Town" features for this year.

Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Deputy City Administrator