

## **Coralville City Council**

### **Work Session**

**June 9, 2020**

**Via Electronic Meeting because a meeting in person is impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of Council members, staff, and the public presented by COVID-19**

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Director of Finance Tony Roetlin

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

1. Discussion of recent community tensions: Mayor Lundell and the members of the City Council compiled a list of items regarding the Coralville Police Department that they would like more information on, including the "8 Can't Wait" list, manuals, implicit bias training, mental health support, frequency of training, citizen's review board, hiring of officers who have been terminated previously for violence, increased pay, available equipment, the threshold for use of tear gas, and data on use of force and traffic stops. They also requested information on recruitment of employees city-wide. City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said he would compile this information. Councilor Gross said he knows the Coralville Police Department is very skilled in de-escalation and Hayworth responded that is a significant part of the crisis intervention training that all officers in the county participate in. Councilor Goodrich commented that many questions regarding police operations and procedures can be answered by participating in the Citizens' Police Academy.

Mayor Lundell said the curfew's continuance was based on intelligence received.

Hayworth noted that employees and others are under increased stress as a result of the pandemic, protests, and budget concerns, in addition to any personal issues. He said that in those cases where employees have contacted Mayor Lundell, the mayor has explained the process of working with administrative staff to resolve issues.

2. City Administrator's Time: Hayworth reported on the following:
  - The budget amendments approved at the regular meeting formalized the discussions that have been held previously and are the result of COVID-19 budget implications. He again mentioned the stressors and morale.
  - He is working a lot with Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel regarding affordable housing projects through CDBG; the Blue Sky Development project in Summit Hills will have a positive impact on that neighborhood. Hayworth commended Debi Durham for her work as director of both the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority for making the programs more workable. Hayworth said he hopes

some of these funding opportunities will work in the area near Coralville Central Elementary.

- Approximately 2,000 students in the Iowa City Community School District don't have Internet access. Hayworth said in Coralville these students are primarily in the Kirkwood Elementary and Northwest Junior High area. He said the Better Together committee is reviewing this information along with how they might address it.
- Councilor Goodrich inquired about Census self-response rates. Habel reported that some tracts are at about 60% and continue to make some progress; others are at about 80%. She said she has talked to the Census Bureau about the need for action during the four-month delay in non-response follow-up. Habel said the City continues to work on getting the word out.

Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Assistant City Administrator