

Coralville City Council
Work Session
July 25, 2023

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

Staff Present: Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel; City Engineer Scott Larson, Community Development Director Dave Johnson, City Attorney Kevin Olson and City Clerk Thorsten Johnson.

Members of the public. Numerous neighbors for the speed limit presentation by City Engineer Larson.

Mayor Foster opened the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Community Development Director Johnson presented the proposed PUD Site Plan for Altmaier Acres, a one-lot subdivision located south of Lowe's and U.S. Highway 6 and at the westerly terminus of James Street. This site is proposed to be developed as an Industrial Planned Unit Development with light manufacturing/warehouse and office uses with room for expansion in the future. Johnson also presented the PUD Site Plan for Woodspring Suites, which will be located on the east side of Coral Ridge Avenue.

City Engineer Scott Larson presented his recommendation for reducing/changing speed limits in the areas of North Liberty Rd/First Avenue; Rustic Ridge Road and Dubuque Street N.E. Larson answered some of the questions that local residents had presented to the Council. Larson recommended 35 mph to the north of the city limits out to the roundabout and then 45 mph continuing north of the roundabout into the North Liberty roundabout and to reduce the Dubuque Street speed limit to 45 mph. Larson stated that he had been in contact with Johnson County Engineer Greg Parker and that he was generally in agreement with the recommendations. Council desired to get the ordinance passed prior to school start on August 23, 2023.

City Clerk Thorsten Johnson gave his annual report to the City Council and distributed statistics about numbers of permits and cemetery plots that are under his purview. Johnson noted that only the interest can be used on perpetual care funds for the maintenance of the cemetery and a general discussion occurred about increasing options in the cemetery (i.e. columbariums).

Deputy City Administrator Habel gave her report by thanking Scott Larson for all of his work on the speed limit issues and also stated that Lynn Knight had started as the replacement for the retired Mike Funke.

Mayor Foster inquired about the streambank mitigation project and staff responded that the mitigation banking instrument would be coming to the Council soon for approval.

Councilmember Jones indicated that he indicated to the Council prior to his appointment that he would not seek a full term on the City Council and that he would honor that pledge and will not be seeking election in November. Jones also noted that National Night Out is August 1, 2023.

Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Notes taken by Kevin Olson, City Attorney