

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORALVILLE,
JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE CORALVILLE
CITY COUNCIL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coralville, Johnson County, IA was held at City Hall, 1512 7th Street on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 with Mayor Meghann Foster presiding and was called to order at 6:30 PM. Recorded webcasts of this meeting are on Mediacom 118-8 and on-demand at www.coralville.org/coralvision.

The following Council Members were present: Knudson, Gross, Huynh, Jones, Goodrich.

The following Staff were present: City Attorney Don Diehl; City Attorney Kevin Olson; City Administrator Kelly Hayworth; Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel; City Engineer Scott Larson; Community Development Director Dave Johnson; Police Chief Shane Kron; Parks Superintendent Alex Buhmeyer; Production Assistant Wyatt Johnson; Communications Specialist Jon Hines; and City Clerk Thorsten J. Johnson.

Motion by Gross, seconded by Goodrich to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

Votes are 5 Ayes for Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances unless otherwise noted.

Mayor Meghann Foster proclaimed February 2023 as “Black History Month.” After reading the proclamation Foster explained Johnson County Supervisor Royceann Porter was going to receive the proclamation tonight but she is in Washington D.C. attending the National Association of Counties Conference. Instead, Porter will receive the proclamation Friday night at the Soul Food Dinner which will be held for the first time in Coralville at the Library from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Foster is excited to have the Soul Food dinner in Coralville stating it is a great way to honor Black history in our town as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

Foster proclaimed March 2023 as “Women’s History Month” and March 8, 2023 as “International Women’s Day.” Jim Throgmorton and Board Member Bijou Maliabo representing the Johnson County United Nations Association (JCUNA) accepted the proclamation. Throgmorton noted the proclamation includes important information about global deforestation and women’s role in reforestation. JUNCO supports the attention to this topic as part of their “Sustainable Development Goal #15 – Life on Land” and they want to emphasize the important work of small holder’s sustainable food production here in Johnson County and around the world. Work often done and led by women. They honor this work at the “Night of 1,000 Dinners” event. Throgmorton stated JUNCO would like to work with Coralville on use of their 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a means to promote and measure Coralville’s work on sustainability, social justice, no hunger and all the objectives for the SDGs. Throgmorton invited the Mayor and Council to the “Night of 1,000 Dinners” on March 8th starting at 6:00 PM at the Mercer Aquatic Center in Iowa City. Throgmorton thanked the Mayor for the proclamation. Maliabo is a Board Member of JUNCO and Commissioner for the Iowa City Human Rights Commission. Maliabo thanked the Mayor and Council for doing this for the community and recognizing “Women’s History Month.”

There were no community comments.

URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENTS ~ PUBLIC HEARING

City Attorney Kevin Olson reported both Consultations for these amendments were scheduled for January 31, 2023 at 2:00 PM. The Boards for Johnson County, Iowa City Community School District and Clear Creek Amana School District were invited to attend. None of their representatives attended the consultation. Johnson County Executive Director Mike Hensch sent a letter stating no one from the Board of Supervisors had any comments on Amendment No. 14 for the Mall & Highway 6 Urban Renewal Plan or Amendment No. 11 for the Coralville Urban Renewal Plan and they would not be attending either Consultation.

Foster declared this the time for a public hearing on Amendment No. 14 to the proposed Amended and Restated Mall & Highway 6 Urban Renewal Plan. There were no public or written comments. Foster closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

Resolution approving Amendment No. 14 to the Amended and Restated Mall & Highway 6 Urban Renewal Plan for the Mall & Highway 6 Urban Renewal Area was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

Resolution approving a Development Agreement with Viewpoint Molecular Targeting, Inc. for the relocation of its business to 4125 WestCor Court, was introduced by Gross, seconded by Goodrich. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

Foster declared this the time for a public hearing on Amendment No. 11 to the proposed Amended and Restated Coralville Urban Renewal Plan. There were no public or written comments. Foster closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

Resolution approving Amendment No. 11 to the Amended and Restated Coralville Urban Renewal Plan for the Coralville Urban Renewal Area, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Jones. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

3921 2nd STREET MORTGAGE ~ PUBLIC HEARING

Foster declared this the time for a public hearing on entering into a mortgage with First Interstate Bank for 3921 2nd Street. There were no public or written comments. Foster closed the public hearing.

After the resolution, Councilperson Mike Knudson asked what the City's interest is in this item. City Administrator Kelly Hayworth explained this is for an economic development project the City has been working on with Southgate Development. They are still working on a location and subdivision but the developer received a very favorable loan for the project several months ago. These resolutions and agreements will help them keep the loan and the City Attorney has put together an agreement to protect the City's interests. City Attorney Kevin Olson explained the City will have access to \$200,000.00 from one of Southgate's bank accounts so any mechanics liens can be cleared off or if the development does not happen on this site. This will help make sure the development happens in Coralville. Knudson asked where the location is and Hayworth responded just west of the Western Hills Mobile Home Park. Councilperson Hai Huynh asked if this will expand the mobile home park. Hayworth responded no the project is for a manufacturing facility. Knudson clarified with Hayworth that this loan gives the developer a cheaper rate than if they had to refinance it and then they will not be able to afford the development. Councilperson Keith Jones added this provides collateral for the loan otherwise the bank will not give it to them. Huynh asked if the mortgage gives a deadline for the subdivision to be completed. Olson responded if the subdivision is done the City's mortgage will be released and West Coralville Investment, LLC will take over the mortgage; if the development doesn't happen the mortgage will be released and in the unlikely event Souhtgate which is West Coralville Investment, LLC tries to breach the agreement and take money out of the mortgage the City can terminate it.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16

Resolution approving entering into a mortgage with First Interstate Bank for property generally referred to a 3921 2nd Street, was introduced by Jones, seconded by Gross. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

Resolution approving an Agreement with West Coralville Investment, LLC for a proposed Economic Development Project at 3921 2nd Street, was introduced by Goodrich, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

IOWA RIVER LANDING RETAIL LEASE ~ PUBLIC HEARING

Foster declared this the time for a public hearing on the disposal of an interest in real property and alternate proposals for the leasing of 211 E. 9th Street, Suite 135, Coralville, Iowa. There were no public or written comments. Foster closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

Resolution approving the disposition of property and approving a Lease Agreement with Blue Agave City, LLC, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Jones. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

OAKDALE BOULEVARD EXTENSION

It was noted the public hearing will be February 28, 2023 pending final environmental permit clearance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19

Resolution resetting a public hearing on the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for Oakdale Boulevard Extension, was introduced by Gross, seconded by Goodrich. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

CENTRAL TRUNK SEWER PHASE 1

It was noted the public hearing will be February 28, 2023 pending final environmental permit clearance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20

Resolution setting a public hearing on the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the Central Trunk Sewer Phase 1, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Gross. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – DOVETAIL AND COLONY

Parks Superintendent and City Forester Alex Buhmeyer reported they are excited about this project and noted the City normally uses REAP grants for land acquisitions so using them for forest management is exciting for the Parks Department and the last time they did a project like this was in 2018. The focus of the project is to remove understory invasive species in the Dovetail Recreation Area and Colony Open Space timber stands. This will make it easier to manage these areas internally with Parks Department staff and make the areas accessible for outdoor recreational activities. Four bids were received and opened on February 2nd. Bids ranged from \$6,000.00 to 26,251.02 for the Dovetail Recreation Area and \$52,000.00 to \$341,250.00 for the Colony Open Space. Staff recommends accepting the lowest most responsive bids from Larkspur Ecological Restoration, LLC for work at the Dovetail Recreation Area including the base bid and Alternate #1 to remove the cut debris for a total of \$7,500.00 and from Triple B Construction for work at the Colony Open Space including the base bid and Alternate #2 to chip and pile cut debris for a total of \$91,500.00. Both contractors are highly recommended with Larkspur Ecological Restoration recommended by IDNR Forester Mark Vitosh and Triple B being recommended by Coralville Stormwater Coordinator Amy Foster after performing satisfactory work for the Colony Fen Erosion and Dewatering Correction Project. Work will begin in Mid-February with completion of the first half by April 1st. Additional tasks will be completed by October 1st before final acceptance. Buhmeyer reviewed the bid

tabs and maps of the project areas. Knudson asked if the bids fall within the amount of the REAP Grant and Buhmeyer responded the REAP Grant was for \$100,000.00 and the bids came in under at \$99,000.00. Buhmeyer noted the recommended prescription calls clearing the timber stands three different times during different life cycles of the forest to make sure they take care of all the invasive species. Buhmeyer showed the Council maps of the project sites noting a hillside in the Dovetail Recreation Area that has needed work done for a long time and an amendment in the Colony Open Space to breakout an area with a stream. The reason for breaking the Colony Open Space into different areas is due to differences in density and terrain so they could get more accurate bids. Buhmeyer noted access to the north of the Colony Open Space and that a special easement was granted through the Colony property to provide the access. Knudson was surprised by the wide range in the bids and Buhmeyer agreed speculating the high bidder, Seamless Excavation & Grading, LLC, might not have as much focus in this type of project while the other three bids from more experienced companies were closer together in range. Huynh asked if this type of treatment has been done in Dovetail before. Buhmeyer responded no, the last project like this was done along the Clear Creek Recreational Trail, Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills East and the Stables.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21

Resolution approving quotation and awarding a Contract for the Timber Stand Improvement Project – Dovetail and Colony, was introduced by Jones, seconded by Gross. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET – MAXIMUM LEVY

After the motion was made, Hayworth reported the Iowa Legislature is considering changing the roll back that the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is based off of because the legislation dictating how to calculate the rollback was not written correctly. The Legislature is correcting the legislation and having the rollback recalculated as they intended it to be. This will reduce the roll back by 2% which will reduce Coralville's property tax revenues by \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00. The City will know the exact amount when the County applies the new rollback to the City's evaluation. Foster asked about an amendment introduced by Representative Dave Jacoby that did not pass in committee. Hayworth reported Jacoby plans on introducing the amendment again for the whole House to consider and the amendment would have the State take care of the impact of the change to City budgets across the state. The Senate has already approved the change and the House will take it up tomorrow. Foster thanked Jacoby for trying to find a way to protect taxpayers and keep City's FY 2024 Budget whole. Knudson added they might delay the budget deadline if they approved the change. The public hearing will be set for March 14, 2023.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Gross to table the **resolution** setting a public hearing date on the total maximum property tax dollars for the Fiscal Year 2024 until February 28, 2023. Motion carried.

CLEAR CREEK MITIGATION BANK

Ordinance No. 2023-1001 An ordinance authorizing the City of Coralville to engage in offering the sale of streambank mitigation credits to public and private entities pursuant to Chapter 23A of the Code of Iowa, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh for 2nd consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

WESTCOR BUSINESS PARK, PART 14, PARCEL #0635276007

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1002 An ordinance amending the Coralville Zoning Ordinance, the same being Ordinance No. 2020-1009, as previously amended, rezoning certain property located within the corporate limits of the City of Coralville, Johnson County, Iowa and generally known as Westcor Business Park, Part 14, Parcel #0635276007, from I-PUD 1, Industrial Planned Unit Development One District, to C-PUD 2, Commercial Planned Unit Development Two District, was introduced by Gross, seconded by Goodrich for 2nd consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

HYATT REGENCY CORALVILLE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

After the resolution was read, Knudson was at Houses into Homes this weekend and they are anxiously awaiting some of the furniture being replaced with this renovation. Foster added this will keep it out of the Landfill. Hayworth added Habitat Restore and Coralville Friends of the Library will also receive items being replaced in this renovation. This agreement is not to exceed \$720,476.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

Resolution approving an Agreement with M.A. Mortenson Company to perform renovation of the rooms at the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Jones. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

UTILITY RESILIENCE PROJECT

After the resolution was read, Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel reported the \$20,000,000.00 grant application for the construction phase of the Utility Resilience Project was submitted in late January. Habel reminded the Council the City received an initial grant covering preparation of the grant application and to further define the Utility Resilience Project that will move utility lines from backyards to front yards and bury them underground generally south of I-80 in the MidAmerican Energy Company service area. The City will continue to work on historical, environmental and design this summer with money from the first grant so they are ready to go if awarded the second grant. This supplemental agreement will allow Stanley Consultants to continue helping the City with those previously mentioned items to prepare for the Utility Resilience Project through March 2023 for not to exceed \$10,000.00. Habel reported the City's staff representative in Des Moines told her of the three projects that applied for this grant our application was ranked first which is really promising. Foster thanked Habel for all of her work. Jones asked if the decision on the grant will be in November or late fall. Habel responded yes, and noted the decision on the grant is normally made by FEMA in Washington D.C. and it will go to the regional office in Kansas City for more refinement. We could get a little bit of an indication on what the decision will be when it gets to Kansas City. Knudson asked if the \$10,000.00 for this Supplemental Agreement is covered by the initial grant. Habel responded yes. Knudson asked what the City's investment in this grant process has been in addition to her time working on it. Habel responded our share is 20% and the initial agreement with Stanley Consultants is \$10,000.00 and City Engineer Scott Larson has also put in time. Huynh asked what MidAmerican Energy Company might contribute to this project. Habel stated MidAmerican is a partner in this grant process and the City is continuing to work with them on how they will participate on the second grant. MidAmerican has indicated they will be a financial participant.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23

Resolution approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Stanley Consultants, Inc. to provide continued assistance the Utility Resilience Project, was introduced by Jones, seconded by Gross. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

MOTION BY HUYNH TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR items a-u inclusive:

- a) Approve minutes for the January 24, 2023 Coralville City Council Regular Meeting.
- b) Approve Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for the **Vine**
- c) **Tavern & Eatery**: Eff. 3/1.
- d) Approve Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for **Longhorn Steakhouse #5483**: Eff. 3/1.
- e) Approve payment to **All Service Contracting Corp.** for Water Plant Filter #2 Media Replacement (#222606-1): \$50,928.00.
- f) Approve payment to **Mississippi Valley Pump, Inc.** for Ebara Pump repairs for Wastewater (#14460): \$12,121.00.
- g) Approve payment to **Republic Services #897** for Waste/Recycling pickup and overages (#0897-000981326): \$10,254.63.

- h) Ratify payment of Draw #17 to **Marcus Hotels & Resorts** for the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center Improvements Project Invoices: \$879,111.00. (These funds will be reimbursed from the 2022H PIP Loan at West Bank.)
- i) Approve payment to **Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR)** for Colony Fen Erosion Repair (#01147-0012-1): \$28,714.13.
- j) Approve payment to **Iowa-Illinois Taylor Insulation, Inc. (IITI)** for asbestos abatement at 614 & 614 ½ 4th Avenue (#22023531): \$12,735.00.
- k) Approve payment to **Stanley Consultants, Inc.** for BRIC Application Utility Resilience Assistance (#0244269): \$10,000.00.
- l) Approve payment to **MMS Consultants, Inc.** for Oakdale Blvd Extension Jones Blvd West (#35249): \$15,000.00.
- m) Approve payment to **Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.** for:
 - i) Kempf Lift Station Abandonment – Design Services (#3) \$995.00
 - ii) Oakdale Boulevard Force Main Impr. – Design Services (#4) \$1,194.00
 - iii) West Land Use Central Trunk Sewer – Lower Reach (#9) \$878.59
 - iv) West Land Use Central Trunk Sewer – Upper Reach (#10) \$35,072.37
 - v) Well 15 Improvements – Design Services (#12) \$199.00
- n) Ratify the Accounting Services Agreement with **Abdo Financial Solutions** and approve payment for accounting services needed to research 2021/2022 bank reconciliation issues (#466516): \$10,732.50.
- o) Approve Loan Recipient Acceptance for SRF loan WRR16-004: IRL Xtream Arena Green Roof, IRL Staybridge Suites Green Roof and the Colony Fen Complex Land Acquisition and Management Plan.
- p) Approve quotation and payment to **Schimberg Co.** for water main materials for Phase 1 of the 5th Street Improvements – 12th Avenue to 20th Avenue: \$97,615.38.
- q) Accept bids and approve payment to **Stew Hansen Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa** for one 2023 Chrysler Pacifica: \$36,313.50. (This is the State of Iowa bid and this is part of the normal Police Department fleet rotation.)
- r) Accept bids and approve payment to **Stivers Ford, Waukee, Iowa** for 3 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Vehicles with AWD and select options: \$129,876.00. (This is the State of Iowa Bid and each vehicle is \$43,292.00.)
- s) Approve attendance of Jon Hines to the NBA Show 2023 at the Las Vegas Convention Center from April 15-19, 2023: \$1,779.56.
- t) Approve the July 2022, August 2022 and September 2022 Treasurer's Reports.
- u) Approve Bill List for February 14, 2023.

Seconded by Goodrich. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Receipts for the month of July were General: \$3,510,471.64; Road Use: \$273,022.58; Police Grant: \$9,020.32; Employee Benefits: \$19,063.76; Iowa River Landing Operation: \$234,173.91; TIF-12th Avenue: \$10,546.04; TIF-Oakdale: \$98.04; TIF-Mall/Hwy 6: \$5,902.61; Debt Service: \$16,883.10; Rental Properties: \$6,738.57; Street Improvements: \$642,224.00; Iowa River Landing: \$65.66; Brownfields: \$3,647.41; Trail Improvements: \$7,770.00; Trust & Agency: \$62,575.00; Perpetual Care: \$275.00; Water: \$282,894.29; Sewer: \$438,554.20; Parking: \$513,677.13; Solid Waste: \$112,548.21; Transit: \$169,588.15; Storm Water: \$59,266.09; Hotel: \$778,842.06. Total receipts for July 2022 were \$7,157,847.77 and of this \$93,810.71 were property tax.

Receipts for the month of August were General: \$5,281,174.80; Road Use: \$273,740.16; Police Grant: \$2,124.09; Employee Benefits: \$427.36; Iowa River Landing Operation: \$260,018.45; TIF-12th Avenue: \$12,577.48; TIF-Oakdale: \$118.89; Debt Service: \$447,454.00; Rental Properties: \$16,011.57; Iowa River Landing: \$129.16; Brownfields: \$666.15; West Land Use: \$53,047.10; Water Improvements: \$148,763.82; Trust & Agency: \$24,089.92; Perpetual Care: \$100.00; Water: \$322,433.07; Sewer: \$678,789.17; Parking: \$801,146.78; Solid Waste: \$122,962.85; Transit: \$123,058.44; Storm Water: \$63,126.57; Hotel: \$620,725.01. Total receipts for August 2022 were \$9,252,648.84 and of this \$1,925.80 were property tax.

Receipts for the month of September were General: \$3,146,914.94; Road Use: \$415,337.69; Police Grant: \$1,857.07; Employee Benefits: \$476,403.90; Iowa River Landing Operation: \$271,057.86; TIF-12th Avenue: \$66,906.64; TIF-Oakdale: \$25,333.47; TIF-Mall/Hwy 6: \$383,118.42; Debt Service: \$356,343.72; Rental Properties: \$25,284.57; Iowa River Landing: \$179.09; Brownfields: \$994.43; Trust & Agency: \$26,465.15; Perpetual Care: \$1550.00; Water: \$334,792.84; Sewer: \$551,226.20; Parking: \$583,450.49; Solid Waste: \$131,138.67; Transit: \$150,316.19; Storm Water: \$63,103.96; Hotel: \$2,080,034.91. Total receipts for September 2022 were \$9,091,810.21 and of this \$2,621,014.19 were property tax.

City Administrator Kelly Hayworth reported Coralville has been selected as an overnight stop for RAGBRAI's 50th tour of the State. The City is putting together 19 different committees and looking for volunteers to head up those committees as well as volunteers who want to participate, host to have riders stay in their homes or yards, be food vendors and there are several other opportunities for individuals or groups to get involved. Hayworth asked those interested to contact City Hall and they will get them in touch with the right people. Knudson asked if there will be a website for people to sign up at. Hayworth responded there will be but it will be a couple of weeks down the road.

Mayor Meghann Foster is excited to host RAGBRAI noting it will be another great way to highlight Coralville's Sesquicentennial celebration. Foster invited everyone to the Soul Food Dinner Friday night at the Library and noted in addition to the meal there will be two showings of the documentary "Soul Food Junkie" from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This is a great way to learn a little bit about the history of Soul Food and its cultural significance for the Black community. Foster thanked Johnson County Supervisor Royceann Porter for all her work to host the Soul Food dinner and the staff at the Coralville Public Library for organizing and supporting this event. Foster reported January 23rd the Domestic Violence Intervention Program will be hosting its 26th Annual "Soup or Bowl" event at the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center. Foster thanked the City for its support and they are excited to have this event back in person. People can select a bowl and choose from over 30 different soups from local restaurants. Foster wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

City Attorney's Don Diehl and Kevin Olson had nothing to report.

Councilperson Laurie Goodrich is looking forward to having Coralville 150th Celebration tables at the "Soul Food Dinner" and other events. Goodrich reported the Coralville 150th Celebration Committee is looking for photos people may have of their lifetime and things in Coralville that they can borrow, copy and return. You can contact Goodrich at lgoodrich@coralville.org; or go on the website 150th Anniversary page or at the Library. Friends of the Library received \$3,598.12 at their latest book sale and Goodrich thanked those who submitted books. Goodrich asked people to watch for a sale of new items coming to Friends of the Library very soon.

Councilperson Keith Jones reported the Coralville's Veterans Memorial is nearing completion with only \$30,000.00 needed and there is still time to get in as a donor by honoring a veteran, or being a community member wishing to be a part of this project. You can find more information at www.coralville.org. They hope to have a ceremony at the memorial on Veterans Day 2023.

Councilperson Hai Huynh let community members know about the Chat & Chai hosted by Community Resource Coordinator Samir Abdalla as a way for community members to come to the Library and learn about community resources, ask questions or just enjoy some really good Chai. They hope to make this position permanent because it is important and Abdalla has helped countless community members who didn't even know these services existed and helped them fill out applications. Chat & Chai is every Tuesday and the first Saturday of every month from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Foster attended Chat & Chai last weekend and let everyone know the Chai is fantastic and the work Abdalla has done is outstanding.

Councilperson Mitch Gross reported there will be a CVB meeting on Thursday. Gross has spoken to a few people about traffic during the recent Iowa State Girls Wrestling Tournament and thought it would be a good idea to have an article in the next *Beat* or *Connection* about the economic impact of these events so people realize their benefit when enduring the short term impact on traffic so they might be more accepting of it. Gross commented on the recent impact the legislature has had on Coralville and other

Iowa community's budgets stating this is a partisan issue and the problem is because of the changes made in property taxes and the roll back years ago when Governor Reynolds pledged the State would backfill to cover the revenues lost by cities due to the State redoing property taxes. Then they reneged on the backfill. Gross added this current mistake by the Governor's Finance Director was made in October and Coralville found out about it in January in the middle of the Budget process. Gross noted our Representative Dave Jacoby came up with a solution to cover this \$127 million loss to cities using the \$2 Billion Tax Trust fund. Now because of Governor Reynold's decisions and property tax changes cities are going to either have to raise taxes or cut services. Gross is frustrated because cities are forced to make this decision now when it could have been solved in October. Foster agreed and noted it is funny the same party that wants to protect taxpayers literally said in the same breath during the hearing they want to protect the taxpayers and they want cities to raise their property taxes so they don't have to.

Councilperson Mike Knudson seconded Gross's comments and stated the way this was handled is horrific. Knudson noted if the City raises the levy it will not be an increase in taxes it will just make things neutral with the change in the rollback. Knudson participated in the Johnson County Solar Breakfast last week and learned more about financing and how solar energy is in its infancy. The Inflation Reduction Act has created a lot of opportunities for renewable energy in the future and he hopes they can take advantage of it. Knudson thanked Huynh for a tour of the new Food Pantry facility and noted it was packed Saturday and doing a lot of good for the community.

Motion by Huynh, seconded by Gross to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion carried.

Meghann Foster, Mayor

Thorsten J. Johnson, City Clerk