

**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, March 8, 2022 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, Huynh, Dodds, Goodrich. Absent: Gross.

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; Finance Director Tony Roetlin; Human Resource/Risk Manager Mike Funke; Director of Parks & Recreation Sherri Proud; Police Chief Shane Kron; Communications Specialist Jon Hines; and City Clerk Thorsten J. Johnson.

Motion by Dodds, seconded by Goodrich to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4. Absent:1. Motion Carried.

Votes are 4 Ayes and 1 Absent for Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances unless otherwise noted.

Mayor Meghann Foster proclaimed March 2022 as “National Kidney Month.” Board Member Dr. Lee Sanders of the National Kidney Foundation Iowa and Nebraska accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Board, as a physician who specializes in kidney disease, and an Iowa resident.

Foster proclaimed March 8, 2022 as “International Women’s Day” and March 2022 as “Women’s History Month.” Foster stated it is a privilege and honor to serve with her women colleagues and the women heading City departments.

Executive Director Jeff Capps gave an update on the Iowa Children’s Museum and started by singing a version of “You are My Sunshine” that he altered some of the words to. Capps thanked everyone for their support for over the last 25 years and shared some good news with the Mayor and Council. Capps noted staff at the Welcome Center received a raise which is very helpful and the Iowa Children’s Museum is going to make it financially thanks to community support and grants. The museum had 70,000 visitors last calendar year, which is 100,000 less than before the pandemic but they are seeing people return. They have started a new program called “Summer Shorts” that received support from the Coralville Community Foundation who he thanked. The program served 1,100 children and families throughout the corridor with free summer events in city parks including Central Park in Coralville. They started another program called “Storytime STEM” where they took some materials out into area school districts serving over 500 kids and they hope to expand on it. This spring they will adopt a national program called “Museums for All” which lowers the bar for providing free admission to those who need it. The museum is working on a new strategic plan called “Build, Grow, Share” which they will share with the Council in the future. The museum is looking forward to returning to its fundraising events like the “Gala” at the Hilton Regency on Friday, May 6th and their golf outing at Brown Deer Golf Course on June 2nd. Capps provided the Mayor and Council with customized business cards. Capps noted the museum has updated some of its exhibits and will be renovating their “Take Flight” exhibit this year. Capps offered to give the Mayor and Council personal tours of the museum.

Ninoska Campos from Escucha Mi Voz addressed the Mayor and Council during citizen comments noting she is there with a group of workers in Coralville. Campos stated the City has received ARPA funds from the federal government to help people in the community and that Johnson County has provided \$2,000,000.00 and Iowa City \$1,500,000.00 of their ARPA funds to provide \$1,400.00 checks to those impacted by the pandemic. Campos, the workers present and those who couldn’t attend the meeting because they are working asked the Council to add to Johnson County funds so they can help more in the Coralville community receive benefits. These workers have not received any help from the federal government and had to continue working during the pandemic to be able to succeed and make the cities

work. These workers have illegal status and were not lucky enough to receive federal checks and do not receive unemployment benefits, health insurance or social security. They have to keep working to pay the bills and take care of their children. Latinos work hard and pay their taxes. They did not come to this country to just ask for help. They came to make this country and community better. Campos asked for the City to provide money so more can receive help and thanked the Mayor and Council. Resident Nohemi Morales asked the Mayor and Council to provide \$1,000,000.00 from their ARPA money for excluded workers. Morales stated many were infected during the pandemic and couldn't work or lost their jobs but didn't receive any help. The bills did not stop and many had to borrow money to pay the bills, rent and hospital. Morales stated if everyone helps more people can receive checks. Morales thanked the Mayor and Council. Resident Gricelda Mazanegos stated they are families with kids affected by the pandemic and asked the Mayor and Council to set aside and add some of their money to Johnson County's so more people can receive checks. Many of them do not have papers but still have families and bills to pay so she asked the Mayor and Council for their help. Mazanegos thanked the Mayor and Council for their time. Resident Yordy Perez asked the Mayor and Council for \$1,000,000.00 to help them pay rent and bills. Perez noted they were afraid of the pandemic in the beginning but still had to work 5-days a week. They have received no federal help so they have to ask for help here. It is hard when you have children and no medical insurance to pay for health care. Perez asked the Mayor and Council to find a way to help others and thanked them. Miriam Alarcon Avila, who translated for everyone addressing the Council, works in Coralville as an artist giving voice to the Latino immigrants in beautiful Iowa. Avila noted since the pandemic began, she keeps hearing the stories of immigrants who keep getting sick, have lost family members and are in so much debt because they have to pay hospital bills and give family members a proper funeral. These stories break her heart and they have not received any help when people who didn't even ask for it received three checks from the federal government. Avila noted if the City provided \$1,000,000.00 it would pay for 700 \$1,400.00 checks to help excluded workers in Coralville. Alvila added Johnson County is using a lottery system to distribute their checks which means a lot of excluded workers will not receive help. If Coralville provides money for Coralville's excluded workers it will help a lot of families and the workers who worked hard to keep the community alive. Avila thanked the Mayor and Council for their help. Foster thanked Avila for providing the translating.

Gross arrived at 6:42 PM. Votes are now 5 Ayes for Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances unless otherwise noted.

BONDS ~ PUBLIC HEARING

Finance Director Tony Roetlin reported this public hearing is for \$15,000,000.00 to fund the property improvement plan for the Hyatt Regency.

Foster declared this the time for a public hearing on the proposal to enter into one or more lease purchase agreements or loan agreements in a principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for improvements to and equipment for the City's hotel and conference center. There were no public or written comments. Foster closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27

Resolution determining to proceed with the entering into one or more Lease Purchase Agreements or Loan Agreements for improvements to and equipment for the City's hotel and conference center and taking additional action thereon, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Goodrich. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

Resolution providing for the sale of bonds, setting parameters for the sale of bonds, approving Purchase Agreements, Official Statements and other related documents, and authorizing the call on outstanding bonds, was introduced by Gross, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken, Resolution declared adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

Roetlin did not have anything to add but offered to answer any questions. It was noted the budget can be viewed on the City website www.coralville.org, in the latest *Connection*, on CoralVision and copies are available at the Coralville Public Library and City Hall. After the resolution was read, Foster noted there have been a lot of budget discussions and thanked Roetlin and all the department heads for their work.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29

Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Gross. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

After the resolution was read, Roetlin reported this will balance the City funds for the same amounts as discussed during the work sessions. They will be divided into two transfers on the off chance the federal government doesn't transfer the funds this fiscal year so they can make the transfer when they arrive. There is no reason to believe they will not arrive on time but this is being done out of an abundance of caution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-30

Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds, was introduced by Dodds, seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/AUTO INSURANCE RENEWAL

Human Resource/Risk Manager Mike Funke reported April 1st is the time to renew the City's Property/Liability/Auto Insurance. The increase is 10.3% higher than last year's premium which he believes is very good considering all that happened last year. The City has reviewed its properties and made sure we are covered in every area. Staff recommends approving the renewal.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-31

Resolution approving Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) as the City's insurance carrier, was introduced by Goodrich, seconded by Dodds. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

Funke noted this allows him and Hayworth to add vehicles and other actions without going to the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32

Resolution appointing Michael A. Funke and Kelly J. Hayworth as the individuals to represent the City with the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Gross. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

Funke reported there has been an increase in cyber liability premiums for obvious reasons along with increased security requirements. The City consultant has met those requirements after a lot of discussion with Travelers. After the resolution, Councilperson Mike Knudson wanted clarification on the insurance coverage. Funke explained this doesn't cover damages but all of the steps the City has to go through if someone's information is compromised like notifications and setting up different things. The City would have to hire someone to take care of those requirements and it is costly. Funke added their have been no breaches in our system and everybody's information is protected but you have to have this just in case.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33

Resolution approving Travelers as the City's cyber liability insurance carrier, was introduced by Gross, seconded by Goodrich. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL CONNECTION

After the resolution was read, Councilperson Laurie Goodrich noted this project has been worked on a long time and is happy to see it coming to fruition. Foster knows there is a lot of excitement about this project. Knudson noted this is a dangerous stretch of road to bike on and asked how much this grant covers. City Engineer Scott Larson reported this grant is for \$21,519.00 and the project estimate is \$513,000.00. Larson agreed this is a treacherous piece of road to navigate if you are not driving in a vehicle and there are a lot of challenges on this project resulting in higher costs than you would expect for such a short stretch. Goodrich asked about the railroad crossing part of the trail. Larson stated they will install a temporary trail crossing of the railroad just east of the current vehicular road. They think the railroad will redo the entire railroad crossing and include a permanent trail crossing in three years. They are looking at a July letting and hope to have the project complete this construction season.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34

Resolution approving a Federal Aid Agreement for an Iowa Department of Transportation Alternatives Program (Iowa 's TAPS) Project that being the Clear Creek Trail Connection, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

Founder V Fixmer-Oraiz and Environmental Planner Asmita Poudel from Astig Planning reported on the Inclusive Economic Development Plan in Johnson County. Fixmer-Oraiz Acknowledged their partners ICAD, GreenState Credit Union, Iowa City Area Business Partnership, and Multicultural Development Center of Iowa. They started the project by studying 25 economic development and racial equity plans from across the nation at every governmental level. They will have surveys and focused outreach to ask relevant questions to understand the impacts on underestimated future, current and past business owners. They want to differentiate between normal opportunities and challenges and pandemic related ones. They are working with CEO Angie Jordan of Banjo Knits Empowerment LLC who has done focus work for Project Better Together 2030 Project. They will hold one on one interviews with current underestimated business owners throughout the County to learn their stories. They will end with two half day Strategic Doing Sessions with lenders, government officials and underestimate business owners to discuss how to move this plan forward. They will create pathfinder projects that people in the room can access without asking for permission. After that they will have 30-day check-ins. Fixmer-Oraiz provided a timeline of what they have done and when they plan to do the other phases. Currently they are working on the survey and focus group phases. They hope to have a final document this summer. Fixmer-Oraiz asked for help locating underestimated business owners in Swisher, Shueyville, Hills and University Heights. Underestimated business owners can include BIPOC people, Latinx people, people with disabilities and women. Fixmer-Oraiz asked for help spreading the word so they can do a more extensive outreach to those business owners. Poudel reported they launched the survey on February 21st and have reached out to 120 people including lenders, county and local officials, and business owners. The survey will close April 22nd and they hope to have over 36 responses and are offering five \$100.00 raffle prizes to those participating. Poudel asked anyone watching that is an underestimated business owner to contact them through their website www.astigplanning.com/basic-01 and to take the survey. Fixmer-Oraiz stated they are trying to understand what programs cities are using to reach out to underestimated business owners and who they have served over the last 5 to 10 years. Currently nobody knows how many underestimated businesses there are so they want to get a baseline on that. Foster thanked Fixmer-Oraiz and Poudel and is excited to see this study and have staff work with them to find ways to help underserved communities and address systemic barriers. Councilperson Mitch Gross suggested Fixmer-Oraiz and Poudel look into Des Moines' "One Economy" project which is similar to this plan. Councilperson Laurie Goodrich asked about the area business partnerships they are working with. Fixmer-Oraiz responded they have been working closely with President Kim Casco and the staff at the Iowa City Business Partnership who have helped them understand what is and is not available. They met Casco at a BIPOC meeting and Fixmer-Oraiz introduced Casco to Tracy Jon Sargeant of the Multicultural Development Center of Iowa and that networking helped get things started. Councilperson Hai Huynh

asked about the challenges to reach out to people. Fixmer-Oraiz responded underestimated business owners often own more than one business so they are incredibly busy so they are trying to contact them in different ways but it has been difficult getting interviews. Fixmer-Oraiz is hopeful that the focus groups will help find people to interview. Huynh asked if the language barrier is stopping people from interviewing. Fixmer-Oraiz hasn't run across that yet because they are addressing it up from by providing translating services but it could be an issue. Knudson asked about the term underestimated and Fixmer-Oraiz responded it is the same as underserved or marginalized community members but the term gives those groups a little more agency than insinuating, they are waiting to be served by turning it around to them being underestimated. Fixmer-Oraiz thanked everyone and looks forward to working with staff as they move to other phases of the project.

MOTION BY DODDS TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR items a-r inclusive:

- a) Approve minutes for the February 22, 2022 Coralville City Council Regular Meeting.
- b) Approve **new** 8-Month Class B Beer Permit with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for **Coralville Creekside Ballpark**: Eff. 04/08.
- c) Approve Special Class C Liquor License (Beer/Wine) with Sunday Sales for **Coral Ridge Cinema**: Eff. 03/15.
- d) Approve Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for **Otis's Tailgators Sports Bar & Grill**: Eff. 03/29.
- e) Approve Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for **Three Samurai**: Eff. 04/01.
- f) Approve Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for **Hy-Vee Market Café**: Eff. 04/09.
- g) Approve Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for **Peking Buffet**: Eff. 04/09.
- h) Approve payment to **Impact7G** for Clear Creek Stream Bank Mitigation (#24595): \$4,755.00.
- i) Approve payment of Iowa River Landing Invoice as approved by Kapa Advisors, LLC to **Pappageorge Haymes Partners** for IRL Master Planning LOD's & Cad Services December 2021 (#135676): \$2,346.89.
- j) Approve payment to **Advance Electrical Services, Inc.** for traffic control for deck patching on Deer Creek Road Bridge (#64303): \$430.00.
- k) Approve payment to **Carter & Associates** for:
 - i) Emergency storm sewer outlet repair across from 1340 12th Ave. (#3811) \$26,865.45
 - ii) Emergency storm sewer outlet repair across from 1340 12th Ave. (#3815) \$290.00
 - iii) Video inspection of storm sewer outlet at Holiday Ct. and Crosspark Road (#3816) \$290.00
- l) Approve payment to **HR Green, Inc.** for I-80/First Avenue Interchange – Final Design (#OH Inv Final): \$16,596.28.
- m) Approve payment to **Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.** for:
 - i) Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement (#2) \$2,370.00
 - ii) Water Well #15 Improvements – Design Services (#2) \$2,790.00
- n) Approve Materials Testing Proposal (Soils) for 2022 Construction Season from **Terracon Consultants, Inc.**
- o) Approve Materials Testing Proposal (Concrete) for 2022 Construction Season from **Shive-Hattery, Inc.**
- p) Approve attendance of Meghann Foster for the Nation League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Washington D.C. from 3/13-16/2022:
- q) Approve attendance of Josh VanBrocklin to the Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN) School in Des Moines, IA from 4/4-15/2022: \$1,410.80.
- r) Approve Bill List for March 8, 2022.

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

City Administrator Kelly Hayworth has nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Meghann Foster offered condolences to the family of Jason Lang a former Coralville Volunteer Firefighter who just started his career with the West Memphis Arkansas Fire Department and lost his life in the line of duty. His brother is a Coralville Volunteer Firefighter and she offered her condolences to members of the department who are hurting from this loss. Foster let the Liberty High community know they are in her thoughts as they mourn the loss of Owen Skelly. Foster let the East High School community in Des Moines know she is thinking of them in light of the tragedy that occurred there yesterday. Foster acknowledged how the loss of these young people weigh on their teachers and the educational community and recognized how well they care for the children in our communities and appreciated all that they do. Foster noted the lifting of the mask requirement in City buildings in accordance with CDC guidelines but she encouraged those who need to or care to continue wearing masks to do so. Foster noted small children are still not able to be vaccinated and encouraged those that can to get vaccinated, boosted and continue to look after each other.

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

Councilperson Laurie Goodrich had nothing to report.

Councilperson Jill Dodds went to the Citizens Community Policing Advisory Board meeting in the Mayor's place and invited them to share updates with the Council and they were excited to and will start giving updates at the March 22nd Council Meeting.

Councilperson Hai Huynh has nothing to report.

Councilperson Mitch Gross went to the visitation of Jason Lang to offer condolences to his family, brother and fiancée. Gross noted it is a great loss to the firefighting community and all those affected. Gross added Lang's funeral will coincide with the funeral of Liberty High School student Owen Skelly whose family are long time Coralville residents. Gross acknowledged there is a lot of loss and hurt for area schools for a lot of reasons and he appreciated Foster's words.

Councilperson Mike Knudson stated he is wearing his mask because he is feeling under the weather today. Knudson encouraged people who may not be feeling well to wear masks even though they don't have to. Knudson attended his first Johnson County Sustainability Meeting and when they discussed solar power. It was noted MidAmerican Energy provides 84% renewable energy so it would be better for homeowners to focus on being greener rather than going solar. They also discussed B3 Benchmarking which is a software program that looks at the energy efficiencies of buildings. North Liberty is looking into using micro-transit technology for their transit which uses smaller vehicles and targeted trips. Marion is currently testing this technology and it might be something Coralville should keep in mind.

Motion by Goodrich, seconded by Dodds to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Motion carried.

Meghann Foster, Mayor

Thorsten J. Johnson, City Clerk