

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Atkins, Jensen, Gadelha, Brandt and Strnad. Absent: Draper.

Zach Bohannon with The New Regional YMCA in Marion provided a financing update for the project. Mayor AbouAssaly asked if public fundraising is now open. Zach confirmed. Council Member Gadelha asked in the list of funding provided, how much was received in the last two months. Zach stated he did not have that information broken out but could provide for Council. Gadelha stated she is looking for momentum in the fundraising. Council Member Jensen stated he believes more funds will be received once dirt starts moving on property.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Other Department Discussion:

Police Chief Joe McHale introduced Deputy Chief Doug Slagle and Communications Center Manager Rhonda Kaczinski who discussed the Marion Police Department's Strategic Plan Goal 6. This goal is to establish a Marion Public Safety Communications Center and to continue exploring PSAP consolidation.

Planner Dave Hockett presented staff report regarding Alburnett Road and Central Avenue name change associated with the Alburnett Road Extension Project. He stated this was first brought forward in 2014 but failed. Staff would like to start this process again as development of Alburnett Road Extension is in progress. Mayor AbouAssaly stated he was glad this was coming up again and it is a public safety issue. He also stated he works with abstracts and street names are changed all the time. Council Member Brandt stated he was in favor of this and asked if houses in the Skogman development will have Alburnett addresses. Dave stated not yet but could happen as it continues.

City Manager Lon Pluckhahn provided information regarding Uptown Development. Council Member Jensen asked what the timeline is to make a decision. Lon stated sooner the better. Council Member Gadelha asked about design of mixed-use building for new library. Lon stated the architect for Genesis Equities would design exterior but the City would have control of the Library design. Council Member AbouAssaly asked who would design look of parking ramp. Lon stated that would go through the IDO which would be approved by Council.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

Rachel Bolender, Assistant City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, Assistant City Clerk