



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, May 18, 2021

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Steve Jensen, Will Brandt, Rene Gadelha, and Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Colette Atkins and Nicolas AbouAssaly

Based on COVID-19 guidance from Linn County Public Health and the State of Iowa to limit the size of groups gathering, this meeting was held electronically. The agenda and City's website provided instructions on how others could participate in the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by GATSO USA on Automated Traffic Enforcement systems

Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller introduced Dorian Graybaugh with Sensys Gatso Group. Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) systems are currently used in several Iowa cities including Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. Graybaugh shared information about system being recommended for Marion, citation processing, reporting features, notices, correspondence and the online payment portal. Graybaugh stated that Marion is in charge of the entire program and Sensys Gatso would administer the program. Council Member Strand asked if the images are only from rear end of the vehicle or if they can be set up to take an image from the front of vehicle. Graybaugh stated that either can be done. Council Member Gadelha stated she would like more time to review this item as well as receive comments from the public. Council Member Gadelha asked if the camera is only a red light. Graybaugh said cameras can be a red light camera or used for speeding. Council Member Gadelha asked if mobile camera is something that could be added on. Graybaugh confirmed and stated equipment can be added or removed at any time. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked about cost. Graybaugh stated there is no upfront or upgrade costs and that Sensys Gatso only takes a portion of the citation fee. Graybaugh thought it was around \$38 from an average \$100 citation fee. Council Member Harper asked about image storage. Graybaugh stated it is transferred via air card.

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OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Discussion regarding Growth Management

Assistant to the City Manager Amal Eltahir provided information regarding the five zones designated as growth areas. Growth areas were ranked by looking at water serviceability, fire service coverage readiness, sanitary sewer serviceability, street network readiness and demand, stormwater management impact, opportunity for fulfilling community needs, economic opportunity and return on investment. The zones were then split into primary development areas and secondary development areas. Community Development Director Tom Treharne spoke regarding using this tool to drive future policy and decisions when new developments come to the City. MEDCO President Nick Glew stated his concern is finding the next area to be ready for development and recognizing areas currently designated as secondary development areas that should be a primary development areas.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa.

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Harper, to adjourn to closed session as stated above. City Attorney Kara Bullerman stated that she has reviewed the subject matter to be discussed and found it to be an appropriate topic for closed session. A roll call vote was taken.

Approved unanimously

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Brandt, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Steve Jensen, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk