



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, June 20, 2023

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Steve Jensen, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Will Brandt, Randy Strnad, and Gage Miskimen

ABSENT: Sara Mentzer

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation regarding Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Property and Liability Insurance Program

Chris Fereday with PDCM Insurance reviewed the proposed general property and liability insurance renewals and discussed long range strategy and market updates. Councilmember Jensen asked if there are any gaps in Marion's coverage. Fereday stated they are in communication with department directors and looking at what exposures the City has and how PDCM can help and prevent claims.

Presentation regarding Public Services Maintenance Facility financing and related Sanitary Sewer and Solid Waste Financial Models

Michael Maloney with D.A. Davidson reviewed the above referenced financial models including user rates, metrics, projections and considerations.

Presentation of 2023 Honor Award For Engineering Excellence in the Special Project Category for the CeMar Trail: Milwaukee Road Pedestrian Bridge

City Engineer Mike Barkalow presented the above referenced award. Mayor AbouAssaly accepted the award on behalf of the City.

Update regarding 4th Avenue as a one-way between 12th Street and 14th Street

Phillip Cochran with Marion Independent School District and School Resource Officer Brian Davis spoke regarding 4th Avenue as referenced above. Davis stated the change has been a great improvement. Davis requested additional signage that may be useful including an additional stop sign, one-way signs and left turn only signs as well as a painted center line to signal there are two lanes. Councilmember Brandt stated signage may be needed within the west parking lot for during the off hours.

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Discussion and direction regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Former Marion Public Library Site Redevelopment

Nick Glew with MEDCO provided an overview of the RFP outlined above including goals and objectives, proposed scoring and resources. Councilmember Miskimen asked about the timeline of the RFP. City Manager Ryan Waller stated it will most likely be released in the fall.

Discussion and direction regarding the City Council meeting schedule and agenda format

City Clerk Rachel Bolender reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda format and asked if Council would like to see any changes. Councilmember Miskimen stated back in November, former Councilmember Atkins brought up the question on if the work session should start later. Councilmember Brandt talked about possibly doing both meetings on one night. Bolender stated it was recommended back in November to either keep the schedule as is or to do what the City of Iowa City does and have the both meetings on Tuesday only, with the work session at 4:00 p.m. and the regular session at 6:00 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly stated he likes having two days in between the work session and regular session to allow staff or Council to research or think about items before voting on Thursday. It was the consensus of Council to leave the meeting schedule and agenda format as is.

Discussion and direction regarding the Noise Ordinance

City Attorney Kara Bullerman provided an overview of the noise ordinance and stated some changes could be made to penalties. It was the consensus of Council to do what Bullerman recommended.

Update regarding Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) Program

Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller provided a project update regarding the ATE program. He stated go live is planned for July 1 with a 30-day warning period. Kitsmiller also stated a webpage is currently being developed and provided an overview of what information will be available from that page.

UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

Discussion regarding the June 22, 2023 agenda - Council discussed the agenda items with no action taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Gazette on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk