



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, March 5, 2024

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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, Sara Mentzer, Randy Strnad, and Gage Miskimen

ABSENT: None

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation Regarding the Safe Routes to School Plan for the Linn-Mar Community School District

Roman Kiefer with the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) provided an update regarding the above referenced item including the history, planning process and pending action items. Mayor AbouAssaly asked what happens once the plan is adopted. Kiefer stated the City of Marion and CMPO will assist with implementation as well as hold check in meetings twice a year.

Presentation and Update Regarding Status of the Wastewater Treatment Agreement Between the City of Cedar Rapids and the City of Marion

Lauren O'Neil and Roy Hesemann with City of Cedar Rapids provided an update regarding the above referenced item. Councilmember Harper asked if there will be consistency between 28E agreements for all communities. O'Neil confirmed they would be consistent for all municipalities. Councilmember Mentzer asked if the agreements are being drafted consistent with other metro areas. O'Neil stated Cedar Rapids staff have reached out to Des Moines and Davenport metro areas for examples however this agreement will be unique because the plant is unique.

Presentation on the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority's Application for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Creek Sign Grant Program

Environmental Specialist Thomas Doyle provided an overview regarding the sign grant program, locations and next steps.

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Discussion and Direction Regarding the City's Recommended Pay Policies

Human Resources Manager Lucas Sperfslage provided information on recommended

changes coming forward on pay policies regarding compensatory time.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Residential Building Permit Fees

Building Division Manager Gary Hansen provided information regarding current permit fees and the recommended changes. Councilmember Mentzer is in support of the recommendation and asked how fees will be reviewed going forward. Hansen stated the International Code Council Building Valuation Data is updated twice a year and staff would use that table each August. Finance Director Lianne Cairry stated all fees across the City are currently being reviewed and the intent is to review fees annually as part of the annual budget process.

UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

City Council review of the March 7, 2024 agenda - Council discussed the agenda items with no action taken.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer at 5:28 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer presided over the meeting.

Council continued discussion of Thursday's agenda items with no action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Mentzer relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 6:07 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding personnel matters as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Jensen, 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 Miskimen, seconded by Jensen, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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