

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 3, 2009, 12:00 Noon

Council met for an informational workshop, City Hall, 3851 River Ridge Drive NE, lower level conference room. Present, Mayor Pro Tempore Fagan, Council members Gulick, McGrane, Podzimek, Shey, Shields and Wieneke. Also present were City Manager Prosser and Sandi Fowler, Assistant to the City Manager. Absent, Council member Vernon and Mayor Halloran.

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the application and submit to the State to receive money from the I-JOBS funds. Upgrading The U.S. Cellular Center and adding a convention center remained at the top of the Council's priority list. The Council will ask for \$15 million for the upgrade.

In order on its I-JOBS priority list, the Council said it also will seek \$5 million for a proposed library, \$10 million for a new downtown parking ramp and \$300,000 to demolish and remediate the former Quality Chef buildings on Third Street SE in the New Bohemia arts and entertainment district. The total request for these four projects of \$30.3 million, slightly above the \$30 million on what the City can obtain in the statewide competition for I-JOBS funds.

The City will also include in its application five other requests:

- 1) Study and design for a Multigenerational Life Community Center, \$4 million;
- 2) Improvements to a wastewater biogas system, \$1.5 million;
- 3) Reconstruction of a flood prone section of Sixth Street SW, \$2.4 million;
- 4) Purchase of two flood damaged downtown properties, \$380,000; and
- 5) Downtown facade improvement, \$750,000

Council members McGrane and Shields requested that the community center be moved up to the priority list.

The following resolution was adopted with all Council members voting "Aye" unless noted:

0741-08-09, prioritizing and endorsing nine projects for submission to the I-JOBS program. Nay, Council members McGrane and Shields. Motion carried.

Council also decided to submit a cover letter with its proposal for city projects to state it supported the Linn County and non-profit requests as well.

Council adjourned at 12:25 PM

Ann Ollinger, City Clerk