

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 1, 2009, 5:30 PM

City Council met in a Work Session in the AEGON USA Auditorium, 4333 Edgewood Road NE. Present, Mayor Halloran, Council members Fagan, Gulick, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon and Wieneke. Also present were City Manager Prosser and City Attorney Flitz. Absent, Council member McGrane.

The following presentations were given:

- Presentation by Dan Baldwin, The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation;
- Presentation by Mike Tramontina, Department of Economic Development.

Public comments were heard.

Council member Podzimek moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council member Wieneke. Ayes, Council members Fagan, Gulick, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon, Wieneke and Mayor Halloran. Motion carried.

#### Council Agenda Planning/Issue Intake & Sort

(Council identifies issues for potential action including issues from Council and staff)

- Community Facilities – Steering committee of City and Schools preparing a public participation process;
- Local Preference Policy (under review by City Council);
- Review strategic plan – scheduled for May 12, 2009;
- The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation report – on today's agenda;

Council member Podzimek gave an update on Community Facilities and Council member Vernon gave an update on the downtown steam system.

Direction was given on various items:

- 1) Council member Gulick requested that quarterly strategic plan sessions be scheduled.
- 2) Council member Podzimek requested an ordinance regarding stays for demolition of historic properties be placed on a future Council agenda.
- 3) Council member Fagan requested an update on the site visit to Grand Forks and Fargo, ND (Hesco Barriers) and discussed the consolidation of boards and commissions.
- 4) Council member Shields discussed law enforcement issues (to be addressed in a future Enhance Our Neighborhood presentation).
- 5) Council member Vernon requested a community wide cleanup be held and asked that a weekly steam update be listed as a weekly council agenda item.

Council member Wieneke moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council member Podzimek. Ayes, Council members Fagan, Gulick, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon, Wieneke and Mayor Halloran. Motion carried.

Resolutions were adopted with all Council members and Mayor Halloran voting "Aye":

0288-04-09, approving bills.

0289-04-09, approving payroll.

0290-04-09, approving transfer of funds to various departments.

0291-04-09, appointing Markell Kuper, Elizabeth Hladky and Heather Schoonover (effective through June 30, 2010), Charles Watkins, Jeff Palmer and Sandra Skelton (effective through June 30, 2011) and Gary Ficken, Jeffery Beer and Stephen Hammes (effective through June 30, 2012) to the Cedar Rapids Local Option Sales Tax Citizen Oversight Committee.

Motion setting a public hearing date for April 8, 2009 to consider an Ordinance granting an Electric Utility Franchise to Interstate Power and Light Company.

The following discussion items were presented:

1) Refinement of the Sidewalk Installation Policy (Rob Davis). The majority of the Council indicated that it favored the following:

- quantify continuous sidewalk length for retrofit on existing industrial street: **¼ mile length**
- quantify how far out a fringe area is: **1 mile**
- Confirm interpretation of appeal decisions: **yes, need appeals process, no charge for appeals**

2) Flood Insurance Options for the City (Casey Drew, Mike Shoger and Alfred Tobin, Managing Director Aon Risk Services).

- NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) Insurance: The majority of the Council indicated that it favored Option 1: send out Request for Proposal (RFP) for NFIP insurance if there would be a June 1, 2009 completion date.
- Excess Flood Insurance: The majority of the Council indicated that it favored the option to send out Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for excess insurance.

City Council adjourned at 9:15 PM to meet in Regular Session, April 8, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

Amy Stevenson, Deputy City Clerk