

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 3, 2009, 5:30 PM

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

Public comments were heard.

Council member Podzimek moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council member McGrane. City Manager Prosser stated that Item #6, (Discussion regarding City participation for a single family development requested by High Development Corp) be removed from this week's agenda. Ayes, Council members Fagan, McGrane, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon, Wieneke and Mayor Halloran. Motion carried as amended.

Council Agenda Planning/Issue Intake & Sort:
(Council identifies issues for potential action including issues from Council and staff)

	Topic	Status	Next Step (Retain/Remove)
1.	Local Preference Policy	Under review by City Council, survey of businesses planned	
2.	Consolidation of Boards and Commissions	Ordinance is being drafted to consolidate Recreation and Ushers Ferry	June 24
3.	Community wide cleanup	Report comprehensive solutions regularly in CR City Progress	Solid Waste will review "adopt a neighborhood" program
4.	Steam update	Weekly report by Council	Resolution June 24
5.	29 th St. and Wilson Ave. SW traffic signal options	Report and schedule provided to City Council	Report to Council June 30
6.	Cats in flood affected areas	Report to be provided	Report to council June 15
7.	Multi generational life center (PLAY)	Included in Facilities Participation Process – schedule future presentation	Presentation June 17
8.	Paramount RFQ Process	Staff to reopen RFQ process	Remove
9.	Condition of E & F Avenues NW	Structural review of E Ave and working with Railroad on 2-way proposal for F Ave	Status report in CR City Progress Update - June 10
10.	Neighborhood Planning Process	Action plans to be presented June 15	
11.	Other		

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

0523-06-09, approving bills

0524-06-09, approving payrolls

0525-06-09, approving transfer of funds to various departments

Motion setting a public hearing date for June 10, 2009 to consider amending Chapter 61 of the Municipal Code, Traffic Regulations, adding a section regarding Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) systems which includes red light intersection enforcement, mobile speed enforcement and fixed speed enforcement.

Motion setting June 10, 2009 Council Meeting as the time and place of the meeting at which the City Council will consider extending the lease of the building located at 3851 River Ridge Drive N.E. for a period of 2 years at a monthly rental amount of \$23,410.50 and directing City Clerk to publish notice thereof.

Report on bids for the FY2010 Sidewalk & Ramp Program -Contract No. 1 (Rob Davis):

Bids were received May 28, 2009.

TJ Construction Unlimited, Inc.	\$112,310.00
B.G. Brecke, Inc.	\$125,238.51
Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete LLC	\$175,276.50

The following discussion items were presented:

1) Definement of the Sidewalk Installation Policy. (Rob Davis)

Goal – 2

Priority – 10

2) Proposed fire fees for FY2010. (Jim Thatcher)

Goal – 4

Priority – 4

City Council adjourned at 6:50 PM to meet in Regular Session, Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

Ann Ollinger, City Clerk

Response to City Council Question From June 3, 2009 Work Session

Councilman Shields asked how the inspection fee would impact local industry:

The fire prevention bureau estimates that the typical industrial inspection would take two days to complete (12 hours) and there would likely be operational permits (annually-issued permits for aerosol products, compressed gases, flammable and combustible liquids and other special fire hazards).

Based on the proposed fee schedule, the total fee for an industrial inspection would be approximately \$1200. Here is a breakdown of the costs:

\$75/per hour inspection rate @ 12 hours = \$900.00
Operational permits = \$300.00

Total approximate inspection fee: = \$1,200.00

Uncorrected code infractions would require additional fees because inspection staff would be investing additional time ensuring compliance. The fees are higher than previous years; however, the fees more closely align with the actual costs of providing the service. Previously, the department only charged for the operational permits (approximately \$300-\$500) at industry, but did not charge for the significant amount of inspection time involved.