

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 18, 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, Gulick, McGrane, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon and Wieneke. Also present were City Manager and Assistant City Attorney Sheronick.

Presentation by David Miller, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.

Public comments were heard.

Council member Wieneke moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council member McGrane. Ayes, Council members Fagan, Gulick, McGrane, 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)

- 1) Community Facilities – working group of City and Schools preparing a presentation regarding public participation process;
- 2) “How to Do Business with Government” - Chamber event on March 12;
- 3) Local Preference Policy;
- 4) Presentation by David Miller, Administrator, Iowa Homeland Security – (on today’s agenda);
- 5) Review strategic plan – to be scheduled;
- 6) The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation report – to be scheduled.

Council directed the City Manager to remove #2 and #4 from the Intake & Sort agenda.

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

0235-03-09, approving bills.

0236-03-09. approving payroll.

Motions setting public hearing/hearing dates for:

- a. April 8, 2009 - to consider the FY 2010 Annual Budget; and
- b. April 8, 2009 - to consider the ten year Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Report on bids for the FY 2009 Sidewalk Repair Program – Contract No. 2. (Dave Elgin)

Bids were received March 12, 2009:

TJ Construction Unlimited, Inc.	\$ 83,847.00
(including incentive clause)	\$ 875.00
Total	\$ 84,722.00
Anne Duffield Construction, Inc.	\$ 85,578.75
KE Flatwork, Inc.	\$ 89,873.00
Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC	\$ 90,810.00
J & J Endeavors LLC, dba Royale Concrete	\$ 94,628.40
Eggleston Concrete Contractors, Inc.	\$ 95,602.00
Heim Bobcat & Concrete Construction, Inc.	\$ 97,594.50
Bernet Construction Company	\$105,277.50
City Wide Construction Corp.	\$113,288.50
Curtis Contracting Corp.	\$121,798.00

Report on bids for the Cleveland Elementary Sidewalks project. (Dave Elgin)

Bids were received March 17, 2009: (At IDOT)

Tschiggfrie Excavating Co.	\$ 82,410.15
Horsfield Construction Co & Subsidiary	\$ 84,190.00
Vieth Construction Corporation	\$ 86,377.00
City Wide Construction Corp.	\$ 88,473.50
Pirc-Tobin Construction, Inc	\$ 89,866.00
Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC	\$ 97,710.85

Discussion: (Casey Drew)

McGladrey and Pullen of their findings from the fiscal year 2008 annual audit. In addition, the City's FY 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will be officially released to the public.

Discussion: (Richard Luther)

0237-03-09, supporting for the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce application to the Federal Economic Development Agency with respect to the proposed Regional Economic Commerce Center to be constructed in downtown Cedar Rapids. (flood)

Discussion: (Richard Luther)

0238-03-09, authorizing the submittal of an application for state economic development financial assistance by Penford Products Company to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) through the Community Economic Betterment Account (CEBA) Disaster Recovery Component for a \$2,000,000.00 reimbursement of flood recovery costs. (flood)

Discussion: (Pat Ball)

Demolition of structures in flood affected areas due to structures being an imminent threat to human life or improved property and for properties acquired through the City's Voluntary Property Acquisition Plan. (Flood)

Council member Wieneke moved to accept Option A and direct staff to move forward with a RFQ for the demolition of structures in flood affected areas; seconded by Council member Fagan. Ayes, Council members Fagan, Gulick, McGrane, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon and Wieneke. Motion carried.

Discussion: (Paula Hinzman-Mitchell)

0239-03-09, authorizing execution of a contract with Transitions Made Better, Inc. to administer the Jumpstart Affordable Rental Housing Program per Iowa Department of Economic Development Rules.

Discussion: (Sandi Fowler)

Regarding City Boards and Commissions, including recruitment and selection for 2009 appointments, and member training.

City Council adjourned at 8:55 PM to meet in Regular Session, Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

Ann Ollinger, City Clerk