

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 6, 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 Prosser and City Attorney Flitz.

Public comments were heard.

Council member Podzimek moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council member Wieneke. 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 – Steering committee of City and Schools preparing a public participation process;
- 2) Local Preference Policy (under review by City Council);
- 3) Review strategic plan – scheduled for May 12, 2009;
- 4) Ordinance on stay for demolition of historic properties – (on today's agenda);
- 5) Consolidation of Boards and Commissions;
- 6) Community wide cleanup;
- 7) Weekly steam update;
- 8) Maintenance Bond policy;
- 9) Moving historic structures;
- 10) 29th St. and Wilson Ave. SW traffic signal options;
- 11) Cats in flood affected areas – staff presentation being developed;

Council directed the City Manager to remove #1, #4 and #8 from the Intake & Sort agenda.

Council direction was given to add the following items to the Intake & Sort agenda:

- 1) Multi Generational Life Center (PLAY)
- 2) Fireworks
- 3) Neighborhood Community Centers

Council member Fagan moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council member Vernon. Council member Vernon requested that Item #3 (Resolution approving the purchase of flood insurance with TrueNorth thru the National Flood Insurance Program) be removed from the Consent agenda and placed on the Regular agenda for discussion. Ayes, Council members Fagan, Gulick, McGrane, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon, Wieneke and Mayor Halloran. Motion carried as amended.

0398-05-09, approving bills

0399-05-09, approving payrolls

0400-05-09, approving transfer of funds to various departments.

Motions setting public hearing/hearing dates for:

- a. May 13, 2009 – to consider an amendment to the FY08 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan;
- b. May 27, 2009 – to consider the proposition to issue not to exceed \$26,235,000 General Obligation Bonds (Essential Corporate Purpose);
- c. May 27, 2009 – to consider the proposition to issue not to exceed \$790,000 General Obligation Bonds (General Corporate Purpose);
- d. May 27, 2009 – to consider the proposition to issue not to exceed \$2,275,000 General Obligation Bonds (Essential Corporate Purpose);
- e. May 27, 2009 – to consider the alternative proposition to issue not to exceed \$2,495,000 General Obligation Bonds (Essential Corporate Purpose);
- f. May 27, 2009 – to consider the alternative proposition to issue not to exceed \$2,495,000 General Obligation Bonds (Urban Renewal);
- g. May 27, 2009 – to consider the proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and issue not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Notes;
- h. May 27, 2009 – to consider the proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and issue not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Notes;
- i. May 27, 2009 – to consider the proposition to issue not to exceed \$8,600,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds; and
- j. May 27, 2009 – to consider the proposition to issue not to exceed \$9,000,000 Water Revenue Bonds.

0401-05-09, authorizing an amendment to the FY08 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan allowing Taylor Area Neighborhood Association (TANA) to utilize their previously approved CDBG grant at a temporary location of 1203 3rd Avenue SW due to flood damage at their previously approved location at Taylor School. (flood)

0402-05-09, adopting the FY09 Annual Action Plan for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. (flood)

0403-05-09. authorizing payment in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the US Army Corps of Engineers to continue the Cedar River Feasibility Study. (flood)

Discussion: (City Council)

0404-05-09, approving the purchase of flood insurance with TrueNorth thru the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for the total amount of \$101,129.00. (flood)

Report on bids for the Cedar Rapids Water Division Access Control & Video Surveillance Project. (Bruce Jacobs)

Bids were received April 30, 2009.

Gerard Electric, Inc.	Base Bid A:	\$911,982.00
	Alternate Bid B:	- \$ 7,823.00
Unzeitig Construction Co.	Base Bid A:	\$929,400.00
	Alternate Bid B:	- \$ 7,850.00

WRH, Inc. (a/k/a Wendler)	Base Bid A:	\$958,000.00
	Alternate Bid B:	- \$ 3,000.00

Report on bids for the Broadlawn Drive SE Storm Sewer and Grading Repairs project. (Ken DeKeyser)

Bids were received April 30, 2009.

Rathje Construction Co.	\$ 66,680.50
Schrader Excavating & Grading Co.	\$ 73,050.00
Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd.	\$ 74,634.00
Connolly Construction, Inc.	\$ 79,064.50
Borst Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$ 81,385.80
Gee Grading & Excavating, Inc.	\$ 86,585.00
Pirc-Tobin Construction, Inc.	\$ 91,549.40
BWC Excavating, LC	\$133,274.99

The following discussion items were presented:

1) Special events application process. (Scott Saylor)

0405-05-09, approving the special events request from the Czech Village Association for the Houby Days Event to be held May 15 - 17, 2009 in the Czech Village area. (flood)

2) Repair of flood-damaged facilities and the Community Facilities public participation process. (Sandi Fowler and Sandy Pumphrey) flood)

3) Possible adoption of a Demolition and/or Review Process for Historically Significant Structures. (Vern Zakostelecky) (flood)

Council member Fagan moved to direct staff to prepare a Demolition Review Process Ordinance for Historically Significant Structures and use Option D (All commercial & residential properties 50 years or older) for the Areas-properties with a 10 day initial wait and additional 60 day review process; seconded by council member Podzimek. Ayes, Council members Fagan, Gulick, McGrane, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon and Mayor Halloran. Nay, Council member Wieneke. Motion carried.

4) Rebuilding of the steam plant. (Monica Vernon)

The consensus of the City Council was not to rebuild the steam plant using coal.

City Council adjourned at 8:45 PM to meet in Regular Session, Wednesday May 13, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

Ann Ollinger, City Clerk