

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 4, 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, McGrane, Podzimek, Shields and Vernon. Also present were City Manager Prosser and City Attorney Flitz. Absent, Council members Shey and Wieneke.

Public comments were heard.

Council member Podzimek moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council member McGrane. Ayes, Council members Fagan, Gulick, McGrane, Podzimek, Shields, Vernon 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 – working group of City and Schools preparing a presentation regarding public participation process;
- “How to Do Business with Government” - Chamber event on March 12;
- Local Preference Policy;
- Presentation by David Miller, Administrator, Iowa Homeland Security – to be scheduled;
- Other.

Council member Fagan requested that the Electric Utility Franchise Ordinance be placed on next week’s agenda as it is part of the budget. Other items that were requested to be placed on the agenda were consideration of a CEO for flood recovery, temporary Recreational Vehicle parking variances and review City Council strategic plan.

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

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

0182-03-09, approving bills.

0183-03-09, approving payroll.

0184-03-09, approving transfer of funds to various departments.

The following discussion items were presented:

- 1) City Council direction on a preferred site for the Intermodal Transportation Facility (ITF).

(Adam Lindenlaub)

- 2) Adding local preference language to the City’s current procurement policy. (Casey Drew, Judy Lehman)

3) City Council direction regarding Chapter 63 of the Municipal Code, Offenses against Public Safety, by amending Section 63.10 regarding the regulation of BB guns, air guns, gas or air operated pellet guns and other firearms. (Captain Walther, Chief Graham)

City Council adjourned at 7:15 PM to meet in Regular Session, March 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

Ann Ollinger, City Clerk