

April 2, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Jensen, Brandt and Gadelha. Absent: Strnad and Atkins.

Several members from the Marion Youth Coalition presented about the program. Four sub-committees were created for Accountability/Community Initiatives, Student Programming/Activities, Parent/Community Education, and a Marion Youth Center. Michelle Wilson with Marion Independent School District stated at some point the coalition will come back to Council to inquire about funding opportunities. Council Member Gadelha asked if program will start in the fall. Michelle stated PBIS is only current initiative and plan to start Youth Center this fall in the former Marion Home School facility. Council Member Gadelha asked about participation in 9th grade. Michelle stated they will start with 5th and 6th grade and then grow to include 7th and 8th grade. If there is someone who wishes to participate in 9th grade, they could possibly come back as a mentor. Council Member Gadelha asked how program is currently funded. John Tursi from Boys & Girls Club of Cedar Rapids stated they are starting with grant funding and then will have to start raising funds. Council Member Gadelha stated it would be great to see an opportunity added to the program for students to give back to the community. Council Member Brandt asked if PBIS was used with all grades. Emma Ambrose from Marion Independent School District confirmed it is for all grades at both Marion and Linn-Mar School Districts. Mayor AbouAssaly thanked those from the coalition for presenting.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha at 4:44 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Gadelha relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 5:02 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Council continued discussion of agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Council Discussion:

Council Member Gadelha stated there are only a few ways for the City to generate revenue. She doesn't want to deter economic development. If the City has an opportunity to compromise with an entity, we need to look at every opportunity to leverage funds.

Council Member Draper stated in the last five months, Marion has lost several citizens that had be big impact on the history of the City.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk