

November 19, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 4:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Draper, Jensen, Strnad and Brandt. Absent: Atkins and Gadelha.

Sarah Coleman with Martin Gardner Architecture presented results from a Space Analysis of City Hall. She reviewed security enhancements and possible department layout and placement in the building. Council Member Jensen stated he liked idea of those departments that generate most traffic on the first floor. He also liked keeping MEDCO and Chamber in City Hall for as long as we can. Mayor AbouAssaly asked about timelines. City Manager Lon Pluckhahn stated security component is probably more immediate need. Staff will work with Sarah to finalize department placement and final designs as well as estimates.

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

Council Member Atkins arrived at 5:55 p.m.

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Budget Manager Zach Wolfe presented information about the fiscal year 2021 budget guidelines including information property taxes, state legislature impact, and compensation and benefits.

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Draper to adjourn to closed session regarding litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa. City Attorney Ryan Tang stated that he has reviewed the subject matter to be discussed and found it to be an appropriate topic for closed session. Roll Call: Yeas: Draper, Atkins, Jensen, AbouAssaly, Brandt, and Strnad. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Atkins to reconvene to regular session. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

Attest:

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Marion Times on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk