

August 25, 2020

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Harper, Atkins, Jensen, Brandt, Gadelha and Strnad. Absent: None.

MEDCO President Nick Glew introduced Council to Mark Kittrell and Audrey Kittrell with Eagle View Partners out of Cedar Falls. The redevelopment project would be located on the current block of the Marion Square Mall and would consist of a 3 story mixed-use structure along 7th Avenue and a 4 story residential structure along 6th Avenue. The goal is to be complete with the mixed-use building by Spring 2022 and completion of the entire block by Spring 2023. Council Member Gadelha stated she had seen their project in Cedar Falls and is excited this is coming to Marion. She asked if they anticipate requesting any changes to the design standards. Mark stated they don't anticipate requesting any changes. Council Member Jensen stated he also visited the site in Cedar Falls and encourages other Council members to visit. Council Member Harper asked for a recap of the milestones for this project. Mark stated they were approved for financing today and have already engaged the design team. Once designs have been approved, they will begin demolition, with construction beginning immediately after. They estimate the mixed-use building to be complete by Spring of 2022 and the other property complete Spring 2023.

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

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Jensen at 4:41 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Jensen relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:45 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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Other Department Discussion:

City Manager Lon Pluckhahn provided an update regarding COVID-19. He stated there have not been any new policy changes but there is a resolution on agenda for Thursday that would allow the City to be eligible for reimbursement by the State of Iowa. Council Member Gadelha asked if there would be a second wave of funding. Lon stated the eligibility period goes through December 31, 2020. Council Member Harper asked when City Hall would reopen to the public. Lon stated the original plan was for after Labor Day but will discuss with other metro governments as they want to all reopen at the same time.

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 4:51 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