

September 15, 2020

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, September 15, 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, Brandt, Gadelha and Strnad. Absent: Jensen.

Mayor AbouAssaly presented the All-Star Community Award that was received for the Prospect Meadows Sports Complex. Jack Roeder with Prospect Meadows thanked the City for their support and stated they are on track to host over 240 teams this month.

Carson Bise with TichlerBise, Inc. provided information regarding the Fiscal Impact Model that is being developed for the City. He stated this model can be used to look at land use policies and development patterns, can help leverage public dollars for economic growth and timing on impacts. Council Member Harper asked when this model will be operable. Carson stated a draft will be done in 6-8 weeks at which point staff will be trained. Changes may be made after that but he anticipates it would be usable within three months.

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

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Atkins at 5:04 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Atkins relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 5:13 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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Other Department Discussion:

Community Development Director Tom Treharne stated staff would like to move forward with updating the zoning map. It was originally delayed as they were waiting for the ability to hold in person meetings but staff does not want to delay any further. The map would be adopted in sections. Council Member Gadelha and Harper both stated they agree with moving forward with the process.

City Manager Lon Pluckhahn stated after the multi-jurisdictional meeting on September 9, City Attorney Kara Bullerman prepared two sample proclamations. One requires face masks and the other would be more of an advisory. Council Member Atkins stated she struggles with the enforcement aspect. Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller has talked to other area Police Chief's and would not make any changes in enforcement, officers would give a warning first. Council Member

Strnad is in favor of the proclamation recommending masks. He asked if the City did nothing, but businesses posted requirement, could it still be enforced similar to trespassing. Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller confirmed that it would. Council Member Strnad recommended that the City has consistent signage with same color and wording that could be posted by businesses. Council Member Brandt asked if the police department has received any calls. Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller was not aware of any. Council Member Gadelha stated she would not support a mandate but would be in favor of issuing an advisory and agreed that consistent signage would be beneficial. Council Member Harper stated he is in favor of an advisory being issued but if cases get worse, Council should revisit issuing a mandate. Council Member Brandt stated he is in favor of an advisory and also agrees with revisiting if cases increase. Mayor AbouAssaly stated he appreciates everyone's input. He stated he could issue this on his own but did not want to do anything without the support of Council. He does agree that having uniform signage that is easily recognizable would be beneficial. He stated that the general consensus is to issue proclamation stating recommended action. Mayor AbouAssaly asked what action would be on Thursday. City Manager Lon stated there would be a motion of support for a Mayoral Proclamation regarding a public face mask advisory.

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

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting and relinquished the gavel to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Atkins at 6:36 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Atkins adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Colette Atkins, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk