



MINUTES
City Council Work Session
4:00 PM - Tuesday, October 5, 2021
City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Steve Jensen, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Will Brandt, Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Colette Atkins, Rene Gadelha

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

AGENDA

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

Council Member Gadelha arrived at 4:01 p.m.

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Council Member Atkins arrived at 4:22 p.m.

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Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Atkins at 5:15 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Atkins relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 5:31 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Local Option Sales Tax Update

Assistant to the City Manager Amal Eltahir provided an overview of the upcoming local option sales tax (LOST) vote on the November 2, 2021 ballot. Eltahir reviewed possible outcomes, benefits and potential projects. Communication Manager Amber Bisinger reviewed the planned outreach including social media, yard signs, a direct mailing, billboard and additional community presentations. Council Member Atkins asked what the average cost is per household if LOST is renewed. Bisinger stated the average household cost is approximately \$300 annually.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding land acquisition as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa and personnel matters (City Manager appointment) as permitted under 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa (Two separate measures).

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Atkins, to adjourn to closed session as stated above. 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. City Manager applicants submitted paperwork prior to the meeting requesting the closed session. A roll call vote was taken.

Approved unanimously

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins presided over the meeting.

Moved by Harper, seconded by Gadelha, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Colette Atkins, Mayor Pro Tem

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk