



MINUTES

City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, September 6, 2022

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Grant Harper, Steve Jensen, Colette Atkins, Nicolas AbouAssaly, Will Brandt, and Sara Mentzer

ABSENT: Randy Strnad

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery (DR) Funding (MEDCO)

MEDCO President Nick Glew provided information regarding the above referenced funding program that will assist with new construction of affordable housing, rehabilitation, tree planting and public facility improvements. Councilmember Harper asked what the local burden would be to manage applications and funding. Glew stated the City would partner with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) to manage the program. Councilmember Brandt asked how this is communicated to developers. Glew stated it has already been communicated to developers through other trade workshops.

AGENDA

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

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Brandt at 5:19 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Brandt presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Brandt relinquished gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 5:20 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Discussion regarding Flood Plain Development Permit

City Engineer Mike Barkalow provided information regarding the above referenced permit associated with improvements at Bowman Meadows 7th Addition.

Budget Discussion: Capital Improvement Program Prioritization

Assistant Finance Director Brian McKenzie provided information regarding the Capital Improvement Program including benefits, timeline, active/adopted projects and new/proposed projects. Councilmember Atkins stated she would like to see more community input. McKenzie stated that is something that staff is looking at going forward. Councilmember Jensen stated he would like to look closely at when funding is programmed for submitted projects and stated staff need to look at if the project is feasible and not just place projects into a single year.

Discussion and direction regarding Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR)

Public Services Director Ryan Miller provided information regarding a recently approved Iowa law that authorizes public projects be constructed under the CMAR project delivery method. Councilmember Harper asked how this would impact the public services facility. Miller stated this delivery method could be utilized for the fueling station and other transportation portions of the overall project. City Manager Ryan Waller asked if there was any hesitation to place the notice of intent on Thursday's agenda. No council members spoke of any issues.

Presentation regarding the City of Marion Comprehensive Plan

Community Development Director Tom Treharne regarding the purpose, critical elements and evaluation criteria used for amendments. Councilmember Atkins asked how long it takes to update a comprehensive plan. Treharne stated it would take approximately 12-18 months. Councilmember Atkins asked how often the comprehensive plan should be reviewed. Treharne stated it is generally looked at every five years. Councilmember Mentzer asked for an overview document of all the plans and studies in place or in the works.

Discussion and direction regarding establishment of a Marion Airport Visioning Team

City Manager Ryan Waller provided information regarding the purpose of this visioning team and how it compares to the Municipal Airport Committee and City Council Airport Subcommittee. Waller also provided a list of recommended members. Councilmember Atkins asked that we look at equity and diversity when we create groups. Waller asked if we should move forward with the group as is or look adding more diversity. Councilmember Brandt does not believe membership needs to include all aviation experts and would like to see more residents to help inform investment in the airport. Waller stated there should be an odd number of members and could see adding two additional residents to help with diversity. Councilmember Mentzer would like to wait until next set of meetings in September and in the meantime look for more diverse representation. Councilmember Harper stated he would like to pause this for two weeks in order to gather the best representation possible.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding real estate transactions and pending litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) and Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa. (Five separate matters)

Moved by Brandt, seconded by Harper, 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. A roll call vote was

taken.

Approved unanimously

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Mentzer, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

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