



# MINUTES

## City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

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The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 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, Sara Mentzer, and Randy Strnad

ABSENT: Will Brandt

Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Presentation Regarding Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance**

Doug Neumann with Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance thanked the City for their contributions over the years and outlined the 2023 initiatives and action plan.

Councilmember Brandt arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Councilmember Jensen asked about property tax changes at the State level and how the Economic Alliance will be involved. Neumann stated they would like to be at the table to help those discussions. Councilmember Mentzer asked if there are things Marion should be doing that we're not doing. Neumann stated Marion is the model for a lot of places right now and mentioned that housing shortages is an issue for all communities in the metro area.

Councilmember Harper left at 4:24 p.m.

### OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

#### **Budget Discussion: Funding Capital Improvement Program**

Assistant Finance Director Brian McKenzie provided an overview of the capital improvement program (CIP) including the timeline, current projects and new/proposed projects for fiscal year 2024 through 2028.

#### **Discussion Regarding the Pavement Management Program**

Assistant City Engineer Jake Hahn provided history regarding the pavement management program as well as a funding update related to the recommended Capital Improvement Program.

**UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW**

**Discussion Regarding the January 19, 2023 Agenda**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding litigation and a real estate transaction as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(c) and Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa

Moved by Mentzer, 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. A roll call vote was taken.

Approved unanimously

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

Approved unanimously

**ADJOURN**

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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Nicolas AbouAssaly, Mayor

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

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Rachel Bolender, City Clerk