



# MINUTES

## City Council Work Session

4:00 PM - Tuesday, April 18, 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, April 18, 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, Will Brandt, Sara Mentzer, Randy Strnad, and Gage Miskimen

ABSENT: Nicolas AbouAssaly

Mayor Pro Tem Harper presided over the meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Presentation of the Cedar Rapids and Marion Growth Study**

Associate Planner Kesha Billings provided an overview of the comprehensive plan and stated this overview is for the area of C Avenue and Alburnett Road. Shannon Gapp with MSA provided an overview of the study.

### OTHER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

#### **Presentation Regarding the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Amendment**

Assistant Finance Director Brian McKenzie provided an overview of the amendments and carryovers included in the budget amendment.

#### **Discussion and Direction Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan**

Deputy City Manager Kim Downs provided a review of the ARPA spending plan and reviewed the projects that would fall under the section for housing/rental programs including Community Development Software for \$200,000 and a housing rehabilitation grant program for \$530,000.

#### **Update regarding the City of Marion Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), and Linn County Hazard Mitigation Plan (LCHMP)**

Fire Chief Tom Fagan provided an update regarding the EOP and COOP development. He also explained the Threats and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and stated a workshop is planned for May 10. Associate Planner Kesha Billings provided an update regarding the LCHMP.

### UPCOMING AGENDA REVIEW

Discussion regarding the April 20, 2023 agenda

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

Mayor AbouAssaly arrived at 5:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Harper relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

Council continued discussion regarding the agenda items for Thursday with no action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to adjourn to closed session regarding litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa. (Two separate matters)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Jensen, 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 Harper, seconded by Strnad, to reconvene to regular session.

Approved unanimously

**ADJOURN**

Mayor AbouAssaly adjourned the meeting at 6:37 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