

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

Worksession No. 17-08

Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road

April 3, 2017

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dierenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Clabaugh, Lindeman, Brown, Cope, Temple

Absent: None

3. CLOSED SESSION

Per Iowa Code §21.5.1 (j): To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. The minutes and the tape recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed.

Motion by Lindeman, which was seconded by Temple, to enter into Closed Session.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Lindeman, Brown, Cope, Temple, Clabaugh

Nay: None

Motion Approved: 5-0

The meeting entered into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

The meeting entered into Open Session at 6:12 p.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION

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Motion by Cope, which was seconded by Temple, to enter into Closed Session.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Cope, Temple, Clabaugh, Lindeman, Brown

Nay: None

Motion Approved: 5-0

The meeting entered into Closed Session at 6:13 p.m.

The meeting entered into Open Session at 6:27 p.m.

5. CLOSED SESSION

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Motion by Brown, which was seconded by Lindeman, to enter into Closed Session

ROLL CALL: Aye: Clabaugh, Lindeman, Brown, Cope, Temple

Nay: None

Motion Approved: 5-0

The meeting entered into Closed Session at 6:28 p.m.

The meeting entered back into Open Session at 6:53 p.m.

6. MERLE HAY ROAD/NW 62nd AVENUE CONCEPTS

Economic Development Manager Adam Plagge reintroduced the Town Center concepts, mentioning they were viewed at the last Work Session. Plagge stated there will be an upcoming property owner and public meeting in early April.

Plagge discussed briefly the 2008 City Hall use study and mentioned there is a need to determine how City Hall fits in with the redevelopment area. Plagge provided the study for Council Members to review and consider other use needs subsequent to the last study completed nine years ago. Plagge was looking for direction with regard to the potential to contract with consultants to assist with development strategies for the area and needs for City Hall.

Council Member Temple stated that it was a good idea to pursue as there are a lot of moving pieces at this time especially based on space needs. Council Member Cope concurred with pursuing options and determining space needs.

Plagge also discussed the optional provision in the Confluence contract pertaining to development strategies at a cost of \$34,400, and whether or not the City should exercise that option. Plagge went on to state that the cost of \$34,400 covered numerous options including some of which can be handled in-house without incurring outside expense, but that it was a good idea to start analyzing potential costs and needs such as public parking, and green space, among other items. Plagge stated it is unknown how much it will cost the City to contract for these services but he could have a conversation and bring back the proposal to the Council.

Mayor Dierenfeld stated to bring back a price to the Council for consideration.

Plagge's final item of discussion for this agenda item was to determine if the Council would like to keep the current four (4) designs of Town Center for preliminary consideration to work off of and evolve, or had other thoughts at least in these early, initial stages. Councilmember Cope stated that an ad hoc committee would work well for this task. Council Members Clabaugh and Brown volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

Attest:

Cyndee Rhames, City Clerk