

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

AMES, IOWA

JANUARY 16, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 5:15 p.m. on the 16th day of January, 2024, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law. Present were Council Members Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Rachel Junck, and Anita Rollins. *Ex officio* Jeff Clark was absent. Council Member Gloria Betcher entered the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

WORKSHOP: City Manager Steve Schinker began the staff presentation of the recommended five-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for fiscal years (FY) 2024-2028. Staff divided the presentation into five categories: 1) Public Safety, 2) Utilities Program, 3) Transportation Program, 4) Culture and Recreation Program, and 5) Other.

Fire Chief Rich Higgins discussed the Public Safety component of the CIP, highlighting the three projects included in the CIP for the Fire Department. The Utilities Program followed with Electric Services Director Don Kom reviewing the Electric Services projects that were divided in the major groups of beneficial electrification, transmission/distribution, and power plant related activities. Director of Water and Pollution Control John Dunn continued the Utilities Program with discussion of projects related to Water Production/Treatment and Water Pollution Control. The Utilities Program was completed by Director of Public Works John Joiner who provided an overview of Water Distribution, Sanitary Sewer System, Stormwater Management, and Resource Recovery projects.

Director Joiner continued, transitioning to the Transportation Program with input from Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer. Jointly, they discussed Street Improvements, Shared Use Paths, Traffic Improvements, Street Rehabilitation, and Airport activities. Transit Director Barb Neal concluded the Transportation Program with discussion of the Transit System projects before turning it over to Director of Parks and Recreation Keith Abraham to review Culture and Recreation Programs. Mr. Abraham reviewed facility and user improvement projects for the Parks and Recreation activities as well as the Cemetery.

City Manager Schinker concluded the presentation with review of Library projects as well as the Downtown and Campustown Façade Program and Neighborhood Improvements Program. He then reviewed five new projects that were not included in the CIP but would need to be prioritized by the City Council within the next year. These projects included: Animal Control Shelter (new), Fire Station #2 (relocation), Fire Station #4 (new), Indoor Recreation Center (new), and Ontario Park Development (new). He also discussed debt capacity comparisons with input from Director Goodenow.

The members of the City Council engaged with City staff during each section of the presentation to gather clarifications on project specifics and inquire about status updated for current projects. The Mayor closed the workshop portion of the agenda by thanking City staff for their time and efforts.

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: Mayor Haila noted that there was one item from Lee Anne Wilson regarding the Climate Action Plan which did not require action by the City Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: The Mayor and Council Members reported on various meetings attended, upcoming meetings, community events, and items of interest.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Carly M. Watson, Deputy City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor

Renee Hall, City Clerk

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