

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

AMES, IOWA

OCTOBER 8, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 6:00 p.m. on the 8th day of October, 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. Council Member Gloria Betcher joined the meeting electronically. *Ex officio* Emily Boland was absent.

PROCLAMATION FOR "NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK," OCTOBER 6-12, 2024: Mayor Haila proclaimed October 6-12, 2024, as National Fire Prevention Week and Fire Chief Richard Higgins accepted the proclamation alongside members of the Ames Fire Department.

PROCLAMATION FOR "NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH," OCTOBER 2024: Mayor Haila proclaimed October 2024 as National Community Planning Month and Planning and Housing Director Kelly Diekmann accepted the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION FOR "WATERSHED AWARENESS MONTH," OCTOBER 2024: Mayor Haila proclaimed October 2024 as Watershed Awareness Month and Municipal Engineer Mindy Bryngelson accepted the proclamation with Stormwater Resource Analyst Liz Calhoun.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to approve the consent agenda.

4. Motion approving payment of claims
5. Motion approving Summary of Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting on September 24, 2024, and Special City Council Meeting on October 2, 2024
6. Motion approving Report of Change Orders for period September 16-30, 2024
7. Motion approving Civil Service Candidates
8. Motion approving Ownership Updates for Class E Retail Alcohol License - Cyclone Liquors, Class E Retail Alcohol License
9. Motion approving 5-Day (October 31 - November 4, 2024) Class C Retail Alcohol License - Christiani's Events, 2321 North Loop Drive
10. Motion approving the renewal of the following Beer Permits, Wine Permits, and Liquor Licenses:
 - a. Hampton Inn & Suites Ames, (2100 SE 16th Street), Special Class C Retail Alcohol License
 - b. Wasabi Ames, (926 S. 16th Avenue), Class C Retail Alcohol License
 - c. Dollar General Store #22303, (3407 Lincoln Way), Class B Retail Alcohol License
11. Motion approving Memorandum of Understanding with Story County to apply for grant funding under the 2024 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and authorize application for that grant

12. RESOLUTION NO. 24-531 appointing Dustin Albrecht, Environmental Specialist, to the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority
13. RESOLUTION NO. 24-532 amending Resolution No. 24-516, approved on September 24, 2024, to correct the Vendor name for the Valve Repair and Replacement at the Power Plant to Midwest Valve Services, of Schaumburg, Illinois
14. Requests from ISU Homecoming Central Committee for ISU Homecoming Events on Friday, November 1, 2024:
 - ExCYtement in the Streets
 - a. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit
 - b. RESOLUTION NO. 24-533 approving closure of portions of Sunset Drive, Ash Avenue, Gray Avenue, and Pearson Avenue from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2024
 - c. RESOLUTION NO. 24-534 approving suspension of parking regulations for closed areas from 4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Friday November 1, 2024
 - Central Campus Events
 - a. Motion approving Fireworks Permit for Saturday, November 2 beginning at 12:00 a.m. for Central Campus Mass Campaniling (pending ISU approval)
15. RESOLUTION NO. 24-535 setting date of public hearing for October 22, 2024, to consider vacation of the existing ten foot (10') Public Utility Easement located at 3300 University Boulevard, Iowa State University Research Park Phase III, First Addition
16. RESOLUTION NO. 24-536 waiving enforcement of prohibition of motorized vehicles in Ada Hayden Heritage Park for the Ames Triathlon on June 22, 2025
17. RESOLUTION NO. 24-537 approving preliminary plans and specifications for the Ames City Hall - Interior Updates; setting October 30, 2024 as bid due date and November 12, 2024 as date of public hearing
18. RESOLUTION NO. 24-538 awarding a five-year contract to Milsoft Utility Solutions, Abilene, TX, for Outage Management System and Communications Support for Electric Services in the amount of \$252,686.39
19. RESOLUTION NO. 24-539 approving and awarding contract in the amount of \$57,026 to Dewey Ford of Ankeny, IA for one truck chassis to be delivered in February 2025 for Public Works Utility Maintenance division
20. RESOLUTION NO. 24-540 awarding a contract to SystemsWorks, LLC, West Des Moines, Iowa for Systems Commissioning Services for the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$49,480
21. RESOLUTION NO. 24-541 approving Amendment #1 to An Intergovernmental 28E Agreement for Combined Law Enforcement Operations
22. RESOLUTION NO. 24-542 approving contract and bond for the 2024/25 Shared Use Path Maintenance (Contract 2) with TK Concrete of Pella, Iowa
23. RESOLUTION NO. 24-543 approving contract and bond for the 2024/25 Water System Improvements Program - N Russell Avenue (Lincoln Way - N 2nd Street) with Iowa Water & Waste Systems of Ames, Iowa
24. RESOLUTION NO. 24-544 approving Change Order No. 2 with JB Holland Construction Inc. for the Ash Pond Closure and RDF Ash Pond Reconstruction project in the amount of \$108,907
25. RESOLUTION NO. 24-545 approving Change Order No. 2 with All Star Concrete, LLC of Johnston, Iowa for the 2023/24 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements (Airport Rd. -

University Blvd. to S. Riverside Dr.) in the amount not to exceed \$68,250

26. RESOLUTION NO. 24-546 approving partial completion of public improvements and reducing financial security on file for Domani Subdivision 1st Addition to \$7,200

27. RESOLUTION NO. 24-547 approving partial completion of public improvements and reducing financial security on file for Domani Subdivision 2nd Addition to \$49,556

28. RESOLUTION NO. 24-548 approving partial completion of Stormwater Management Maintenance requirements and reducing financial security on file for Domani Subdivision 2nd Addition to \$13,067.28

29. RESOLUTION NO. 24-549 approving completion of public improvements and releasing financial security in full for Crane Farm 6th Addition

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motions/Resolutions declared carried/adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Haila opened the Public Forum.

Richard Deyo stated his support for public officials to take an oath of office, including presidential candidates.

Maddy Nasuti discussed the safety of patrons and staff at the Ames Public Library, encouraging the City Council to have police officers on site, limit operating hours of the facility, and create a plan to support the homeless population in Ames.

Taylor Burkhead shared his observation of the number of those in attendance and noted that he hoped to see as many people engaged at the next meeting.

Mayor Haila closed the Public Forum when no one else came forward to speak.

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY CONSERVATION OVERLAY (O-SFC) ZONING DISTRICT:

Director Diekmann presented the Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) and reviewed the alternatives identified by staff. Mayor Haila proposed extending the Neighborhood Commercial Zone to include 702 Clark Avenue and 703 Burnett Avenue as a compromise to Alternative 2 in the staff report.

The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Haila.

David Thielen, Robert and Laura Martin, Liam Ehrecke, and Dwayne Schrunk spoke in favor of the ZTA.

Peter Hallock, Denise Denton, David Carter, Debbie Carter, Julie Kruse, Kathy Mou, Shellie Orngard, Anne Kinzel, Kate Gregory, Keith Kutz, Ethan Marty, and Barbara Budd spoke against the ZTA.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Haila when no one else came forward to speak.

The City Council Meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to extend the Neighborhood Commercial zoning designation one lot north on Burnett Avenue and extend it west to Clark Avenue so that it includes 702 Clark Avenue and 703 Burnett Avenue.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Gartin to approve Alternative 2: Approve on first reading the request to allow for Social Service Providers by approval of Special Use Permit within O-SFC for lots that abut a commercially zoned lot.

Motion failed due to lack of second.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Junck, to table this item with the idea of gathering additional input from the community, clarified to be the affected neighborhood, and bring back the proposal of the Mayor with the plusses and deltas of that alternative.

Moved by Junck, seconded by Rollins, to amend the motion to include information on the Mayor's proposal compared to the alternatives presented, as well as conditions for the Special Use Permit process and data from peer communities on separation and concentration for Social Services providers as a point of comparison.

Vote on Motion: 5-1, Gartin dissenting. Motion declared carried.

HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A SEWER REVENUE LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT: Finance Director Corey Goodenow presented the loan agreement and interest rate.

Mayor Haila opened and closed the Public Hearing when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-550 taking additional action on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

HEARING ON FY 2022/23 STORY COUNTY EDGE OF FIELD PROJECT: The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Haila.

Maddy Nasuti shared his support of green farming practices to support water quality over management practices downstream.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Haila when no one else came forward to speak.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to accept the report of bids.

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

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-551 approving final plans and specifications and awarding a contract to Hands On Excavating, LLC of Radcliffe, Iowa, in the amount of \$221,609.07.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE CHANGES AND STORMWATER MODELING: Director Diekmann, Planner Amelia Schoeneman, Municipal Engineer Bryngelson, and RDG Planning and Design Consultant Greg Pierce presented the stormwater modeling and discussed changes to the ordinance.

Council Member Amber Corrieri left the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Haila opened the Public Input.

Justin Dodge of Hunziker Companies thanked the Mayor, City Council, and staff for their work on this topic, noting the goal of the developers to find a compromise in the Conservation Overlay that protects stormwater and still makes housing development projects viable.

Mayor Haila closed the Public Input when no one else came forward to speak.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Rollins, to table the item for further consideration at a future meeting.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

EAST LINCOLN WAY CORRIDOR STUDY (DUFF AVE TO S SKUNK RIVER): Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer and Transportation Planner Kyle Thompson reviewed the scope of the Professional Services Agreement.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-552 approving Professional Services Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, for East Lincoln Way Corridor Study (Duff Ave to S Skunk River) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

CIVIL SERVICE HIRING PRACTICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: Human Resources Director Bethany Ballou and Chief of Police Geoff Huff presented the request for suspension.

The Public Input was opened by Mayor Haila.

Anne Kinzel highlighted potential issues with interrupting the Civil Service process.

Richard Deyo shared his experiences with officers employed by the Police Department.

The Public Input was closed by Mayor Haila when no one else came forward to speak.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to temporarily suspend certain Civil Service hiring practices for the Police Department.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

THIRD READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4541 RELATING TO ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) OVERLAY STANDARDS: Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Junck, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 4541 relating to Zoning Text Amendment to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay Standards.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: Mayor Haila noted that there were five items to consider. The first item was from Thomas Lenz regarding bicycle infrastructure.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Rollins, to request staff respond to the individual and include a link to the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried.

A request from Lee Kilmer to remove the “No Parking” signs on Coolidge Drive was the second item.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Betcher, to refer the request to the Traffic Engineer.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried.

The third item was from Betty Gordon providing input on the Mini Pitch. Mayor Haila noted that this item would be taken under advisement.

A request from Jennifer Pohl regarding single-use plastic bags was the fourth item. Council Member Beatty-Hansen and Council Member Junck noted that they had already responded to the individual, highlighting that State Code prohibits the City Council from restricting the use of single-use plastic bags.

The final item was from Brian Heenan following-up to his previous inquiry regarding ride-share electric scooters.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Gartin, to defer this item to the next Regular City Council meeting.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

REPORT OF GOVERNING BODY: The Mayor and City Council Members noted there were no meetings to report.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Gartin, seconded by Junck, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Carly M. Watson, Deputy City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor

Renee Hall, City Clerk