MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

The Ames City Council met in Special Session for the budget wrap-up at 5:17 p.m., followed by its Regular Meeting, on the 12th day of February, 2019, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law with Mayor John Haila presiding and the following Council members present: Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Chris Nelson, and David Martin. Ex officio Member Allie Hoskins was also in attendance.

FY 2019/20 BUDGET WRAP-UP:

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION (PAC): Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred introduced the Public Art Commission Treasurer David Faux. Mr. Faux pointed out that they did not ask for any changes in the budget this year. He mentioned that the Public Art Commission is currently going over requests from neighborhoods for sculptures and will be working later on the new birdhouse project.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Corrieri, to approve the Public Art Commission budget.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

ARTS FUNDING (COTA): Management Analyst Tashiek Kerr mentioned that the City Council had previously approved a 3% increase for the FY 2019/20. Ms. Kerr noted that COTA has recommended allocating $163,338 directly to agencies for FY 2019/20 annual grants, and reserving $5,560 for spring and fall special project grants. She explained that COTA had a total of 17 agencies submit an application for funding this year compared to 14 in FY 2018/19.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Betcher, to approve Arts Funding (COTA) budget.

HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING (ASSET): Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips noted that the City Council had approved a 3% increase in ASSET funding over last year’s allocation. This is a total of $1,466,202 for human services agency funding. The City’s portion will go towards 71 different programs at 24 different agencies.

Council Member Gartin mentioned that there were still a large amount of unfunded requests and wanted to know what the amount was. Mr. Phillips stated that the total amount of all the requests that came in that was the City’s portion was $1,667,899, and the authorized amount was $1,466,202, which resulted in a shortfall of $201,687.
Mr. Phillips explained the process of how each volunteer reviews each budget request and the amount of time it takes to make recommendations for the City and other Funders.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Betcher, to approve the Human Services Funding (ASSET) funding. Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

OUTSIDE FUNDING REQUESTS: Mayor Haila stated that there has been a lot of discussion regarding Outside Funding requests and before moving forward, he wanted to know if there was any interest from the Council in allocating some money towards funding The Community Academy.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Martin, to include The Community Academy as a recipient of outside funding requests.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Martin, to include some funds for The Community Academy. Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Mayor Haila asked the Council where the funds should come from to support The Community Academy. He asked if it should come from the $197,474 that was authorized for Outside Funding or would the Council like it to come from a different source of funds.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Betcher to provide a one-time funding allocation from a source to be determined especially for the Brookside portion of the request. Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Mike Todd, 3114 Cottontail Lane, Ames, stated he is part of a group of teachers that started The Community Academy. He noted that their goals are to give parents, students, and community members an opportunity to see what education can look like in the future. Mr. Todd explained the process of how The Community Academy works and is a Pre-K through 12 grade programs. He mentioned that the program tries to target low-and moderate-income families to help bring them into their program.

Council Member Beatty-Hansen asked to hear from someone from the Outside Funding Committee who can explain the justification on recommending $11,667 for The Community Academy.

Tara Andrews, 108 Jewel Drive, Ames, stated that she is on the committee and after reading through the proposal, saw that it was an opportunity that wasn’t normally afforded to low income and minority kids at all and couldn’t rightly give them anything. She noted that after much discussion with the committee it was agreed to give them something rather than nothing.

Abdullah Muhammad, 1426 Clark Avenue, Ames, noted that he is on the same committee. He noted that in addition to what Ms. Andrews stated they wanted to make sure it was duplicated by other
agencies, example being the Boys Scouts, and this agency is different from others.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Corrieri, to fund the $11,667 from Council Contingency to The Community Academy.

Council Member Gartin stated that the amount requested is $58,000 and The Community Academy has some of the best teachers and are being creative and thinking outside the box.

Motion withdrawn.

City Manager Steve Schainker noted that there is about $31,000 left in Council Contingency for this current year.

Moved by Gartin to fund The Community Academy with $30,000. Motion failed for lack of second.

Further discussion ensued about how much funding to allocate to The Community Academy.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen to fund The Community Academy with $20,000. Motion failed for lack of second.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to fund The Community Academy with $15,000.

Council Member Betcher asked Mr. Nelson to explain how he came up with the $15,000 amount. Mr. Nelson stated it is a combination of the funding recommendation from the board and slightly removes their constraint as to what they have available in addition to what is available in Council Contingency. Ms. Betcher stated her concerns over bringing the Council Contingency down to half of the amount they have left.

Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips stated that tonight’s discussion is to assign an amount and then after that a contract is drawn up. The contract can include what types of tasks the Council would like to see done.


Mr. Schainker stated that they have prepared on option for the Council in case the Council decided to not take away from the rest of the agencies. Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips displayed overhead, the recommendations for Outside Funding Requests: FY 2019/20 and explained there was a consensus for fully funding the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex and the Story County Housing Trust. He also stated that the Ames International Partner Cities request will be fully funded, and the remaining funds would be distributed to Ames Historical Society, Campustown Action Association, and Main Street Cultural District.
Sharon Wirth, 515 Douglas Avenue, Ames, stated she is from the Ames Historical Society and appreciates the time that the City Council and staff have put into the budget. She wanted to let the Council know that the Ames Historical Society will be having a lecture series that will be starting in March 2019.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Betcher to approve the funding recommendation that was shown overhead by Mr. Phillips which approves the funds for the following agencies:

- Ames International Partner Cities $ 6,000
- Ames Historical Society $ 45,512
- Campustown Action Association $ 32,965
- Hunziker Youth Sports Complex $ 30,700
- Main Street Cultural District $ 47,297
- Story County Housing Trust $ 35,000
Total $197,474

Mr. Phillips wanted to point out that the AEDC Workforce Development Program had a request that is reviewed but comes out of a separate fund that comes out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund and is requesting for $15,000.


Moved by Martin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to add a requirement in the funding contracts that City matters that are communicated involving Campustown and Downtown are actually getting pushed out to those communities by the agencies.

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

PUBLIC INPUT ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP) AND OPERATING BUDGET: The public hearing was opened. No one came forward to speak, and the hearing was closed.

SALARIES FOR COUNCIL APPOINTEES: Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Betcher, to table the discussion of the salaries for Council.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2019-24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP): Moved by Nelson, seconded by Martin, to replace the City-Wide Radio System page in the Capital Improvements Plan showing a new total of $1,750,000 for FY 2019/20.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Council Member Martin stated he would like to see the Outdoor Storm Warning System on page 14...
of the Capital Improvements Plan be removed from Local Option Sales Tax Community Betterment Funding. It was recommended to remove page 14 from the Capital Improvements Plan and then add it to the FY 2018/19 adjusted budget.

Moved by Martin, seconded by Betcher, to remove page 14 from the Capital Improvements Plan,


Moved by Nelson, seconded by Betcher, to approve the 2019-24 Capital Improvements Plan as amended.

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

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2018/19 BUDGET: Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Betcher, to amend the 2018/19 budget to include $25,000 to the Greenhouse Gas Inventory from the General Fund.

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

Move by Martin, seconded by Betcher, to add $40,000 for the Outdoor Warning System to the 2018/19 budget to be paid for out of the General Fund available balance.


Moved by Nelson, seconded by Betcher, to add $25,000 in funding for a Cyber Security study to be funded from the Information Technology Fund 2018/19 available balance.

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

APPROVAL OF ADJUSTED BUDGET FOR FY 2018/19, AS AMENDED: Moved by Betcher, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to approve the adjusted budget for FY2018/19 as amended.

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

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2018/19: Moved by Gartin, seconded by Corrieri, to set March 5, 2019, as the date of final public hearing on the proposed amended budget for FY 2018/19.

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

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED FY 2019/20 BUDGET: Moved by Gartin, seconded by Betcher, to approve the FY 2019/20 budget as amended.

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2019/20, AS AMENDED: Moved by Gartin, seconded by Betcher, to approve the proposed FY 2019/20 Budget, as amended.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.
SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2019/20: Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to set March 5, 2019, as the date of public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2019/20.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Nelson, seconded by Gartin, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.
1. Motion approving payment of claims
2. Motion approving Minutes of Special Meetings of January 15, January 31, February 1, February 2, February 5, February 6, and 7, 2019, and Regular Meeting of January 22, 2019
3. Motion canceling March 12, 2019, City Council meeting
4. Motion approving certification of civil service applicants
5. Motion approving Report of Change Orders for January 15 - 31, 2019
6. Motion approving new 5-day Class C Liquor License (February 23 - 28) for Gateway Market MLK at ISU Alumni Center.
7. Motion approving new 12-month Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for The Angry Irishmen, 119 Main Street, Pending Dram Shop
8. Motion approving new 12-month Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Blue Owl Bar, 223 Welch Avenue
9. Motion approving renewal of the following Beer Permits, Wine Permits, and Liquor Licenses:
   a. Class C Liquor - Hy-Vee Market Café, 3800 Lincoln Way - Café area
   b. Class C Liquor - Cy’s Roost, 121 Welch Avenue
   c. Class C Liquor - Mickey’s Irish Pub, 109 Welch Avenue
   d. Special Class C Liquor - Blaze Pizza, 2320 Lincoln Way Ste 109
   e. Class C Liquor - El Azteca, 2727 Stange Road
   f. Class E Liquor - Fareway Stores, Inc. #093, 3619 Stange Road
   g. Class E Liquor - Fareway Stores, Inc. #386, 619 Burnett Avenue
   h. Class C Liquor - Ge’ Angelo’s, 823 Wheeler St. Suite #9
   i. Class E Liquor - Wal-Mart Supercenter 4256, 534 South Duff Avenue
   j. Class C Liquor - Buffalo Wild Wings, 400 South Duff Avenue
   k. Special Class C Liquor - Stomping Grounds, 303 Welch Avenue
   l. Special Class C Liquor - Wing Stop, 703 South Duff Avenue #101
10. RESOLUTION NO. 19-031 setting public hearing for March 5, 2019, regarding entering into a General Obligation Loan Agreement in an amount not to exceed $11,880,000
11. RESOLUTION NO. 19-032 approving Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
13. RESOLUTION NO. 19-034 approving Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for East Industrial Area Utility Extension Project
14. Requests from Ames Main Street (AMS) for MusicWalk on Friday, April 26:
   a. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit and blanket Vending License in
Central Business District
b. RESOLUTION NO. 19-035 approving closure of 11 metered parking spaces for food trucks and musicians
c. RESOLUTION NO. 19-036 approving waiver of parking meter fees and enforcement, usage and waiver of electrical fees, and waiver of fee for blanket Vending License for Ames Main Street from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

15. Requests from Ames Main Street (AMS) for ArtWalk on Friday, June 7:
a. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit and blanket Vending License in Central Business District
b. RESOLUTION NO. 19-037 approving closure of ten metered parking spaces for vendors
c. RESOLUTION NO. 19-038 approving waiver of parking meter fees and enforcement, usage and waiver of electrical fees, and waiver of fee for blanket Vending License for Ames Main Street from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

16. Requests for 4th of July Activities:
a. Requests of City of Ames:
   i. RESOLUTION NO. 19-039 approving closure of Clark Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street from 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, until conclusion of parade on July 4 and closure of City Hall Parking Lot N on July 4 for City Council Community Pancake Breakfast
b. Requests of Ames Main Street:
   i. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit and blanket Vending License in Central Business District on Thursday, July 4
   ii. RESOLUTION NO. 19-040 approving usage and waiver of electrical fees and waiver of fee for blanket Vending License
   iii. RESOLUTION NO. 19-041 approving closure of portions of Main Street, Northwestern Avenue, 5th Street, Douglas Avenue, Burnett Avenue, Kellogg Avenue, Clark Avenue, Allan Drive, and Pearle Avenue from 6:00 a.m. until end of parade
   iv. RESOLUTION NO. 19-042 approving closure of Parking Lot MM and south portion of Lot M and Depot Lots V and TT from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

17. RESOLUTION NO. 19-043 awarding contract to Titan Machinery of Des Moines, Iowa, for purchase of Case Tractor Backhoe-Loader and extended warranty for Public Works Department in the amount of $125,057

18. RESOLUTION NO. 19-044 approving preliminary plans and specifications for Concrete Replacement at two CyRide bus turnarounds; setting March 14, 2019 as bid due date and March 26, 2019, as date of public hearing

19. RESOLUTION NO. 19-045 approving preliminary plans and specifications for Replacement of CyRide’s Bus Wash; setting March 14, 2019 as bid due date and March 26, 2019, as date of public hearing

20. RESOLUTION NO. 19-046 approving preliminary plans and specifications for Steam Turbine No. 7 Parts Procurement; setting March 13, 2019, as bid due date and March 26, 2019, as date of public hearing

21. RESOLUTION NO. 19-047 approving contract and bond for 2017/18 Accessibility Enhancement Program (Airport Road Sidewalk)
22. Underground Trenching Contract for Electric Services:
   a. RESOLUTION NO. 19-048 approving Primary Contract Change Order No. 1 with Ames
      Trenching & Excavating, Ames, Iowa, in the not-to-exceed amount of $50,000
   b. RESOLUTION NO. 19-049 approving Secondary Contract Change Order No. 2 with
      Communication Data Link, LLC, Grimes, Iowa, in the not-to-exceed amount of $29,000

23. RESOLUTION NO. 19-050 approving Change Order No. 1 with Earth Services & Abatement,
    LLC, Des Moines, Iowa, for Asbestos Maintenance Services for the Power Plant in the not-to-
    exceed amount of $130,000

24. RESOLUTION NO. 19-051 accepting completion of 2017/18 Low-Point Drainage
    Improvements (Ridgetop Road)

25. RESOLUTION NO. 19-052 accepting completion of Brookside Path Lighting

26. RESOLUTION NO. 19-053 accepting completion of WPC Structural Rehab Phase 2 Project

27. RESOLUTION NO. 19-054 approving Plat of Survey for 2119, 2125, and 2131 Isaac Newton
    Drive

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Erv Klaas, 1405 Grand Avenue, Ames, stated he wanted to present some
information he received from the Yale University. He then provided some data points on attitudes
toward climate change communications. Mr. Klaas noted that the survey results are reflective of the
City of Ames and action is needed.

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW BEDROOMS IN PROGRESS TO COUNT TOWARD
RENTAL OCCUPANCY: Mayor Haila stated that staff had asked to pull this item and it will come
back on a future Council meeting agenda.

PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT FOR CONNECTION CHARGES IN THE SOUTH
ANNEXATION AREA: Planning and Housing Director Kelly Diekmann stated that Steve
Burgason had been working for the past several months to get surrounding property owners to
consider participating in a voluntary annexation request for land located between Cedar Lane and
University Boulevard. Mr. Diekmann mentioned that Mr. Burgason is asking the City Council to
consider a Pre-Annexation Agreement that allows for reduced connection charges for water and
sewer. He stated that staff agrees that Mr. Burgason’s request is within the scope of the prior
Agreement and would not have a detrimental effect on the City’s funding for water and sewer
operations, and it could be beneficial to bring in a cohesive application for annexation. Director
Diekmann explained what the next steps would be if the Council decided to move ahead with a Pre-
Annexation Agreement.

Ms. Beatty-Hansen inquired how the road improvements were done before in regards to the City
paying for the improvements versus the homeowners. Mr. Diekmann explained the difference
between Cedar Lane and what was done for the property owners in North Ames along Hyde Avenue
(formerly Grant Avenue) in 2013. Further discussion ensued as to what roads may or may not be
paved in the future.
Mr. Diekmann explained that if someone wants to connect to the water or sewer system it would be at the private property owners’ cost; the only reduction would be the fee to the City. If the private property owner has a contract with Rural Water, it is the property owner’s responsibility to secure the rights to connect to City water. Mayor Haila quoted from Mr. Burgason’s email that stated “As you know most of the land owners, if not all of them, will not pay the $20,700 to buy out the Xenia water rights to hook up to the City water.”

Steve Burgason, 3314 Cedar Lane, Ames, commented that almost all of the homeowners are under a Xenia contract and his statement in the email comes from conversations with his neighbors. Council Member Martin asked Mr. Burgason if it is their hope that the Cedar Lane development cost not fall on the homeowners. Mr. Burgason stated he does not want the expense of the development to fall on them or the City.

Mr. Gartin asked if a thorough analysis has been done showing that Xenia water definitely has the rights for delivery of water service in the area. Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred noted that he has the information and will verify whether the area is in Xenia’s Water District.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to have staff provide information regarding the boundaries of Xenia water service territory as it pertains to the proposed annexation area. Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Betcher, directing staff to prepare a Pre-Annexation Agreement for voluntary annexation within the area located south of the existing city limits between Cedar Lane and University Boulevard, to be modeled after the Hyde Avenue Agreement that includes the following:

- Connection fees to water lines based upon an 80-foot lot frontage with deferral of remaining costs.
- Requirements of a property owner to secure any Xenia service territory rights prior to connecting to City water.
- Connection fees to sanitary sewer lines based upon an 80-foot lot frontage with deferral of remaining costs.
- The property owner would provide to the City any needed temporary or permanent easements related to road, water, and sewer improvements. The City would bear the cost related to surveying, construction, and restoration.

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

REQUEST FROM GARY AND KATHY MAY TO CONNECT TO EXTENDED WATER MAIN AT 3520 S RIVERSIDE DRIVE: Public Works Director John Joiner explained where the May property is located in correlation with the Iowa State University Research Park Phase IV Improvements. He noted that Gary and Kathy May were annexed into the City along with the Research Park in 2014 and are now requesting connection to the City’s water main. Typically, a connection fee of $20.00 per linear foot of property frontage is charged. The May property frontage is 320 feet, which would result in a standard connection fee of $6,400. Mr. Joiner stated that the
Iowa State University Park Phase IV Improvements project would be 50% covered by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant funding. He noted that an alternative, which had been utilized in the past, is applying a reduction of the lot frontage width to be used in the connection fee calculation.

Kathy May, 3520 South Riverside Drive, Ames, stated that her home is about 250 feet from the road, and in addition to the frontage cost, they would be responsible for running the water line from the road to their home.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 19-055 to approve the request from Gary and Kathy May to connect to the City’s water main using a typical urban lot frontage width of 80 feet and reduce the standard rate by 50% to account for the 50% EDA grant funding of the water main installation, resulting in a total cost of $10/linear foot x 80 feet = $800. Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE OF REVISED POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE: Municipal Engineer Tracy Warner stated the Council directed at a Special Meeting in November 2018, that two amendments be made to the Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance. She noted that these two revisions were being presented tonight.

Council Member Nelson commented that he had a few questions and needed some further clarification on definitions. He stated that new development is defined in the report and then development and redevelopment is defined earlier in 5B.2, and the definitions are not aligned. Mr. Nelson would like more information from staff as to why the definitions are different and would like to see the definitions coordinated.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Gartin, asking staff to coordinate the definitions for 5B.2 with the proposed revisions for 5B.1 in General Provisions in regards to redevelopment and new development.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Gartin, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance that clarifies the definitions of development versus redevelopment and correlates them with 5B.1 and 5B.2, and also to add residential use as a component to redevelopment.

Ms. Warner then read aloud the definition of redevelopment and recommended removing the word “multi-family” from the Ordinance, which will cover the rest of the uses and help clarify the definition.

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

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Nelson, to modify the ordinance to add wording which states
that for any redevelopment an acre is the threshold and for any new development, the threshold of 10,000 would still apply.

Public Works Director John Joiner stated he would recommend leaving the threshold as it is in the current Ordinance for development and new development, and then create a revised threshold for redevelopment only with a one acre impervious threshold. Further discussion was had about whether to include pervious along with impervious to the one-acre threshold.


Mayor Haila mentioned that there are inconsistencies regarding the wording for the Financial Security and Performance Bond and recommended cleaning up the wording. Ms. Warner stated that staff had worked with Legal before to come up with the current language.

Moved by Gartin, seconded to Betcher, to have staff clarify the form of financial security that would be required.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Warner stated they will make the recommended changes and this Ordinance will come back for first passage on the February 26, 2019, meeting.

**ORDINANCE REGARDING “GAME DAY PARKING” REGULATIONS:** Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Betcher, to pass on second reading an Ordinance regarding “Game Day Parking” regulations.
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**HEARING ON ASSESSMENT FOR COSTS OF ASBESTOS TESTING ON AND DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1107 GRAND AVENUE:** The Mayor noted the hearing had been continued from January 22, 2019. He asked if there was anyone wishing to speak. The Mayor closed the hearing when no one came forward.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 19-056 to assess the costs of the asbestos testing on and demolition of a dangerous building to the property owner, Katherine Fisher, 1126 Grand Avenue, Ames, Iowa; instruct the Finance Director to prepare the spread sheet on the assessment; and, direct the City Clerk to file the assessment with the Story County Treasurer.
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**ENDORSEMENT OF IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VERTEX SOFTWARE, LLC, WITH LOCAL MATCH IN THE FORM OF A $300,000 LOAN WITH HALF FORGIVABLE:** Finance Director Duane Pitcher stated that the typical process is that when a company applies for assistance with the state, a local government has to endorse the application. He noted that at this point the
Council would be endorsing the application and would be making a commitment that the City will be providing the local match with the terms still to be specified. City Manager Steve Schainker noted that most of the match is dictated by the state, and in this case, the state wants a certain amount plus the five-year tax abatement. The Council discussed further what types of applications they have endorsed in the past.

Dan Murray, 2243 Quail Ridge Road, Ames, stated he has been a resident of Ames for 40 years. He explained that Vertex is a culmination of all the businesses he had built over the past 30 years. Vertex provides cloud-based solutions for manufacturing companies. Currently, Vertex has 65 employees with more positions becoming available. Mr. Murray is excited to continue to grow the economy in Ames, retain talent from Iowa State University, and said that the company will attract other people from other states.

Dan Culhane, 304 Main Street, Ames, President and Chief Executive Officer stated this project is very unique. He explained he would love to talk more with the Council about the housing issue and how to find a way to retain new employees to stay within the City of Ames.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 19-057 supporting the submittal of an application from Vertex Software, LLC requesting economic development assistance from IEDA, with local match to be provided in the form of a $300,000 loan with half forgivable, along with authorizing staff to modify the existing agreement with ISU Research Park to allow them to apply for the five-year industrial tax abatement.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON WATER PLANT PREMISES DURING AFTER-HOURS EVENT FOR AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION, IOWA SECTION CONFERENCE: Water Pollution Control Director John Dunn stated that the Iowa section of the American Water Works Association is holding its annual conference from October 22-24, 2019, in Ames. Mr. Dunn mentioned that the reception is normally held at a convention center however, with the new Water Treatment Plant and fellow peers being in town, it would be a great opportunity to host the event at the Water Treatment Plant.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Corrieri, to express support for the American Water Works Association - Iowa Section’s intent to seek a temporary license to serve beer and wine on the Water Treatment Plant property for an after-hours reception on October 22, 2019.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: Moved by Martin, seconded by Nelson, to refer to staff for a memo the letter from Chuck Winkleblack concerning two billboards on the two-block stretch on the north side of Lincoln Way between Clark and Kellogg.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council Member Betcher reminded the Council that if they are interested in going to the International Town and Gown Association Conference the early bird registration closes on Friday, February 15, 2019.

Council Member Martin inquired if the Outside Funding Requests process is being utilized correctly. Mr. Schainker recommended bringing back the criteria to review to see if they need to be changed.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Betcher, to direct that the Outside Funding Requests they process be reviewed by City staff.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to direct staff to bring back the criteria for Outside Funding Requests allocation for the Council to consider, with staff deciding when to put it back on an agenda.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: Council Member Gartin asked City Attorney Mark Lambert if there was a legal reason to go into Closed Session. Mr. Lambert replied in the affirmative, citing Code of Iowa Section 20.17(3) to discuss collective bargaining strategy.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Betcher, to go into Closed Session under Section 20.17(3), Code of Iowa, to discuss collective bargaining strategy.
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The Council went into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 7:48 p.m.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to ratify the contract with IAFF Local 625 (Firefighters).
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Corrieri to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Amy L. Colwell, Deputy City Clerk  John A. Haila, Mayor

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