PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORALVILLE, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE CORALVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coralville, Johnson County, IA was held at City Hall, 1512 7th Street on February 24, 2026 with Mayor Laurie Goodrich was called to order at 6:30 PM. Recorded webcasts of this meeting are on Mediacom 118-8 and on demand at www.coralville.org/coralvision.

The following Council Members were present: Knudson, Vogelzang, Huynh, Peterson, Freeman.

The following Staff were present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth; Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel; City Attorney Kevin Olson; Human Resource/Risk Manager Lynn Knight; Community Development Director Dave Johnson; Finance Director Ann Hester; Police Chief Kyle Nicholson; Police Sergeant Anthony Detwiler; Parks & Recreation Director Sherri Proud; Assistant Library Director Ellen Hampe Alexander; ILS Administrator Shalar Knupp; Communications Specialist Jon Hines; Production Assistant Dillon Jacobson and City Clerk Thorsten J. Johnson.

Motion by Vogelzang, seconded by Huynh to amend and approve the agenda with the removal of Consent Calendar item t. Motion carried. Ayes: 4. Absent: 1.

Votes are 4 Ayes and 1 Absent for Motions, Resolutions and Ordinances unless otherwise noted.

Mayor Laurie Goodrich proclaimed February 2026 as "American Heart Month."

Jim Merchant with the Rotary Kerber Heart Safe Community Campaign reported their campaign has been Johnson County wide since 2019 and they have enjoyed tremendous support from Coralville since the very beginning. The campaign is partnered with Johnson County Ambulance Service, local governments and Johnson County. Merchant noted they have made some progress by increasing the Johnson County survival rate with good neurological function from 14.9% last year to 19.8% which is terrific, but we can do better. They want to put an emphasis on providing multi-unit housing with AEDs because 70% of sudden cardiac arrest deaths occur at home. They would like to work with the City of Coralville and Fire Department to identify these places to invite to join their cost sharing program for small businesses. They can purchase an interior AED for around $2,000.00 and then provide it to small businesses under 15 employees for $600.00, large businesses with over 15 but less than 100 employees for $750.00 and for large businesses with over 100 employees for $1,000.00. They have provided 75 interior AEDs and there are about 550 that they know of in Johnson County. They have also provided 40 External AEDS in Johnson County and have 10 sitting on the shelf at Johnson County Ambulance that are not saving lives out there. Coralville put out the first one by the Hayden Fry Statue on 1st Avenue. There are 4 in Coralville, and they would like to double that. They would also like to double the number of external AEDs to 100 in Johnson County. Merchant informed the Council that those who are trained in CPR and have signed up on the Pulse Point App is now at 5,300 in Johnson County. These people will respond to a sudden cardiac arrest which improves response time and saves lives. Merchant thanked Coralville for its support and looks forward to working with them on these projects in the coming year.
Assistant Library Director Ellen Hampe Alexander and ILS Administrator Shalar Knupp followed Merchant's report by informing the Council of two new initiatives they have at the library. One of them is in partnership with Johnson County Ambulance Service where they will have CPR practice dummies that people can check out. They have an adult one and child size one. The in conjunction with the Iowa School of Pharmacy and Johnson County Public Health they will start checking out blood pressure cuffs and they will have one at the reference desk for people to take their blood pressure at the library. Merchant, Hampe Alexander and Knupp had their picture taken with the mayor displaying the interior and external AEDs and accepting the proclamation.

Goodrich declared this the time for community comments.

Goodrich noted they have heard most everything over the last few months about Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) and it will be the first item they vote on tonight, so she asked people if they have something new to report that would be great to hear and if you want to step up to state your opinion that you could like the council to consider that will be appreciated as well. Resident Linda Mullen asked the council to cancel the Flock contract for the reasons they have heard from countless people in the last couple of months. Mullen also asked the council to be forthright and honest about how the $36,000.00 Flock contract was signed without Council knowledge, no legal review and no chance for the public to weigh in. Mullen noted the Council must approve all contracts and how they approved it during the budget process if they had no knowledge of it except for a vague reference in the Police Chief's budget memo. Mullen asked the council to establish an independent inquiry to be made public in writing that identifies where the policy and law were broken, who is responsible and what specific changes, including potential personnel changes, they will make so that a contract of this size and nature can never again be signed without your knowledge or approval.

Iowa City Council Member Oliver Weilen thanked the mayor and council for placing this item on the agenda and having some accountability for when we make mistakes and noted Iowa City went through something like this when staff let the University of Iowa put ALPRs on city property without council approval. Weilen asked the council to terminate the Flock agreement because it's not just for Coralville residents, but it is for Iowa City, Tiffin and North Liberty residents as well. Weilen added at Iowa City's last Council Meeting they directed staff to come up with language for a code change to make sure if something will go into the public right of way involving collecting data or surveillance on our citizens that it is something that should be accountable to the council. This should be on their next Council Meeting Agenda. Weilen encouraged the council to put up similar guardrails to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Resident Dan Wohlers restated his past concerns about ALPRs and the Flock agreement. Wohlers commended the city on showing the leadership required to change course when the community's concerns and choosing to maintain their rights by ensuring data is not subject to the shifting policies of a third-party corporation. In a free society we prize our safety as much as our privacy and the council is choosing to invest in the trust that makes a community feel like home.

Resident Ryan Swenka thanked the members of the community for continuing to put pressure on the council and city staff to do what is right not just with this contract with Flock but in pushing for a more equitable and accessible city. Swenka advocated for future work sessions to be recorded and made available to the public. Swenka asked when this contract is cancelled that city officials ensure Flock ceases to operate within our city and acts in good faith and short order. If they don't staff should personally assist in removing these ALPRs from our property.

An unnamed speaker quoted one council member asking if they are responsible for reviewing every detail in every contract and they responded that if you are going to run for office or seek a seat of power or influence you should be interested in these items (Flock and ALPRs). They stated the council is responsible for helping run this city and should have an interest in choices that could open the city up to litigation or put residents at risk and care about the administration of the government and the ethical and moral choices that come with it. The speaker addressed another quote regarding the future of ALPRs in our community and there might be a time where we can explore this experiment further. They responded this is not about Flock safety and it is not unique to this singular company because other companies will look to fill the void. It is not about our specific state or federal administration. It is about technology and its real-world applications. They thanked those who paid attention and continued to come out, and they looked forward to the cancellation of this contract and removal of ALPRs from our community.

Iowa City resident Avi thanked everyone for all the work they do and serving the community. Avi reiterated the arguments that Flock cameras enable essentially dragnet, warrantless surveillance with no checks or guardrails whatsoever. Avi recalled earlier instances of Flock cameras being illegally used to track people and immigration enforcement. Avi noted this issue is not partisan but strikes at the core of what makes us Americans, the liberties and freedoms we prize. Avi paraphrased Benjamin Franklin who said, those that give up liberty for a little bit of temporary safety will deserve neither. Its important we think about our freedoms and the things that make us unique in this country and uphold those. Avi asked the council to vote against the contract.

An unnamed speaker thanked the council for putting forth this resolution to cancel the Flock contract. They think it shows a lot of accountability and leadership. They believe that this will not be the last time something like this comes forth and there will be other surveillance methods as technology improves.

There will be others like Flock that operate in darkness and secrecy, and they asked the council to keep this in mind as they consider contracts in the future. They tanked the council for their time and service. Goodrich closed the community comments.

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

After the resolution was read, Councilperson Rich Vogelzang made a statement that there are many other communities that understand the value and logic of having ALPRs in their community and experiences actual proven successes by having them in their communities. They understand law abiding people do not need to be concerned about having ALPRs in their communities. Vogelzang believes a majority of Coralville's 22,000 residents and thousands of visitors support law enforcement and having Flock cameras in Coralville. Many of whom he has spoken to in the last 7 or 8 months. Vogelzang stated the only thing that will be accomplished by cancelling the Flock contract is it will take away a tool that can assist law enforcement agencies in finding missing persons on Amber or Silver Alerts, alleged perpetrators of crimes including human trafficking. Cancelling the Flock contract is a failure to provide safety benefits for the greater good in our community. Vogelzang stated he could support amending the current policy to make it compliant with the code he cannot support the cancellation of our contract with Flock. Councilperson Katie Freeman noted all the people who spoke to Vogelzang in favor of Flock have not contacted her or chose to speak to the Council directly, so she is going to listen to the people who came to the meeting and vote to cancel this contract tonight. Councilperson Mike Knudson noted some comments he heard tonight hit home, and this has been about process and timing from the beginning. On the process Knudson noted they were promised a discussion of the purchasing policy, and he hopes it happens soon. Knudson's interpretation of the policy indicated this contract should have come to a vote. Knudson stated he would support adopting language that would require a vote on purchases affecting data storage and security concerns like Iowa City Councilperson Oliver Weilen mentioned. Knudson agreed with Freeman that over the last three months of hearing people speak on this issue there were only a few who spoke in favor of ALPRs in the beginning but since then he has only heard from people against having ALPRs in Coralville. Knudson stated he will vote to cancel the contract and do everything they can to shut down those cameras ASAP. Councilperson Hai Huyn agreed with Vogelzang that they represent everyone in Coralville adding they need to listen to everyone's opinions and abide by them. Huynh received some emails and texts from people who support ALPRs but a majority that she has heard from do not support them. Huynh noted voting not to have ALPRs in Coralville does not mean they don't support the Police Department and she appreciates them putting their lives on the line everyday for our safety. Huynh stated she has been in favor of cancelling the Flock contract since the beginning and will want some follow up on the timeline for removing the cameras. City Administrator Kelly Hayworth responded Flock has told him they can remove the cameras within a few days. City Attorney Kevin Olson added he will send the resolution to the Attorney General and that will resolve the complaint filed with them.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

Resolution terminating the Agreement with Flock Group and rescinding Police Policy regarding Automated License Plate Readers, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Huynh, Freeman, Knudson. Nays: Vogelzang. Absent: Peterson. Resolution declared adopted.

LUCKY PETE SUBDIVISION

After the ordinance was read, Freeman asked if there was a Plan B for this development if they can't get financing to build the e-sports arena. Hayworth responded that it would be up to the owner of the property and if the plan changed, they would have to bring the new plan to the council for approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1001 an ordinance amending the Coralville Zoning Ordinance, the same being Ordinance 2020-1009, as previously amended, rezoning certain property located within the corporate limits of the City of Coralville, Johnson County, Iowa and generally known as Lucky Pete Subdivision from C-2, Arterial Commercial District, to C-PUD 1, Commercial Planned Unit Development One District, was

introduced by Vogelzang, seconded by Huynh for 3rd and final consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Ordinance declared adopted after its publication as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

Resolution approving the PUD-A Site Plan for the Lucky Pete Subdivision, Coralville, Iowa, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Freeman. A roll call vote was called. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

Resolution approving the Final Plat for the Lucky Pete Subdivision, Coralville, Iowa, was introduced by Freeman, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

15-MINUTE PARKING ZONES

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1001 an ordinance amending Chapter 69 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coralville, as previously amended, regarding parking regulations, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Vogelzang for 3rd and final consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Ordinance declared adopted after its publication as required by law.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

After the resolution was read, Freeman asked when we will know what the proposed levy is. Finance Director Ann Hester responded the final numbers for the tax levy need to be submitted to the state by 4:00 PM on March 5th. Johnson County will mail notices to each resident on what the tax levy will be and then we will have a public hearing on the tax levy at a separate meeting on March 24th at 6:00 PM. Currently we are looking at a $14.51 levy for Fiscal Year 2027 compared to the $14.53 in Fiscal Year 2026. Knudson reported having an interesting conversation with Hayworth about this and he doesn't know what Hayworth will recommend, but this is the maximum levy which has normally been our levy but with the uncertainty of what the state is going to do with property taxes it might be worth maxing this out and seeing what happens in the future. It will be easier to lower the tax levy amount than to raise it in the future. Knudson is sure they will be discussing this in the work session. Hayworth noted the only levy they can adjust under the law is the transit levy because the others are set by dollar amount or the formula. Knudson confirmed they could adjust the transit levy up. It was noted Iowa HF 718 requires a separate meeting for a public hearing on the property tax levy. The public hearing will be held at a Coralville City Council Special Meeting at Coralville City Hall beginning at 6:00 PM on March 24, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

Resolution setting the time and place for a public hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed Property Tax Levy for the City's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, was introduced by Vogelzang, seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

WELL 17 IMPROVEMENTS

It was noted this agreement is not to exceed $295,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

Resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for Well 17 Improvements, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Freeman. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Huynh to approve the Consent Calendar items a-z as amended:

a) Approve minutes for February 10, 2026, Coralville City Council Regular Meeting.

b) Approve **new** Retail Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit for ***Dave's Vending Machine #1***: 02/25/2026-06/31/2026. (For a vending machine at Quinton's Bar & Deli.)
c) Approve Class E Retail Alcohol License for ***Maverick #5291***: Eff. 3/15. (Formerly Kum & Go #524)
d) Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Drury Inn & Suites – Coralville***: Eff. 3/15.
e) Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for ***Marquee Pizzeria***: Eff. 03/23.
f) Approve payment to **Komline-Sanderson** for equipment (#42064956): $15,274.08.
g) Approve payment to **Cummins Sales & Service** for repairs to 72 Fire Truck (#J5-260258029): $13,400.37.
h) Approve payment to **Trumbull Consulting** for 50% Consulting Commission due upon opening of Crisp & Green (#06012186): $7,458.75.
i) Approve payment to **Eocene Environmental Group** for survey and maintenance for CRANDIC Flood Protection Wetland Mitigation (Year 13): $3,000.00.
j) Approve payment to **Shive-Hattery, Inc.** for:
  i) 5th Street Improvements (#1219270-32) $14,385.90
  ii) Forevergreen Road Extension Phase 1 (#2250013840-3) $16,707.00
k) Approve payment to **Terracon Consultants, Inc.** for CRANDIC Levee Evaluation – Utility Resilience Project (#TQ30806): $23,600.00.
l) Approve payment to the **Johnson County Auditor** for the city's share of the November 4, 2025 City & School Election (2/4/2026): $13,355.29.
m) Approve payment to **CIT Sewer Solutions** for FY 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Pay Application #3 (#7108): $33,104.06.
n) Approve payment to **Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center** for BrrrFest 2026 (#32006311): $23,047.25.
o) Approve Pay Estimate #2 to **Municipal Pipe Tool Co., Inc.** for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation: $137,531.54.
p) Approve Pay Estimate #2 to **ACME Electric Company** for Wells 9 & 10 Standby Generator Improvements: $23,827.30.
q) Approve Pay Estimate #12 to **WRH, Inc.** for Well 16 Improvements: $198,460.67.
r) Approve Pay Estimate #2 to **Wendler, Inc.** for WWTP Biosolids Pump Replacement: $8,487.50.
s) Accept quotes and approve the purchase from **Acterra Group** of one GIR fuel management system to replace the current system: $15,521.61. (This quote reflects Sourcewell Pricing and covers installation of the new system and removal for the old system.)
t) Approve attendance of Jacob Giese at Less Lethal Instructor at Harlan, Iowa from July 19-24, 2026: $2,225.83. **<REMOVED>**
u) Approve attendance of Florence Cox to Tyler Connect 2026 at Las Vegas, Nevada from April 7-11, 2026: $3,351.60.
v) Approve attendance of Ann Hester to Tyler Connect 2026 at Las Vegas from April 7-10, 2026: $3,351.60.
w) Approve attendance of Elysee Agbogbo to the 120th Annual Conference GFOA at Chicago, Illinois from June 26, 2026 – July 1, 2026: $3,401.68.
x) Approve attendance of Alison Ames Galstad to Voices for Libraries at Washington, D.C. from March 3 – 6, 206: $2,221.86.
y) Approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report.
z) Approve Bill List for February 24, 2026.

Seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Receipts for the month of January were General: $2,039,941.49; Road Use: $321,110.79; Police Grant: $610.22; Employee Benefits: $19,504.99; Iowa River Landing Operation: $350,805.69; TIF -12th Avenue: $13,462.48; TIF-Oakdale: $86,997.16; TIF-Mall/Hwy 6: $36,959.77; Debt Service: $21,210.53; Street Improvements: $2,737.00; Iowa River Landing: $571.15; Streambank Mitigation: $2,130.76; Trust & Agency: $11,120.66; Water: $369,964.50; Sewer: $478,444.51; Parking: $649,802.56; Solid Waste:

$151,663.37; Transit: $165,612.38; Storm Water: $65,495.70; Hotel: $313,620.81. Total receipts for January 2026 were $5,101,766.52 and of this $213,858.08 were property tax.

City Administrator Kelly Hayworth had nothing to report.

Goodrich reopened community comments. Resident Jennifer Struthers noted she is one of the people who cautiously supported Flock. Struthers was bothered by some of the earlier speakers, insinuating there was something not on the up and up about the Flock contract and she doesn't think there was anything trying to be done under the radar. There is just a difference of opinions on what is going on. Struthers thinks we owe the council and staff a lot of respect and gratitude for what they do. Stuthers likes how Mayor Laurie Goodrich pointed out we all have different opinions and should respect everyone's opinion, and some tonight did not do that, and she doesn't think that is the proper way to convey ideas and opinions. Resident Tara McGovern thanked everyone for their time and asked again that the council make their work sessions available for people who are not physically able to be in the room for the work sessions. McGovern noted topics being discussed at tonight's work session are the TIF Analysis Report, Hotel projections, the Community Development Department Report, the Fiscal Year 2027 budget and the Recreation Center Construction Manager process. McGovern state if work sessions were accessible to the community we could have saved $36,000.00 and over a hear of time.

Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel had nothing to report.

Mayor Laurie Goodrich had nothing to report.

City Attorney Kevin Olson had nothing to report.

Councilperson Mike Knudson thought it was great to see the public input, but he reiterated what Councilperson Hai Huynh said about the vote to cancel the Flock contract is not an up and down vote on the Police Department at all. They do our community service, and he appreciates everything they do. Knudson noted he shops at the Iowa River Landing a lot and the parking lot at Trader Joes get full not just with people shopping. Knudson has noticed there have been people dropping people off to get their care because they just left them there and he wondered if there is something that can be done about it. Knudson noted there isn't a time limit posted for parking in that lot or says Trader Joes customers only and when the store is closed there are usually cars still parks there. Knudson would like to figure out a way to free up some parking there.

Councilperson Rich Vogelzang thanked the mayor for the "American Heart Month" proclamation and he encouraged everyone to become certified in CPR and to download the Pulse Point app to their phone because you never know when you might need it.

Councilperson Hai Huynh thanked community members who showed up and continue to show up to make their voices are heard and taking the time out of their busy schedules to hold the council accountable. Huynh thanked them for joining in the process. Huynh acknowledged how hard city staff and our administrator work and their courage and bravery to make Coralville what it is right now. Huynh noted we can do better. Huynh noted this is a city where we can share with one another and protect each other from outside harm that wants to come in. Huynh noted staff are also human beings and mistakes happen, so we need to be kind to each other and the people who do this work each day. Huynh noted the public's frustration and sometimes anger is valid, but they need to be kind to the people who do this work because they invest in this community just like you do.

Councilperson Katie Freeman thanked everyone who showed up and been writing and she thanked those that have been just asking questions about how this process works, because it is important that everybody can be involved that wants to be involved. Freeman reported this Saturday, February 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Sacred Collective in Iowa City on Lynn Street there is going to be a Mutual Aid 101 that is presented by Iowa City Mutual Aid. It is going to be a pretty informative and casual conversation about practical strategies to build community and share what is happening in the community and what Iowa City Mutual Aid is already doing and how people can get involved. There will be light snacks and

drinks and masks will be available and are required. Freeman wanted to highlight that because the best way to fight against fear and uncertainty is to take care of each other. Freeman informed everyone about the Prairie Lands Freedom Funds which are used to help get people out of detainment and they have been successful, but they have gone through astronomical amounts of money in a very short time. Freeman suggested looking up Prairie Lands Freedom Fund on Instagram to find a bunch of links with information on how you can donate to them.

Motion by Huynh, seconded by Vogelzang to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Laurie Goodrich, Mayor

Thorsten J. Johnson, City Clerk