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 March 10, 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; City Engineer Scott Larson; Finance Director Ann Hester; Police Chief Kyle Nicholson; Parks & Recreation Director Sherri Proud; Water Superintendent Jordon Altenhofen; Communications Specialist Jon Hines; Production Assistant Dillon Jacobson and Deputy City Clerk Kelly Lindsay.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Knudson to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5.

Votes are 5 Ayes for Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances unless otherwise noted.

Mayor Laurie Goodrich proclaimed March 21, 2026 as "Save Soil Day."

Romy Lodh is a volunteer with Conscious Planet, the non-profit behind the Safe Soil People's Movement. Lodh thanked the council for recognizing Safe Soil with the proclamation. Lodh gave a disclaimer that the Safe Soil movement does not concern everyone, only people who eat food. It only concerns people who eat food fast or slow, because the soil we are talking about isn't dirt in general, it's cultivable soil, the living top layer that grows our food. When that living organic content is lost, soil can become more like sand, and food becomes harder and more expensive to grow. It is not just the quantity, but also the quality. Our grandparents got as much nutrition from one orange as we do today from eight oranges. This is clearly evident in the rising cases of nutrition and vitamin deficiency, compromising our immune system and impacting our overall well-being. The good news is this crisis is reversible, and the science is clear that restoring soil organic matter is central to the solution, with a widely shared target of bringing organic matter up to a healthy range. Safe soil is a global, citizen led movement, bringing together governments, scientists, farmers and everyday people to support soil health policies and practical, farmer driven regeneration. Now, why am I sharing this here in Iowa? Because the policy follows people when the communities care, leaders act. And tonight's proclamation is an example of that leadership. As you can see, there's a short video playing over here with some of our efforts, our participation in the July 4th parade, handprint campaign with kids, past proclamations, University of Iowa movie screening and student engagement, and even a moment dancing with the Masai in Kenya, holding safe soil posters. Because this is truly a global movement and Iowa is part of it. And we are continuing locally on March 12th. This week we will host a Safe Soil exhibit at Horn Elementary School, helping the next generation connect the dots between soil, food, and health. My ask is simple. Please visit safesoil.org and take one small action. Sign up as an Earth buddy. Learn, share and help us keep soil health on the public agenda. It doesn't have to start with money. It starts with awareness and voice and this proclamation gives that voice real momentum. Thank you again for your leadership and support.

Goodrich declared this the time for community comments.

Mary McCann of Iowa City spoke to publicly recognize the Coralville City Council has refused to add an officer to the CPD since the Chief of Police was sworn into office, despite an increase in 911 calls. Next year, CPD will lose two officers, each with many years of experience, to retirement. They will be replaced with recruits in need of training. McCann states there is no assurance that the council understands how that will impact Coralville residents, or the safety and well-being of Coralville police officers. The hostilities the Coralville police face silently and alone every day is never discussed. It's wrenching to see that few people seem to notice, and even worse, that there are those who are pleased to see an officer's struggle. There is an ideology that believes a social worker can replace an officer, a state level social worker, HHS

leader brilliantly answered her question, saying Johnson County is “resource rich, but access poor.” McCann stated she had to wonder if Council realized they are responsible for officers’ welfare. McCann requested Council look at the data she provided with Joint Emergency Communications Center calls for service in February 2026.

Sue Dvorsky, a Coralville resident, spoke to tell Council she is running for Board of Supervisors District 3. The districts were created as a result of legislation that came to us, so instead of electing supervisors at large, we will now elect a supervisor based on the district in which we live. There’s a lot of education to be done about this. It is also the case that instead of having five votes for supervisor, everyone now has one vote and has lost the opportunity to vote countywide. Dvorksy stated there will need be education and things maybe unforeseen will change in how we operate this district. District 3 includes all of the voting precincts in Coralville, all of Tiffin, the remainder of Clear Creek Township, as well as Union, Sharon, and Washington Townships. It’s a big district. It’s a rural district. The districts were created using the 2020 census, and dividing it by five seats, so that each district is approximately 32,000 people. The new district ties together Tiffin and Coralville, which is exciting because the two towns have a lot in common. Dvorsky does not have a primary, so the big election will happen from June to November. She invites calls and conversations about anything you might want to discuss.

Ryan Swenka, a Coralville resident, thanked Council members Knudson, Huyhn, and Freeman for their votes to cancel the contract with Flock Safety. Swenka indicated interest in discussion of a purchasing policy and stressed the importance for Council and staff to not just passively notify the public, but actively engage. Swenka stated he thinks the government should make smart financial decisions, and believes the e-sports arena is a terrible investment for the City. He urged Council to delay votes and to gather information from constituents and experts.

Amy Hernandez, an intern with the Immigrant Welcome Network of Johnson County, spoke about the subcommittee held with Iowa Senators today regarding House File 2296. This bill plans to prohibit counties and cities from issuing community IDs, and the subcommittee plans to move the bill forward. The bill would directly eliminate a ten year local program that has served residents across our county, including families who live here in Coralville. The Johnson County Community ID is a limited local tool. It does not replace state or federal IDs and cannot be used to vote or register to vote, cannot serve as a driver's license, access state or federal benefits, or board a plane. Instead, it helps residents navigate daily life with a greater safety and dignity. Its purpose is simple and practical to allow community members to identify themselves during routine interactions with local institutions, emergency services, and law enforcement. From their experience working with individuals who use the community ID, one of the most important significant impacts of the program has been improved public safety. When people feel safe identifying themselves, they are more likely to report crimes and come forward as witnesses and cooperate with law enforcement. When fear increases, people are more likely to stay silent. And that silence makes communities less safe. Many assume that community IDs are only for immigrants; in reality, they have seen a wide range of residents benefit from this program, including seniors who can no longer drive, people who have lost important documents due to emergencies, individuals experiencing homelessness, and young people who do not do not yet have access to state issued identification. This program has served neighbors across Johnson County and ensures no one is excluded from basic participation in daily life. Hernandez requested Coralville City Council take immediate action to publicly affirm their support for the Johnson County Community ID program as a tool that strengthens safety, trust, and inclusion in our community. Hernandez urged Council to contact representative Pat Grassley to express concern about House File 2296 and the harmful impact it will have on Coralville residents.

Crystal Gomez Ramirez, a daughter of immigrants, spoke to describe what the community ID program looks like in practice. These IDs are used by immigrants and a wide range of other residents. For many residents, the community ID is their only form of identification. Without ID, people struggle to interact with local systems, whether that's accessing services, identifying themselves, or communicating with local agencies during emergencies. When people lack ID, fear and hesitation increases, and small problems often turn into larger ones. Community IDs help people identify themselves safely and allow service providers, local officers and emergency responders to do their jobs more efficiently, efficiently and effectively. This program does not replace state IDs or federal documents. It is limited in scope and exists

to solve a local problem with the local solution. If Johnson County were forced to eliminate this program, we would see more people avoiding institutions, delaying help, and staying silent. The community ID makes our work more efficient, effective, and our community safer. Ramirez urged Council to outwardly oppose House file 2296 as it negatively affects Coralville community members.

Update by President and CEO Nancy Bird of Greater Iowa City, Inc.

Nancy Bird and Tom Martinez presented and updated on the work Greater Iowa City, Inc. is doing this year. The mission of the organization is to be the business voice of Johnson County. They support businesses in this area, as well as invest in strategic initiatives and then advocate for the economic resiliency of all. They work collectively under the umbrella of the All Envision plan, which is Johnson County's strategic plan. They pride themselves in providing a positive voice for the number of organizations that they work with. An important part of their work is to monitor the economic health of the county. They work hard to be the hub and of innovation, livability and opportunity. One of the ways they've done that is create the data dashboard. A new tool that they can really tap into to understand some of the logistics of the data in our county, business and labor market characteristics, housing, etc. Nancy introduced Tom Martinez, who is new to the Greater Iowa City staff. The first part of the data dashboard tracks countywide population growth. This is something that's very important to economic health, and we would like to see a steady growth in the population. Johnson County is the third fastest growing in the state of Iowa. Coralville specifically grew by about 4000 residents since 2013, which is a 20% increase. Coralville is growing pretty steadily in that time, bringing the city population to 23,234 residents as of 2024. Between the years of 2020 to 2022, there was a positive net domestic migration in Johnson County. This is important for Coralville, as the immigrant population stands at 14%. And nearly all the population growth is really coming from international migration into our county. Next, Martinez reported on a visitor data to Johnson County and Coralville specifically. All three major cities, Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty recently adopted a Local Option Sales Tax, so all of these dollars are going to be coming back into the cities as revenue. There were visitors from all over the United States, all 50 states in total for 2024. In Coralville, there were 3.3 million unique visitors who came to the city at that time for a total of 24.5 million visits. Next, they reported on the business ecosystem. In Johnson County, there are approximately 3500 businesses. Of those businesses, 95% are small businesses having fewer than 50 employees. These businesses create nearly $10 billion of gross domestic products, and about 10% of employees in the county come from firms that are less than five years old. Data shows a large portion of Johnson County residents work in the health care sector, largely due to University of Iowa Healthcare in the area. The second and third largest industries for employers are retail and hospitality. Retail and hospitality specifically have a big footprint in Coralville. A graphic containing numbers from US Census indicates 14,337 people who live outside of Coralville but work inside Coralville. 859 people live and work in Coralville. 9,804 people live in Coralville and work outside of Coralville. This demonstrates the interconnectedness of our local economy: there's lots of interchange within the region. Greater Iowa City, Inc. experienced success in the past year and a half in opening a business resource center that supports businesses in the community with very specific technical input like accounting, marketing, legal support. Business Resource Center services are complimentary and can be provided by appointment or walk-in. Last year there were 161 different unique appointments. So far this year there were 44 appointments in January alone. The coworking access on 5th Street is part of this. The more investment that is made in this program, the more it supports the entire ecosystem. Greater Iowa City, Inc. also does events, connections, and forums throughout the county. They are aware there is a lot of excitement around the Fifth Street investment districts. It is a long term planning process, but it will constantly give their staff ways to engage your local businesses to get involved in these areas. One of the things that they want to address is the sign code to be revisited with the City of Coralville as it pertains to Fifth Street in particular. For signage to be really effective for the pedestrian, it needs to be visible and standing out from the building to call a pedestrian down the street. If signs are flush with the building, they are not visible to the pedestrian, meaning the pedestrian isn't encouraged to continue to walking to a shop. There is an opportunity to make an adjustment there and provide some opportunities for those smaller businesses to be better seen. Once you make a change to a regulation, it doesn't always just happen for small businesses – you may need to incentivize businesses to behave differently with grant funding. Greater Iowa City Inc. can find grant opportunities to encourage them to actually implement new sign code or improvements to interiors or exteriors. Grant funding has, in other communities like North Liberty,

called people in from other areas, small businesses that wouldn't have otherwise opened. Iowa River power and Gather Iowa in the Fifth Street Investment District area are important investments to the City, and they will continue to provide support here. They appreciate the opportunity to give an update tonight to show what their work plan looks like for this year.

BONDS

It was noted this is to finance costs for extending, widening, improving, constructing and repairing water, sewer, streets, streetscape, flood protection/remediation projects and other infrastructure improvements, acquiring real estate needed for any of the foregoing purposes, and other associated costs. These loan agreements are not to exceed $1,700,000.00 and the public hearing will be on March 24, 2026.

After the resolution was read, City Administrator Kelly Hayworth reminded Council this will fund Forevergreen Road Extension – 1st Avenue to 12th Avenue Phase 1, completion of the Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive roundabout, Camp Cardinal Boulevard and Kennedy Parkway interim improvements, and the Solid Waste Recycling Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-21

Resolution to fix a date for public hearing on General Obligation Essential Corporate Purpose Loan Agreements was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

It was noted this Amendment to the 2012 Financial Services Agreement with Piper Sandler & Co. is necessary due to new City projects requiring their services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22

Resolution approving an Amendment to the Financial Services Agreement with Piper Sandler & Co was introduced by Vogelzang, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

HEARTLAND DRIVE AND COMMERCE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

City Engineer Scott Larson reported on bids received to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive. Larson reported five bids were received March 3, 2026 with bids ranging from $1.29M to $1.67M. The apparent low bid was Midwest Concrete Inc. from Peosta with a bid of $1,299,719.33. The Engineer's Estimate for this project was $1,488,568.80. Larson reminded Council tonight is just the bid report and on March 24th there will be a recommendation to award. Councilperson Knudson asked if we have any experience working with Midwest Concrete. Larson reported we do have experience working with Midwest Concrete. Midwest Concrete did the Camp Cardinal Boulevard Trail from Highway 6 South to the Harkin Trailhead project just a few years ago. We had a good experience with them on that project. Also, Midwest Concrete are a subcontractor on the City of North Liberty's Forevergreen Road and Jasper Avenue roundabout project, so they'll be doing essentially the roundabout there as well with the concrete work.

KEMPF LIFT STATION ABANDONMENT

It was noted this accepts the abandonment of the Lift Station in the Kempf Subdivision as completed. Retainage due in 30-Days is $11,792.75.

Motion by Huynh, seconded by Knudson to approve Change Order #5 (Final): $2,728.40 from Maxwell Construction, Inc. for Kempf Lift Station Abandonment. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

Resolution accepting the Kempf Lift Station Abandonment as completed was introduced by Councilperson Huynh, seconded by Peterson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

S.T. MORRISON PARK FINAL DESIGN – PHASE 1 AND LIBRARY OUTDOOR SPACES

It was noted this agreement involves coordinating S.T. Morrison Park Phase 1 plans, the Library Lawn and sign package for new and renovated spaces with construction of the new recreation center, creating construction plans, assisting with budget development and being available for construction administration services with the Construction Manager at-Risk. This agreement is not to exceed $409,520.00.

Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud reviewed with Council the master plans for Fifth Street Campus, Civic Campus, and City Sign Package. Proud reviewed that in 2022, city staff, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Library Board developed a campus plan going through the lower end of ST Morrison Park, across the front of 7th Street, City Hall, and then on to the Library lawn. The goal was to look at how to energize and activate these spaces. Proud shared images of these spaces and shared how the contract would design these spaces. The pond would increase from a 1 acre pond to a 1.2 acre pond, changing it's shape and adding trails. There would be plaza spaces added along the south end and up against the 5th Street spaces. There would be a new event space along the east side, a large shelter in the future, and an additional playground. These would be active spaces bringing people together, "where they meet." Further down at the library, we further develop the concept of the open lawn. There would be a children's outdoor reading area where the library could hold storytime, a musical garden, and another outdoor reading room. This consultant agreement would develop these concepts.

Proud also reported on the 2023 city master plan for city monuments signage. This would update our City signs, taking into account both limestone and brickwork that we have across the City. Proud shared images of what the signs would look like. As we do these improvements, there would be new signs at the Recreation Center and Natatorium, a new sign for ST Morrison Park, City Hall, and the library. We could look at police, fire, and CCPA in the future.

Proud recommended the execution of this contract for consultant agreement with Confluence to coordinate the park project plans with construction of the new rec center. They would create construction plans, assist with budget development, and they would be available through the process for construction administration services. With the CM-at risk for phase one improvements and would also help us bid. The Library Lawn project would be a separate bid package and would help us with that process. In total for this package is $409,520 for the work for the park. It comes out to about 8.4% in design costs and for the library area, about 10% design costs. This is good pricing with Confluence, as they are also a sub consultant on the recreation center and indoor pool project. This allows the City to combine economies of scale here and get some good pricing for this consultant agreement.

Council person Knudson asked for a reminder why this doesn't have to go out for bid. City Administrator responded this is for consulting services, which do not have a requirement for bids.

Proud reminded that Confluence developed these master plans, so it makes sense to go back to them to follow through with the design on their plans.

Council person Peterson asked whether the percentages Proud mentioned are in line with average industry pricing. Proud responded that 15% to 18% is typical, so at 8.4% and 10% the City is getting is good pricing.

Council person Huynh asked to clarify whether this is being combined with the Rec Center project. Proud responded the project is combined together so when grading is being done at the rec center, grading can

also be done at the pond, to be more seamless for the project and to obtain better pricing. More importantly, this is to go from a plan to actual construction documents.

Council person Freeman asked to clarify whether it matters who the Construction Manager at-Risk is. Proud responded it doesn't matter who the Construction Manager at-Risk is at this point, this is just to get design and development done, and then the Construction Manager at-Risk will carry out the design of the project. Newman Munson has been retained for the building design. This is for the park design.

Council person Knudson asked Proud to explain the 8.4% and 10% figures. Proud reported these percentages are the design cost divided by the total project cost.

Council person Peterson asked if the new park shelter is in approximately the same location as the old shelter. Proud confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Confluence for the S.T. Morrison Park Final Design – Phase 1 and Library Outdoor Spaces was introduced by Peterson, seconded by Vogelzang. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

CLEAR CREEK STREAM MITIGATION BANK FILL DIRT AGREEMENT

It was noted this agreement sells 4,000 cubic yards of fill dirt for $1.00 per cubic yard removed from the Clear Creek Stream Mitigation Bank Construction area that is currently being stored on leased land to McComas Lacina.

RESOUTION NO. 2026-25

After the resolution was read, Knudson asked to clarify whether the dirt was stored on their land. Director of Parks and Recreation Sherri Proud clarified we are selling the dirt, not the land. City Attorney Kevin Olson clarified the City is leasing the land in the Westcor area from Matt Adam, and McComas Lacina will move the dirt. Knudson asked when McComas Lacina will take the dirt. Proud responded they plan to take the dirt by March 31st.

Resolution approving an Agreement for the sale of fill dirt with the McComas Lacina was introduced by Freeman, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

CONSOLIDATED TRANSIT FUNDING APPLICATION

It was noted the public hearing will be April 14, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26

Resolution setting a public hearing on the City of Coralville FY 2027 Iowa Department of Transportation Consolidated Transit Funding Application was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Peterson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO IOWA RIVER LANDING RETAIL LEASE

It was noted this Fifth Amendment will extend the Lease to January 31, 2028 and split the costs to Repair the HVAC. This is the third of four options to extend the lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27

Resolution approving the Fifth Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Scratch Cupcakery at Iowa River Landing, L.L.C. introduced by Vogelzang, seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Motion by Huynh to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Laurie Goodrich for the following appointment:

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Appoint Jennifer Struthers 991 Highland Park Avenue 2027

Seconded by Knudson. Motion carried.

Motion by Huynh to approve the consent calendar items a-x:

- **a)** Approve minutes for February 24, 2026, Coralville City Council Regular Meeting.
- **b)** Approve Class E Retail Alcohol License for ***Maverick #5291***: Eff. 3/15. (Formerly Kum & Go #524)
- **c)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Drury Inn & Suites – Coralville***: Eff. 3/15.
- **d)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for ***Marquee Pizzeria***: Eff. 03/23.
- **e)** Approve payment to the **Iowa Brewers Guild** their 50% of the profit from BrrrFest 2026: $23,504.34.
- **f)** Approve payment to **Neumann Monson Architects** for the Recreation & Aquatic Center:
  - **i)** Invoice #2021.099-17 $181,400.00
  - **ii)** Invoice #2021.099-16 $219,200.00
- **g)** Approve payment to **CHMWarnick, Inc.** for Asset Management Fees for March 2026 related to the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center (#17066): $15,582.87.
- **h)** Approve payment to **Shive-Hattery, Inc.** for Youth Sports Complex Field Expansion Testing (#2112301060): $968.30.
- **i)** Approve payment to **GMV Innovating Solutions** for Annual Service Fees per vehicle (#GMVSYN-26/500073): $10,420.00.
- **j)** Approve payment to **Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.** for:
  - **i)** 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (#283307-1) $2,618.00
  - **ii)** Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Construction (#283306-3) $2,250.00
  - **iii)** WWTP Biosolids Transfer Pump -Construction (#283305-3) $2,547.00
  - **iv)** WTP Filter Media Replacement Construction Services (#283304-3) $875.00
  - **v)** 2023 Sanitary Sewer Lining (#283287-8) $1,338.80
  - **vi)** Oakdale Blvd Force Main Improvements – Resident (283283-10) $1,305.00
  - **vii)** Well 17 Preliminary Engineering (#283294-10) $4,000.00
  - **viii)** Well 16 Improvements – Resident (#283292-12) $867.20
  - **ix)** Well 16 Improvements – General (#283291-13) $1,260.00
  - **x)** WLU Central Trunk Sewer – Upper Reach Resident (#283274-21) $1,625.00
  - **xi)** WWTP Transfer Pump Replacement (#283263-22) $470.00
- **k)** Approve Pay Estimate #1 to **Peterson Contractors, Inc.** for the Youth Sports Park Expansion Part 1: $181,392.52.
- **l)** Approve Pay Estimate #3 to **Wendler, Inc.** for the WWTP Biosolids Transfer Pump & Repairs: $10,670.00.
- **m)** Approve quotations and approve quote and payment to **Schimberg Co.** for 8 Clow I-Hydrant retrofitting kits (#10141491-00): $26,320.00. (This will expand real-time pressure monitoring throughout our water distribution system.)
- **n)** Accept quotations and approve bid and payment to **DitchWitch of Minnesota and Iowa, Davenport, Iowa** for one new utility locator to replace out current locator (#191721):

$11,708.80. (This is used to locate street lighting and traffic signal electrical lines and upgrading to this GPS enabled unit will allow us to map all current lines to increase our accuracy and efficiency.)

o) Approve proposal from **Walker Consultants** for consulting services to provide assessments of the five city parking ramps and update the 20-year asset management plan: $48,100.00 not including reimbursable expenses. (This includes a structural assessment, physical testing of materials and surfaces, assessing waterproofing, stair towers and general façade.)

p) Accept quotations and approve quote and payment to **TurnOnGreen** to replace four Level 2 EV charging stations and the network plan at the West Parking Ramp (#9CFD1): $19,407.48.

q) Accept quotations and approve quote and payment to **Neumiller Electric Inc.** to remove 4 EV charging stations and replace with Level 2 EV stations for TurnOnGreen at the West Parking Ramp (#5699): $5,125.00.

r) Approve quote and payment to **Safety Vision** for installation of two mobile security video systems for two new ADA Paratransit light duty buses (#Q-28857): $14,475.00.

s) Accept quotations and approve proposal from **JDM Concrete LLC** for the Sidewalk Project (Zone 5) 2025: $8,304.00.

t) Approve proposal from **Noel's Tree Service** for the Forevergreen Road Extension Phase 1W Tree Felling for not to exceed $13,812.00. (The trees need to be felled by April 1st to comply with U.S. Fish 7 Wildlife's Indiana Bat habitat restrictions that run from April 1st to September 30th.)

u) Approve attendance of Liz Monroe to EMT-U of I EMSLRC in Iowa City, Iowa from June 15, 2026 to August 5, 2026: $2,250.00.

v) Approve attendance of Chase Kuecker to EMT-U of I EMSLRC in Iowa City, Iowa from May 19, 2026 to July 8, 2026: $2,250.00.

w) Approve attendance of Jacob Giese to Less Lethal Instructor in Harlan, Iowa from August 9-14, 2026: $2,096.90.

x) Approve Bill List for March 10, 2026.

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

City Administrator Kelly Hayworth reported that next week the City will begin with the last phase of the 5th Street project. The transit detour will be 12th Avenue to 7th Street, and this has been posted on the buses as well as communicated on the website. The contractors hope to be done very quickly.

Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel had nothing to report.

Mayor Laurie Goodrich reported the Iowa Heartlanders still have seven games left to play this season, and they will be suspending their next season. Goodrich mentioned there is more news to come about the future of hockey in Coralville. Goodrich also reported the City has been complying with the state's open meetings and open records training, and she thanked City Attorney Kevin Olson for conducting these trainings. Kevin Olson reported he has done this five times and has one more training on March 24th if anyone still needs to complete this training.

Council member Knudson mentioned since it is soon-to-be Save Soil Day, now is a good time to remind residents of the City's soil restoration program in which residents can be partially reimbursed for cost for expenses related to enriching the soil on their properties. He encouraged residents to use this program.

Council person Rich Vogelzang had nothing to report.

Council person Hai Huynh had nothing to report.

Council person Royce Peterson reported he was heavily involved in the beginning of the Community ID program, as much of the work went through the Center for Workers' Justice and County Supervisors. Peterson has seen firsthand how it has brought people out of the shadows and made people more willing

to work with law enforcement. He highly recommends people reach out to Grassley to oppose House File 2296.

Council person Katie Freeman reported on Thursday last week, the Iowa House debated an amendment to a Senate bill. This amendment, which changed the Iowa Civil Rights Act to state all cities shall, to the extent possible, protect the rights of the citizens of the state secured by the Iowa Civil Rights Act. A city or local government shall not enact any ordinance or other law which is broader or has different categories, or of unfair or discriminatory practices than those provided in this chapter. Freeman noted the City of Coralville Human Rights Ordinance currently includes gender identity as a protected class. However, the Iowa Civil Rights Removal Act eliminated gender identity from the state Civil Rights Act when it was signed into law by Governor Reynolds on February 28th last year. The bill passed both the House and the Senate, and the Governor signed it into law today. Meaning, beginning in July, gender identity will no longer be a protected class anywhere in the state of Iowa. Freeman wanted to describe why it is important that local communities such as ours and the 16 others with these protections respond now. There are already policies that force transgender people within government systems, such as prisons and detention facilities into involuntary de-transition, refusal of medically necessary care, and compliance through any means necessary, predominantly through violence. History shows us the danger of governments targeting marginalized groups in this way and Nazi Germany. Gay and transgender people were persecuted and imprisoned under state policy, regardless of whether they were Jewish. Their identities alone were treated as grounds for exclusion and punishment. There are already these policies that strip people of the basic documentation needed to function in society. In Kansas, for example, a law required that within 24 hours, driver's licenses be changed to match the state's definition of sex rather than a person's gender identity. Basically, forcing thousands of people to not be able to make it to work, drive, get any kind of service because their ID's no longer were valid. We should recognize that similar dynamics are already emerging here in Iowa to Royce's point regarding the Community ID bill. History again offers a warning, one of the many steps that taken by the Nazi regime to isolate Jewish residents was the removal of basic civil rights, including the right to drive. Laws that seem administrative or technical can, in practice, become tools of exclusion. And once that precedent is set that the state can remove a protected class from civil rights, it raises a larger concern. Today, the target is gender identity, but the same mechanism could be used tomorrow to weaken protections related to national origin, race, sexual orientation, or any of the other characteristics. And the City will have no recourse because the state says we cannot. Freeman recognized that Coralville is not alone in this work. There are currently 17 communities, including us, across Iowa, that have chosen to include gender identity protections in their local human rights ordinances. That means there are many neighbors across the state who share our values, and our commitment to ensuring that transgender people can live free from discrimination. The moment calls for collaboration. Freeman hopes we will reach out to those communities, our neighbors across Iowa, who have made the same commitment and work together to support one another and to continue finding ways to keep our transgender neighbors safe. While the state may attempt to narrow what cities are allowed to do in law, it cannot dictate our values. Our responsibility as local leaders is to affirm that every member of our community deserves dignity, safety and the ability to live their lives without fear of discrimination. Transgender Iowans are our neighbors, our coworkers, our friends, our family members, and our elected leaders. They deserve to know that even in this moment, their community sees them, values them, and will continue to stand with them. And while this legislation may attempt to narrow the protections that cities can provide, it cannot erase our commitment to equity, to inclusion, and to the belief that the humanity of any group of people is not up for debate.

Motion by Knudson, seconded by Freeman to adjourn at 7:40pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Goodrich, Mayor

Kelly Lindsay, Deputy City Clerk