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 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, Huynh, Peterson, Freeman. Absent: Vogelzang.

The following Staff were present: Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel; City Attorney Kevin Olson; City Engineer Scott Larson; Finance Director Ann Hester; Police Lieutenant Mike Mrstik; Fire Chief: Orey Schwitzer; Human Resource/Risk Manager Lynn Knight; Parks & Recreation Director Sherri Proud; Communications Specialist Jon Hines; Production Assistant Dillon Jacobson and City Clerk Thorsten J. Johnson.

Motion by Huynh, seconded by Knudson to approve the agenda. 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 March 31, 2026 as "Transgender Day of Visibility." Tara McGovern a member of the Trans Advisory Committee of Johnson County explained the committee was created by community members with the support of Johnson County Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz and county staff in response to the arrest of seven trans protesters in 2023 with a mission to make life better and more comfortable for trans people in Johnson County and more broadly across the state. Core topics the committee addresses are medical access, safe space designations, youth engagement and housing discrimination. The Trans Advisory Committee has secured funding for the Iowa Trans Mutual Aid Fund to provide gender affirming care through the Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City, a grant for Lavendar Legal enabling trans people more affordable access, needlessly expensive name changes and aiding in the equal protection resolutions in Johnson County, Iowa City and Coralville and the ongoing bathroom mapping project to help the trans community to have safer access to public bathroom facilities. They are establishing a more robust social media presence so people in the community can find them. Another ongoing task is keeping abreast of legislative challenges endangering the trans community like the governor signing Senate File 579, banning local civil rights protections. McGovern noted Councilperson Katie Freeman was the only local elected officials to travel to Des Moines to testify against local protections and said, "If you are unwilling to recognize the value in protecting gender identity at the state level, let the communities that understand the value do so on our own. McGovern stated another value of the committee is that northing should be decided by any outside representative without the full participation of the members of the affected group. McGovern noted they were denied that right to be part of the process in preparing this proclamation when not allowed to add, "Whereas, the human rights of transgender people are under attack across the country, and there are multiple laws currently on the books restricting the rights of transgender Iowans. Whereas, we commit to continuing the fight for equal access and protection for all transgender people, and I call upon all of you to do that work." McGovern noted they have a lot of work yet to do in this community, and the Trans Advisory Committee invites anyone who is interested to an open house tomorrow, March 25th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Sacred Collective in Iowa City. They will have buttons, resources, snacks and a sign station. Goodrich thanked McGovern for her comments, and she felt they did incorporate their ideas and thoughts to the proclamations. McGovern and several members of the community had their picture taken with Goodrich accepting the proclamation.

Coralville Center for the Performing Arts Update and City Circle performance:

Before the performance, Managing Director Evan Hilsbeck of the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) reported one of the things they are celebrating this season is their 15th Season telling stories here in Coralville, During those 15 years they have had thousand of performances and nearly a mission members of our community enter the CCPA to experience storytelling at the local level from artists across

the world. Hilsbeck recounted last year they were here with their newest program, Footliters Imagination Studio presenting some penguins and puppets. Tonight, they have members of “Jesus Christ Superstar” here tonight who will be singing. Last year was the first season Footliters Imagination Studio toured local elementary schools and tomorrow they will launch their second season with a presentation of “Curious George” in six local elementary schools and at the Williams Center in Olwein. This is a partnership that allows them to bring this program to all of our partner schools in Coralville without charge. They also performed for all of the 1st Graders in the Iowa City Community School District this fall through the “Any Given Child” program. Last year their education program with Young Footliters reached 1,400 local students in camps and classes and an additional 600 across Iowa. They also reached every 6th Grader in the Iowa City School District with interactive programming in the classrooms. Hillsbeck reported the City Circle Theater Company has been our resident community theater since 1998 when it was adopted by the Coralville City Council and they have been a part of the CCPA since 2014. This year they are in the midst of their best selling season since the pandemic. They performed three shows of “12 Angry Jurors” in the Council Chambers, flowed by “White Christmas” and now they are performing “Jesus Christ Superstar” at the CCPA. During this time they have sold more than 5,000 tickets and their volunteers at the City Circle Theater Company have dedicated mor than 13,600 volunteer hours to making these shows possible. They also experienced two great seasons bringing City Circle’s Edge out into the community. Next season they have four great productions coming. Opening on the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks they will be the first community theater here in the Corridor to present ”Come from Away” the best selling Broadway Musical celebrating the remarkable lives of the people of Grander, Newfoundland. During the holidays they will have “Shrek,” followed by Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma.” The will end the season with Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods. Helsbeck thanked the city for their support for the CCPA the last 15 years and more for the City Circle Acting Company. They are grateful to tell these stories here in Coralville. Hilsbeck welcomed Rishi Wagle, who is the music director for “Jesus Christ Superstar” and Ethan Glenn playing Judas Iscariot. Hilsbeck also welcomed members of the production Shelby Zook, Christian Ellinger and Zach Kenyon who is also a board member. They are also joined by other members of the City Circle Board, Young Footliters Board, Coralville Arts Commission and Elizabeth Tracy whis is the artistic producer and director for this production. Wagle and Glenn proceeded to performed “Heaven on their Minds.”

Community comments:

Allison Bywater expressed her deep disappointment that once again members of the transgender community and their allies have had to advocate for something as basic as a proclamation for “Trans Day of Visibility.” Especially at a time when transgender Iowans have been repeatedly targeted at the state level through an escalating series of legislative actions. As a resident and parent of a gender diverse child, she is paying close attention to how and when the city chooses to act. Bywater understand their was a reluctance to move forward with this proclamation stemming from a fear of potential political consequences at the state level. Leadership requires more than caution, it requires courage, standing firm and advocating for your community even if doing so may carry risk. Passing a resolution months ago affirming trans rights to now ho hum about a proclamation for “Trans Day of Visibility” makes your supportive actions feel shallow. Bywater asked the mayor and council to reflect on their responsibility and act with conviction and integrity, not fear. Resident Katie James moved back to the area in 2017 when her 10-year-old child came out as transgender and she recognized where she was from wasn’t the best place to give her son the best start in life. They came to this area because Iowa City and Coralville have a rich tradition of being supportive of people who are other ’ed and live on the fringes of society. Her son is now 19 years old and thriving and she doesn’t know if he would even be here if they weren’t able to move to this area and offer him support and acceptance that we know belongs and is the spirit of Johnson County. It’s very important to acknowledge the rights of our transgender lover one’s. When James brings up that Iowa may not be the best place for them her son says he loves this state and this area, and he feels safer here because of the people and connections he has made and the support this community has to offer. We have work to do but we can’t let one of the bright spots in Iowa left for our citizens go out. James thanked the mayor and council for recognizing “Trans Day of Visibility.” It’s an important day and we need to keep working towards better supporting our marginalized loved one and neighbors. Amanda noted before the meeting she hear someone say, “I don’t know why you are making such a big deal out of this.” Meaning, “Trans Day of Visibiliuty’ and she responded I wish that we didn’t have to keep talking about it

too. Amanda recounted having emergency surgery with a homophobic doctor, being asked obscene questions on medical forms, being denied the right to marry because of the gender of herself and her partner. Amenda was at the capital with thousands of people chanting and screaming and they still took away their civil rights. The first time ever a group has been removed for a civil rights act. This triggers genocidal actions, literally. Amanda noted ICE agents ripping families apart no matter who they are and now they are being deployed to airports so people can't even leave safely. We need "Trans Day of Visibility" for these reasons. Another person voiced their disappointment their dear friend had to fight so hard to get this proclamation. Goodrich responded they wrote a transgender proclamation that was uplifting to the community and she tried to please everyone but that is not possible. Goodrich let everyone know she did not fight reading the proclamation. The speaker disagreed. Tara McGovern gave a timeline from when Councilperson Katie Freeman asked for the "Trans Day of Visibility" proclamation and the mayor agreeing to do it. To the mayor changing her mind saying not this year. To people sending a lot of emails for the mayor to reconsider and her agreeing to read the proclamation. To McGovern asking for edits to previous proclamations. Then they received the mayor's version of the proclamation yesterday just before 5:00 PM and then they sent suggested edits and received no reply. McGovern thought it was unfair to say she didn't have to fight for this proclamation and Freeman should not have had to fight for this. McGovern stated that all must do better Goodrich thanked everyone for their comments and told them she heard them.

BONDS ~ PUBLIC HEARING

Goodrich declared this the time for a public hearing on General Obligation Essential Corporate Purpose Loan Agreements. There were no public or written comments. Goodrich closed the public hearing. It was noted the principal amount is not to exceed $1,711,840.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28

Resolution authorizing one or more Loan Agreements and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

IOWA RIVER POWER ~ PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Director Dave Johnson reported the Iowa River Power building is in the process of a historic rehabilitation effort to be put back into service again as a restaurant, event space, bakery and social club. The building will also be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and it is a historic tax credit project. The exterior and interior design if historic tax credit projects are closely scrutinized and regulated by the State Historic Preservation Office underneath the Iowa Economic Development and Finance Authority. Because of this the City of Coralville has deferred exterior design review of the building to the State of Iowa. Requirements for the rehabilitation of historic structures will preserve the historic character of the building necessary to be eligibility for the National Register for Historic Places. The applicant is requesting to rezone from I-3, General Industrial District to C-PUD 2, Commercial Planned Unit Development Two District. The building has been used commercially for decades and has been non-conforming with the Industrial Zoning District. The property is undergoing substantial improvement, and the PUD rezoning and site plan will allow the developer to customize the commercial use and setbacks for the existing building. The proposed C-PUD 2 and commercial use are consistent with the Coralville Community Plan, Land Use Map designation for Corridor Commercial. The building will have compliant zoning for the proposed use and building setbacks. Historic structures require some degree of flexibility in codes to keep these buildings viable. This is true to the extent the International Building Code standards for existing buildings acknowledge alternative means and methods to achieve comparable levels of safety and the same approach needs to be applied for zoning. Historical buildings without this are left vacant and often become a source of blight and communities keeping businesses and people in historic buildings must be paramount to any community's approach to historic preservation. The approach city staff took in reviewing this project was to enhance the site to the greatest extent possible while maintaining traffic, parking and circulation controls. The biggest point of discussion of this project has been parking. The proposed area is 25,000 sq. ft. of which 20,542 sq. ft. will be used for the restaurant, event space and

social club. The remainder of the space will be non-occupied, such as mechanical rooms and storage area. If this was new construction the parking requirements would be 205 parking stalls. There is no room for parking expansion and given the lot constraints the former restaurant had 162 parking stalls with 24 of those on the south side of the building. MidAmerican Energy is reducing the amount of space they will allow for parking on the south side to help mitigate that city staff is supporting allowing perimeter parking islands and removing one interior parking island to be converted into parking stalls. The final count for parking stalls after parking island removal and reconfiguration of the parking area will be 150 stalls. This is 12 less than the previous restaurant had. In exchange for this parking flexibility staff propose enhanced landscaping around the perimeter of the parking lot. Staff has reviewed the Final Plat which will consolidate a number of easements that have been done over the years, and it will consolidate multiple Auditors Parcels into one legal lot. The final plat conforms with the requirements for preparation and filing. The Planning & Zoning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend the Council approve the rezoning of Iowa River Power to C-PUD 2, Commercial Planned Unit Development Two District, PUD-B Site Plan and Final Plat.

Goodrich declared this the time for a public hearing on rezoning Iowa River Power from I-3, General Industrial District, to C-PUD 2, Commercial Planned Unit Development Two District and the PUD-B Site Plan. Civil Engineer James Kincaid with Axiom Consultants reported they prepared the drawings the council is looking at today. Kincaid noted the property owner Mark Kaufman is also at the meeting. Kincaid thanked Johnson and Community Development, Engineering and Administrative staff for working with them on this nuanced rehabilitation project. The building is a historic landmark for the area, and a tremendous amount of effort is going into the building itself, and the rezoning, final plat and PUD site plan are an extension of those efforts. The lot is extraordinarily odd, and its layout would never be approved if this were a new construction. The PUD process has allowed changes and non-conforming things to be zoned and to work and fit the needs of historic buildings that should be brought back to life in the way that this one is. There has been a lot of back and forth between engineering staff and city staff to get the final layout here with some concessions on both sides. They are compensating for the loss of a few islands in the interior and exterior areas with a substantial amount of landscaping on the west side of the property and they have had great communication with the railroad to make sure this is okay with them. The new parking lot has a much better feeling about safety for vehicle travel and pedestrian travel. The pedestrian crossing going east to west to get people from the path to the riverside walking path has been enhanced and is something more standard that you would see with new construction. There are improvements to the front of the building, the drive area and the ingress and egress areas. The frontage of the building has been changed allowing pedestrian gathering and sitting space with a lot more safety specifically to the five ADA parking stalls. Previously there were only three ADA parking stalls. They had added a substantial east west crossing to get pedestrians from the 1st Avenue public sidewalk, through the parking lot and to the pedestrian bridge stair area much more safely. With the proposed improvements and final plat all the existing public access easements will remain as well as the city's flood wall easements and utility easements. The final plat will bring a mess of multiple lots into one single conforming lot to help themselves and future surveyors. There is increased safety with vehicles coming in and out with the pedestrian crossing right in front and a safer queueing area for vehicles leaving and coming in and dropping off patrons before finding a place to park in the parking lot. Parking has been a critical consideration for the whole exterior improvements. The proposed uses for an event space, restaurant and a sort of social club will have varying peak times for parking. There has been a loss of parking stalls on the south side of the lot with MidAmerican asking for more space from where there has historically been leased parking for IRP from MidAmerican. They will significantly clean up how that area looks as far as mechanical and refuse to make a more appealing project while adhering to requirements. Kincaid and Kaufman offered to answer questions. Councilperson Mike Knudson asked if they thought about the impact of overflow parking at Riverview Square and across 1st Avenue. Kincaid replied it would be up to the owners of those parking lots across the street to police them. Knudson thought the owners of Riverview Square would be open to look for solutions if overflow parking became a problem. Kincaid suggested signage about who is allowed to use their parking lot. It was noted there is city parking a block away with trail connections to get to feature that are there. Councilperson Royce Peterson noted the IRP parking lot has been used as a trailhead and wondered if they will have bike racks because he can see a lot of people biking to the restaurant and bakery. Kinkaid thought bike racks were a wonderful idea, but they have not considered it. Kincaid noted if the tenants saw bike racks as something that would bring in

more business it would be something that they would be interested in implementing. Goodrich noted this is a beautiful historic venue and they are grateful for them taking it on.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1005 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 Iowa River Power from I-3, General Industrial District, to C-PUD 2, Commercial Planned Unit Development Two District, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Peterson for 1st consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

OAKDALE RESEARCH PARK ~ PUBLIC HEARING

Johnson reported that the University of Iowa Research Park Corp. is in the process of updating the UI Research Park covenants and design standards. They reached out to the city at the onset to coordinate this effort and to better align the development standards for the research park with our city code. The outcome of this effort will result in a more coordinated and aligned direction in development standards for future businesses that want to locate in the research park. This will create an overlay zoning district that will codify updated UI Research Park covenants and design standards to serve as a master development plan with land use and building and site design standards. This essentially modernizes the allowed uses and design standards to reflect the goals of the research park while maintaining or remaining in keeping with the fundamental tenets of the research park. In the Council Packet there is an analysis of current allowed uses versus proposed uses and current setback requirements versus proposed setback requirements. The proposed setback requirements will result in a front yard setback pf 25 feet instead of the previous 50 feet; a side yard setback of 20 feet instead of 25 feet and a parking lot setback of 10 feet instead of 20 feet. The Planning & Zoning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend the Council approve the rezoning of Oakdale Research Park to Industrial Planned Unit Development One District.

Goodrich declared this the time for a public hearing on rezoning the Oakdale Research Park from I-1, Research/Office Industrial District, I-PUD 2, Industrial Planned Unit Development Two District, and C-2 Arterial Commercial District to I-PUD 1, Industrial Planned Unit Development One District and the PUD-B Site Plan. Associate Director of Economic Development Austin Corns for the University of Iowa Office of Innovation which oversees the research park in Coralville. Corns voiced his support for this change in zoning, and the support of the UI Research Park Corp. Corns reported this has been a year-long process and they have been working with city staff since the very beginning. The previous covenants were created in 1988 and in need of modernization. They still have the same vision for the research park as they have had for a long time, but basic standards have changed and they did not have tools like PUDs to rely on for aligning their zoning and covenants for something like this. When they started this endeavor, they thought it would be a good opportunity to utilize this tool to make sure they have a 1 to 1 alignment between zoning for the research park and the new covenants and design standards to make it very clear what is and is not allowed in the research park. It also codifies some higher design standards that they would like to see out in the research park. This includes the types of building materials and buildings they envision for the future of the research park. The UI Research Park Corp. doesn't have a planning department or code enforcement department, so they rely on the city for those teams and type of enforcement. This 1 to 1 alignment will help them work hand in hand with the city and ensure that vision we have drawn up as a team is also what is enacted out in the research park. Corn offered to answer any questions.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1006 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 the Oakdale Research Park from I-1, Research/Office Industrial District, I-PUD 2, Industrial Planned Unit Development Two District, and C-2, Arterial Commercial District to I-PUD 1, Industrial Planned Unit Development One District, was introduced by Peterson, seconded by Freeman for 1st consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

LOT 2, CFA ADDITION ~ PUBLIC HEARING

Johnson reported the property is already zoned as Commercial Planned Unit Development Two District and is designated Corridor Commercial Use on the Community Land Use Plan Map. They are just looking at the site plan and building design with this application. The zoning and land use supports a drive-thru restaurant at this location. The site is 1.77 acres, and the proposed restaurant is 5,207 square feet. It seats 90 people inside and 16 people outside in a patio area near the southwest corner of the building. This is a double drive-thru restaurant with canopies typical of a Chick-Fil-A development. 50 parking stalls are required and 73 are proposed. Pedestrian access to the 1st Avenue public sidewalk in the southwest corner of the plat and a bike rack is located where the 1st Avenue walkway connects to the drive. The development will have a shared drive with future development to the south. Landscaping meets all headlight screening and landscape requirements in City Code. It includes 19 deciduous trees, 41 evergreen trees and over 280 shrubs and grass. Building materials consist of predominately brick and glass. The building meets the commercial design requirements outlined in City Code and a matching brick dumpster enclosure with opaque metal doors is also being provided. The project meets all applicable site and building design standards.

The Planning & Zoning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend the Council approve the proposed PUD-B Site Plan for Lot 2, CFA Addition.

Goodrich declared this the time for a public hearing on the proposed PUD-B Site Plan for Lot 2, CFA Addition. Civil Engineer Joe Vavrina with HR Green noted he is representing Chick-Fil-A tonight and thanked Johnson and staff for their help along the way as they have been instrumental in getting them to tonight. Vavrina has been working with Chick-Fil-A for 16 years and they have looked a various sites over the years. For whatever reason, either it not working out for Chick-Fil-A or it didn't meet city requirements until they found this site. Vavrina offered to answer any questions. Knudson asked if this new Chick-Fil-A will replace the one at Coral Ridge Mall. Vavrina responded they are a franchise but not in the normal sense. They operate under an owner operator agreement where Chick-Fil-A owns the land and store, but the operator will run the business. Some operators can operate two stores, but he is not sure this will be the same operator as the one in the mall. A resident asked about the restaurant only requires 50 parking stalls but there are 73 proposed. Why? Johnson responded Chick-Fil-A's market demand is higher than the minimum requirements of our city code. A resident advocated only having the required 50 parking stalls so there could be more trees and shade since they are primarily a drive thru. Knudson confirmed the entrance is going to be off 7th Street which will line up with the stop light. Knudson asked if there is a shared access easement for future development to the lots on the south. Johnson responded that he has already been taken care of.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

Resolution approving the PUD-B Site Plan for Lot 2, CFA Addition, Coralville Iowa, was introduced by Freeman, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Councilperson Katie Freeman thanked staff and everybody who put this together and for none of those reasons she is going to say nay. Ayes: Knudson, Huynh, Peterson. Nays: Freeman. Resolution declared adopted.

LOTS 1 & 2, CFA ADDITION

Johnson reported there is not much to add from the previous item other than staff have reviewed the Final Plat and found it conforms with the requirements for preparation and filing. The Planning & Zoning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend the Council approve the Final Plat for Lots 1 & 2, CFA Addition.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

Resolution approving the Final Plat for Lots 1 & 2, CFA Addition, Coralville, Iowa, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Peterson. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Knudson, Huynh, Peterson. Nays: Freeman. Resolution declared adopted.

LOT 3, IRL PARKVIEW PART 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31

Resolution accepting Public Improvements constructed in IRL Parkview, Lot 3, Coralville, Iowa, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Freeman. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

Freeman asked if this will be another early meeting. Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel responded this will be during the regular meeting which starts at 6:30 PM. Knudson asked when the legislature stops getting paid. City Attorney Kevin Olson responded the legislature is in session 100 days and then stops getting their per diem which will be in the middle of April. Freeman asked if this is our last opportunity to vote on the budget or could they vote in May. Olson responded, the budget must be certified with the Auditor and Iowa Department of Management by April 30th, so April 28th is the last vote on the budget. It was noted the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget public hearing will be April 28, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

Resolution setting a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, was introduced by Peterson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

4TH AVENUE PLACE UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATION

Habel reported this grant is to improve a very old private water line and dilapidated sewer line on 4th Avenue Place to serve the apartments on the north end. It would also put redundancy for the fire service, and the street would be replaced. This is our second application, and we are hopeful we can be successful this time. Knudson noted this service is privately owned. Habel responded it was built as part of a private development, but the city now owns property on both sides of the street. There is an agreement that the city is responsible for helping to maintain the road, water lines and sewer lines, which need to be replaced before any construction can begin on those properties. It was noted this is for a $356,974.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding application for the Iowa Economic Development Authority with a local match will be $260,628.00 and the public hearing will be April 14, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-33

Resolution setting a public hearing on an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program funding for 4th Avenue Place Utility Improvements, was introduced by Freeman, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

HEARTLAND DRIVE AND COMMERCE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

City Engineer Scott Larson reported on March 3rd they received 5 bids with a high bid of $1.673 million and the low bid was from Midwest Concrete, Inc. for $1.299 million. The engineer’s estimate was $1.448 million. Staff are familiar with Midwest Concrete. They last did work for the city on the Camp Cardinal Boulevard trail project three years ago and they are a subcontractor on the City of North Liberty Forevergreen Road and Jasper Avenue Roundabout which is about to get underway. Larson recommends awarding the contract to Midwest Concrete, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34

Resolution accepting bids and awarding contract for the Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive Roundabout, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-35

Resolution approving the contract and bond documents for the Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive Roundabout was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Freeman. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/AUTO AND CYBER INSURANCE RENEWALS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

Resolution approving Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) as the City's insurance carrier, was introduced by Peterson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37

Resolution appointing Lynn M. Knight and Kelly J. Hayworth as the individuals to represent the City with the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, was introduced by Freeman, seconded by Peterson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-38

Resolution approving Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) as the City's cyber liability insurance carrier, was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

7-YEAR TERM EXTENSION PROPOSAL

Human Resource/Risk Manager Lynn Knight reported this 7-year extension with MissionSquare is at no cost to the city. This will lower the administrative fee participating employees pay from 1.12% to 0.52% resulting in a savings of approximately $38,560.00 for participating employees. Knudson asked why they lowered their fees so much. Knight replied it had been some time since they looked at the fees, and they have picked up some more participating employees along the way and decided this was the time to do it.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-39

Resolution approving a 7-Year Extension Term Proposal with MissionSquare to provide City of Coralville Employees a 457 Investment Plan, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Freeman. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

BROWN DEER GOLF COURSE

After Resolution No. 2026-40 was read, Knudson asked what they were rejecting. Director of Parks & Recreation Sherri Proud reported the only previous bid they received was from Legacy Hospitality Group out of New York state and they did not feel that they company had a good plan for how they could have a local presence and plan to prepare food for the banquet space and hire local management staff. References from other golf courses were not favorable. So, staff recommend rejecting the proposal.

Brown Deer Food and Beverage Services and enter into an agreement with Bread Garden to provide food and beverage services for Brown Deer Golf Club from

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

Resolution rejecting all proposals for the operation of food and beverage activities at Brown Deer Golf Club, was introduced by Peterson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

After Resolution No. 2026-41 was read, Proud reported they are excited to be working with Bread Garden on Campus. It took quite a few attempts to find somebody interested and they learned a lot about the restaurant business in the last nine months and know it's hard out there for them. Staff thinks they have come up with a good agreement and the Bread Garden us very interested in their banquet space as well as helping them bring back the restaurant, which is not only a great experience for their golfers but also their community neighbors. They are trying to get back into being a neighborhood restaurant and are going to return to the name Divots Bar and Grill and the upper level will return to the name The Clubhouse at Brown Deer. Bread Garden is part of Mondanaro Properties which has several restaurants with wonderful reputations and fabulous menus across the area. This agreement starts on May 1st and goes through December 31st of 2030. They have a lease structure with an escalated payment after a certain number of sales are reached. The agreement was in the Agenda Packet. Knudson asked where it starts to escalate. Proud responded it escalates 7.5% when they reach $800,000.00 in sales or greater. Peterson thought it was great they are awarding this agreement to a local business as opposed to an out-of-state business.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41

Resolution approving a License Agreement with the Bread Garden on Campus, LLC for food and beverage operations at the Brown Deer Golf Club, was introduced by Knudosn, seconded by Peterson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

WATER CONNECTION FEES

Water Superintendent Jordon Altenhofen reported this ordinance is for updating the Water Department's practiced and procedures. Altenhofen noted they charge a water connection flat fee of $791.00. They can decrease the fee by having contractors provide materials and labor for water connections which cost the city more than the current connection fee. The Water Department will provide the meter and inspection services only and the resulting savings will allow the fee to drop to $600.00. Due to changes in how lines will be tapped the Water Department is requesting reducing the water connection fee for residential services from $791.00 to $600.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1003 An ordinance amending Chapters 90.02 and 90.03 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Water Connection Fees for Residential Services, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Peterson for 1st consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY

After the resolution was read, Goodrich thanked Olson for working on the Electronic Meeting Policy and noted it is in the Agenda Packet.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42

Resolution approving a revised electronic meeting policy, was introduced by Peterson, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

Annual Update on the Convention & Visitors Bureau and Sports Commission ~ Josh Schamberger and Nick Pfeiffer:

President Josh Schamberger from Think Iowa City and the Iowa City Area Sports Commission introduced Vice President of Public Affairs Nick Pfeifer noting he is intimately involved in a lot of state and legislative stuff that happens trying to make sure we stay on top of moving targets. Schamberger stated he is here to give his annual update and overview of the past year for the Convention and Visitors Bureau which has been full of activity, progress and challenges. Schamberger noted they were founded in 1980 when Coralville and Iowa City both passed a hotel motel tax referendum with part of the hotel and motel taxes to be used to fund the Convention and Visitors Bureau and not use local property taxes for that purpose. They are organized for the purpose of advancing economic vitality and quality of life for residents and

visitors as Iowa's premier destination. They do this through five markets which are individual and group leisure, amateur sports, arts, culture and special events and quality of life. Their organization leads by convening people and organizations across the region as a central hub for collaboration, prioritizing cooperation over competition by acting with agility, identifying promising ideas and launching proof of concept faster than traditional institutions. They can be nimbler when times get tough and you need us to realign our priorities to solve the needs of the day. They serve as the region's brand authority, track community evolution and promote its authenticity and identity to potential visitors. They are governed by a Board of Directors which includes the mayors of Coralville and Iowa City; representatives from all the cities they serve which include Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty, and University Heights; representatives from Johnson County even though they do not contribute to the organization. Jake Moore is the current Chair and is an executive with GreenState Credit Union. Schamberger explained their work is done through sales and marketing, authentic placemaking and intentional community engagement. Their sales and marketing are their biggest area of focus and they bring in conferences and sporting events like girl State volleyball. This past year they served over 93,000 visitors who spent $19 million on goods, services, hotels, food and beverages, retail and all those visitor expenses during 2025. They closed 2025 with a record number of future bookings and when combined with future bookings still not realized from 2024 includes the community contracting 61 future conferences and meetings, 42 future sporting events and tournaments, just short of 41,000 room nights and $38 million in future direct spending. Most of these are booked in a 2-to-4-year cycle, so they are booking conferences and meetings currently for 2028 and 2029. These usually do not happen in one year because they are too large scale. Schamberger noted Coralville was recently awarded the Iowa Girls State High School Wrestling Dual Tournament for next January. For the first time ever 16 girls high school teams will come here and wrestle in order to be considered the best team in the state. The area now hosts 10 state tournaments, which is significant and they are feeling a little pushback from other parts of the state politically because their team has done a really great job and tried to beat expectations. They continue to invest and build out the Bike Iowa City brand through major events like Core Four, attracting RAGBRAI stops, the Creekside Cyclocross event and the Brown Deer TT which they started last year. These events benefit the local Iowa City Bike Library and I Corps. They do this with a constant eye on the future by supporting key destination efforts. Most recently through investment in support of the University Heights multi-use trail plan and Burlington Street Bridge replacement study. Their reputation as Wrestling Town USA continues to be significant and provides a very strong return to this community and particularly Coralville with the development of Extreme Arena. The brand continues to survive and is strengthened by their ability to promote the promise behind that brand by exceeding all expectations from the moment international visitors arrive to the day that they leave. AI is impacting our industry, and they continue to stay focused on that by closely tracking this rapidly evolving landscape. Like many of their peers across this broader information economy they are experiencing sustained growth across websites and social media platforms with 7 million impressions and 136,000 individual engagements with visitors and folks interested in coming to Coralville, Iowa City or North Liberty. Authentic placemaking is important to continue to say clearly who we are and who we represent as a community and they continue to work towards that by supporting subgroups within the area's neighborhoods, interest groups and cultural groups developing unique identities and placemaking within our community. They intentionally are learning more about our residents and what they think and are looking for, especially in our newer neighborhoods that are migrating into Johnson County. They have a lot of good examples of this over the past several years like through their work with Better Together, a lot of new festivals and initiatives and leveraging their core pillars of our area's identity through the arts, athletics and food. They have played a major role in the development of North Liberty's Centennial Park and Coralville's Extreme Arena and in the next couple of years they plan to get involved in a few other projects. This includes recently finalizing a plan that they helped fund and the City of University Heights adopted and is moving forward with developing a multi-use trail in the 36 acres just north of University Heights between there and Carver. It is a beautiful, forested area and it will make a nice connection for the existing trail network in Iowa City and Coralville. They are co-funding a study of the Johnson County Fairgrounds which are underutilized in this community and need more support and assistance. They are providing guidance and hopefully will have some results of that study in the coming years on how they can leverage that asset to bring in more agricultural related opportunities and opportunities for businesses and associations to that area of town which will create additional visitor impact. Schamberger and Pfeiffer are very involved in Better Together 2030 and have adopted and are overseeing Pillar One, which is champion of the natural environment. That is why you saw us leading the

Conservation Bond Renewal effort and staying on top of the Burlington Bridge replacement study particularly as it relates to being able to have recreational access through that dam. Another area in placemaking is a program named Blend. This is a brand-new series highlighting our culinary assets in this community and it is narrated by Nate Kaeding. During Blend's first year they won the Geode Award, which is a state tourism award. This program can be seen on their website, and it is a blend of history, stories, characters, experiences and great food in the Iowa City area. This program has done very well, and it's got a lot of visibility in its first year as you can see by it attracting the Iowa Economic Development Office last week. The third bucket is intentional community engagement and Better Together 2030 is where they best touch on this area. There is not enough community awareness and understanding of what they are for and they have continued to try and work on this for the last 10 to 15 years. They started by thinking they only needed Coralville, Iowa City and North Liberty to know what they did because they were a visitor's tax and they wanted to show a return on the visitor tax. They didn't focus on residents because they didn't contribute to their organization, but they realized that was the wrong way to look at it. The more they have been engaged with the community the more opportunities have been realized. A good example is somebody here in town who came to him in August a couple of years ago with the idea to have a African Folk Art Festival. Schamberger thought this was awesome and asked when they wanted to have it and the person replied in about a month and a half. It was insane but they gave it a go, and it has now celebrated its second year. They couldn't be prouder of their association with that and other ideas that have been born by being a little bit more engaged with the local community. Some other examples of these programs are the Refocus Film Festival and Adaption Film Fest at Film Scene and Fire and Ice in North Liberty. Another program series they started last year to bring awareness to the local artists and entrepreneurs in this community that are doing great things. There is one minute series of different artists that is on their website and Schamberger encouraged everyone to look at it because they are going to continue to highlight these individuals that are really making and bringing Iowa City the attention it has received. They are the founding sponsors for Iowa City Free Week Downtown, which is in its second year, and they are looking forward to finding ways to expand it across Coralville and North Liberty to bring greater awareness to arts and cultural venues. Schamberger reported they helped pass LOST with Stacy Houseman from their office leading the campaign with Parks & Recreation Director Sherri Proud and they couldn't be prouder of the results. This is an important part of destination and community development even though it didn't directly tie into bringing visitors to the area. They contributed half the budget for the campaign that passed LOST in Coralville, Iowa City and North Liberty. Schamberger reported last year visitors spent $714 million in Johnson County and $104 million went to local and state taxes. Hotel motel taxes across three communities contributed over $6.5 million with at least 50% going directly to their general funds. The state says 50% of that needs to be spent on tourism and quality of life. Coralville supports these initiatives by giving 25% of their hotel motel taxes to the Convention and Visitors Bureau and 25% goes to trails, parks and recreation. For every dollar of hotel motel tax passed through to the Convention and Visitors Bureau their sales teams showed a return of $18.60 last year. Schamberg noted they got so big with the NCAA women's wrestling tournaments in Coralville they had to have another venue for two other tournaments at the same time in North Liberty. They were the U-17 Pan Am Team Trails where the best under 17 girls and boys came here wrestling in North Liberty in order to make the team that competed in Panama the next weekend for Team USA. The other event was the Club Nationals. Schamberger showed a graph for the ten-year track record of Hotel Motel Tax. It showed a big difference between University Heights and North Liberty which is because of the locations of their hotels and flag. Courtland by Marriott is across the street from the hospitals and Kinnick Stadium versus Asleep and Suites at Exit 4 in North Liberty. The final year on the graph is a projection based on where we are trending right now and they feel really good that this will be the highest collecting year for the City of Coralville in history. Schamberger noted there are some big things on the docket when June rolls around. Weare hosting the PanAmerican Championships and they are looking forward to rolling out the red carpet for all these countries from South, Central and North America. Pfeiffer handed out some bag tags that they are sending to all the federations who will soon be traveling here with their bags. Schamberger explained this event has not been an easy lift particularly for Pfeiffer who has been spinning day and night communicating with countries, especially Cuba, Venezuela, Ecuador and Argentina. They have communications with them daily not only to tell them we can't wait to roll out the red carpet for them considering things that are happening, but they are making sure they get the appropriate Visas and appointments as we welcome them to Iowa. They will be welcoming 30 nations for the better part of a week, and Argentina and Ecuador will arrive here April 20th and staying for a little over two

weeks before the Pan American Games in Coralville on May 7th through May 10th. Then the Savannah Bananas will be playing at Kinnick Stadium and Schamberger is working very hard to make sure they can attend the Coralville 4th of July parade. They will be playing the firefighters, so it'd be great to have the other team come to the parade a sit on all the fire trucks. Other than sport conferences in June and July they will welcome the largest conferences to come to this community. In June and predominately in Iowa City they will host the National Criminal Defense College, which will be here for the better part of two weeks and bring between 3,500 to 4,000 room nights. In July they will welcome the Catholic Daughters of America Conference which they booked two years ago, and they will bring about 3,500 room nights and be headquartered at the Hyatt Regency Coralville. These are just the larger ones in addition to the laundry list of events coming in the next six months he showed the Council at a previous meeting. Schamberger noted many of the Council and staff showed up to hand flowers to the Ukrainians on stage and that was a big deal and Schamberger appreciated everything Coralville does and their willingness to show up at all these events and represent the city. Habel thanked Schamberger and the whole team at the Convention and Visitors Bureau noting how fortunate we are to have them as a partner and it shows in the numbers and anyone who has attended one of the state tournaments in Coralville or Iowa City knows what an experience they provide and why they keep coming back and why the state's sports want to have their tournaments here. It is really a testament to their work and skill, which we appreciate deeply. Goodrich added they really made this a hub of hospitality and she also appreciates it. Schamberger thanked Habel for dedicating her time, professional career and service to this city over many years and she will be missed. It'll be a hard seat to fill as Deputy City Administrator, but Schamberger wished Habel the best. Schamberger noted she will not be going far, and they will continue to work with her in her new position.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items a-kk inclusive:

- **a)** Approve minutes for March 10, 2026, Coralville City Council Regular Meeting.
- **b)** Approve **new** 5-Day Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***860 Quarry Road*** (Shelter House Community Shelter and Transition Services, Inc.): Eff. 03/26. (Annual Book Sale Fundraiser Event)
- **c)** Approve **new** 5-Day Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Iowa Children's Museum*** (Positive Friday Investments, LLC d/b/a Millstream Brewing Co.) Eff. 04/16. (Annual Book Sale Fundraiser Event)
- **d)** Approve **new** 5-Day Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***UU Society.***: Eff. 04/14. (Fundraiser Event)
- **e)** Approve **new** Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for ***Marquee Pizzeria***: Eff. 03/23.
- **f)** Approve Special Class C Retail Alcohol License (Beer/Wine) for ***Coral Ridge Cinema***: Eff. 03/28.
- **g)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for ***Otis's Tailgators Sports Bar & Grill***: Eff. 03/29.
- **h)** Approve Class E Liquor License with Native Wine Permit and Sunday Sales for ***Casey's General Store #4368***: Eff. 03/30.
- **i)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Three Samurai Japanese Restaurant***: Eff. 04/01.
- **j)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for ***Hy-Vee Market Café***: Eff. 04/09.
- **k)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Peking Buffet***: Eff. 04/09.
- **l)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for ***Brown Deer Golf Course***: Eff. 04/13.
- **m)** Approve Class E Retail Alcohol License with Native Wine Permit and Sunday Sales for ***Casey's General Store #2918***: Eff. 04/15.
- **n)** Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for ***Barrel House Coralville, LLC***: Eff. 04/15.
- **o)** Approve **Special** Class C Retail Alcohol License (Beer/Wine) with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for ***Coralville Creekside Ballpark***: Eff. 04/17.

p) Ratify payment to **Flashing Thunder Fireworks by Travis Messer** for 2026 fireworks (#2026-02): $24,003.20.
q) Approve payment to **Hogland Bus Company** for two 2025 – Glaval – Universal busses (#M227000399): $386,634.00.
r) Approve payment to **Greater Iowa City, Inc.** the Investment for FY26 (#7302): $86,000.00.
s) Approve payment to **Shive-Hattery, Inc.** for:
  i) 5th Street Improvements (#1219270-33) $8,255.30
  ii) Forevergreen Road Extension Phase 1 (#2250013840-4) $20,360.29
t) Approve payment to **Stevens Erosion Control** for Oakdale Boulevard Extension (#20873): $2,211.00.
u) Approve payment to **Stanley Consultants, Inc.** for BRIC Application Utility Resilience Assistance (#0266304): $92.00
v) Approve payment to **TurnOnGreen** to replace four Level 2 EV charging stations and the network plan at the West Parking Ramp (#9CFD1): $19,407.48.
w) Approve payment to **Country Landscapes, Inc.** for 5th Street Paver Repairs (#0170121-IN): $19,013.18
x) Approve payment to **Stivers Ford** for a 2026 Ford Super-Duty F600 (#F63107): $66,917.00
y) Approve payment **CIT Sewer Solutions** for rehabilitation work (#7161): $47,780.02
z) Approve payment to **A Tech/Freeman** for Transit Intermodal software and labor to install & program (#684250):$11,341.10
aa) Approve payment to **Walker Consultants** for professional services for IRL replacement of South Stairs (#210056140001): $12,950.00
bb) Approve payment to **Eocene Environmental Group** for:
  i) Clear Creek Mitigation Bank (#10251027647): $24,500.00
  ii) Clear Creek Mitigation Bank Monitoring (#12251031577): $18,788.56
cc) Approve payment to **Neumann Monson Architects** for City of Coralville Recreation and Aquatic Center (#2021.099-18): $230,900.00
dd) Approve payment to **Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center** for Marriott Hotels & Resorts FF&E Invoice #77COR1225 to upgrade Nomadix Gateway Project (#HYATT2024-02): $2,465.00.
ee) Approve payment to **Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center** for Single Digits, Inc. FF&E Invoices #INV-317624, #INV-320997 and INV-307578 to upgrade Nomadix Gateway Project (#HYATT2024-02): $18,601.88.
ff) Approve payment of Iowa River Landing Invoice as approved by Dorand Real Estate Group, LLC to **Pappageorge Haymes Partners** for Update to Lease Exhibits – Website Plans (#138392): $415.00.
gg) Approve payment of Iowa River Landing Invoice as approved by Dorand Real Estate Group, LLC to **WCS** for Landlord Improvements Suites 115, 117, 120 IRL - lululemon (Pay Estimate #2 - Final): $13,456.00.
hh) Approve Pay Estimate #14 to **Maxwell Construction** for the WLU Central Trunk Sewer Phase 2: $277,116.87.
ii) Approve Pay Estimate #12 to **Metro Pavers, Inc.** for Oakdale Boulevard Extension: $111,174.13.
jj) Approve agreement for Traffic Stop Study with **University of Iowa Center for Social Science and Innovation** for $12,692.22.
kk) Approve Bill List for March 24, 2026.

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

Mayor Laurie Goodrich stated we have been fortunate to have Ellen Habel as our Deputy City Administrator and Goodrich wanted to congratulate her on her new position as Executive Director of the East Central Council of Governments. Goodrich noted it is a wonderful opportunity, and she has no doubt Habel will do an outstanding job. Goodrich is grateful Habel will be nearby, but she will deeply miss the daily conversations and connections they have shared for 21 years. Goodrich continued noting Habel has

dedicated her talents and expertise to the City of Coralville. Habel's leadership has shaped this community in many ways to make Coralville what it is today. Habel has made communication a priority, leading a citywide marketing plan and advancing improvements in technology, telecommunications and connectivity. Habel has worked seamlessly alongside City Administrator Kelly Hayworth and department heads and community partners always fostering collaboration and connectivity. Habel's efforts have opened doors to grant opportunities, capital improvement projects, innovation and innovative programs that have strengthened Coralville. This includes Habel's work on the Coralville Comprehensive Community Plan, helping build and continually enhance the hotel and conference center, supporting numerous road and infrastructure projects which played a key role in Coralville's growth and prosperity. Habel has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing, helped secure grants and create opportunities while serving in leadership roles including her work with the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County and beyond. It's the small meaningful traditions that speak volumes about who you are by walking in the July 4th parade or helping pick up candle bags after Luminary nights. These moments reflect Habel's character and genuine commitment to this community. This is only a snapshot of Habel's friendly spirit, steady leadership and her voice of reason that have left a lasting impact not only on the work we do but, on the relationships, she has built along the way. Goodrich will miss Habel, but she is excited to see all she will accomplish in her new role. Goodrich looks forward to continuing working with Habel and will value her insight as she leads. Goodrich wished Habel the very best and noted this is her last meeting with us.

Deputy City Administrator Ellen Habel stated this was very unexpected and she really appreciates it. Habel will miss all of us and Coralville, but she is not going very far. Habel noted there is so much to be excited about here and thanked everyone.

Goodrich noted the 4th Fest Basket Auction is this Saturday at the Brown Deer Golf Club and the doors will open at 4:30 PM and the auction begins at 5:30 PM. Goodrich added several baskets have been donated already and there are neat gifts and things that will be auctioned off. "Jesus Christ Superstar" is continuing its run at the Coralville Center of the Performing Arts this weekend and tickets are still available. Goodrich noted the ECICOG First Time Homeowners Down Payment Assistance Program is now accepting applications. It provides downpayment assistance for low to moderate income households. You can get more information on the city's website.

City Attorney Kevin Olson reported he will be commiserating with Habel on their rotten baseball teams this year starting this week.

Councilperson Mike Knudson echoed the mayor's comments about Habel and how much she will be missed, including all her work in many areas including affordable housing which he really appreciates.

Councilperson Hai Huynh echoed what the mayor said about Habel and she will be missed. Huynh thanked Habel for all she does for Coralville and she is glad Habel will not be far away and will continue to work with is. Huynh stated she would like to start talking about a succession plan for some of the city's positions because it is critical to the work of the city and keeping the city going. There is a lot of institutional knowledge with our staff and naturally staff will be moving on. Huynh would like a plan in place so when new staff come in they can build on the foundation that has already been laid instead of starting over. Huynh invited everyone to the Community Meal taking place this Friday at the Coralville Public Library form 5:00 Pm to 7:00 PM. The theme is Celebrate Diversity. The Community Meal is free and open to everyone.

Councilperson Royce Peterson stated he has not gotten to work with Habel very long, but her knowledge is amazing with her way of explaining things in layman terms for simple people like him to understand and be able to communicate it back to the public. This includes things like the Diverging Diamond 1st Avenue and I-80 Interchange. Peterson told Habel she will be very missed and he knows she will continue to help the community in her endeavors. Peterson thanked Habel for everything she has done for this community.

Councilperson Katie Freeman echoed everything everyone has said even though she doesn't know Habel really well and didn't get much time to work with her. Freeman thanked Habel for all the work she has done for affordable housing. Freeman noted tonight they had a proclamation for "Trans Day of Visibility" and it was great to see so many members of the community here to celebrate that. Right now, the transgender community needs moments like these to celebrate. This month a third red flag warning was given saying US genocide of transgender folks has moved beyond just trying to remove them from public life and into trying to eradicate their existence, not just here but worldwide. This is not a theoretical statement but a reality in our community. Rights have been removed and members of the transgender community are feeling a real impact. Freeman has heard stories from community members and herself about harassment and discrimination withing the county and city solely based on how they present themselves in the world, so Freeman is glad Coralville has joined Iowa City and Johnson County in recognizing "Trans Day of Visibility" and saying we recognize the value of a diverse community. Freeman stated they need to take this time and be with the queer and trans community. They need to laugh, hug, cry and ugly cry and the perfect place to do this is to be at the TAC Social tomorrow night at Sacred Collective in Iowa City tomorrow night from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be snacks and it's just a place for community and to get to know what TAC does.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Huynh to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Motion carried.

Laurie Goodrich, Mayor

Thorsten J. Johnson, City Clerk