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 September 8, 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, Freeman. Absent: Peterson.

The following Staff were present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth; City Attorney Kevin Olson; Community Development Director Dave Johnson; City Engineer Scott Larson; Police Lieutenant Mike Mrstik; Finance Director Ann Hester; Parks & Recreation Director Sherri Proud; Asst. Library Director Ellen Hampe Alexander; Water Superintendent Jordon Altenhofen; Production Assistant Dillon Jacobson; Communications Specialist Jon Hines; City Clerk Thorsten J. Johnson.

Motion by Knudson, seconded by Huynh 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.

Proclamations:

Mayor Laurie Goodrich proclaimed September 2026 as “Recovery Month.” Kate, a member of the Johnson County Prevention Partnership, came forward to accept the proclamation. Kate noted she has been a member of the Johnson County Prevention Partnership and identifies as a person in recovery. Kate has three and a half years sobriety from alcohol and three months clean from prescribed drug misuse. Kate shared she lost her mother who battled addiction. Kate let everyone know that recovery is possible and that is important and crucial. Kate believes when it comes to the stigma surrounding recovery that those inflicting the stigma have no idea what the person with addition is going through. A lot of people don’t realize whenever someone is struggling with addition there is always a significant event that contributes to it. This could be any source of trauma, and it is important for someone to be able to recover they need to realize what that trauma or event is. Without that step it’s going to be hard to start the recovery process. A lot of people say you need to want to change, but they need to know what they are dealing with first. If an individual doesn’t have a support system we need to build it. Support systems are important. Kate thanked everyone for recognizing those recovering with this proclamation because it is important to raise awareness for an issue that definitely needs our support. Kate wanted everyone to know that as a person in recovery with a family member this is very important and means the world to her. Community Outreach Specialist and lead trainer Meg Schneider with the UI Addiction and Recovery Collaborative thanked the mayor and council for recognizing September as “Recovery Month.” Sneider noted this is a critical issue in Iowa and nationwide and having the opportunity to celebrate recovery goes a long way in their view toward combatting the stigma surrounding drug addiction and mental illness. Kate and Schneider had their picture taken receiving the proclamation from Goodrich.

Goodrich proclaimed the week of September 10 – 19, 2026 as “Welcoming Week.” Asst. Library Director Ellen Hampe Alexander noted she is Coralville’s representative on the team that worked on making the county a certified Welcoming Community and they are really excited to celebrate the first year we are a certified Welcoming Community. Joining Hampe Alexander were Abbi Cobb from North Liberty and T’Shailyn Harrington from Iowa City. Hampe Alexander noted this was a rally great opportunity to really dig in and look for evidence that we really are a welcoming and caring community with the help of these different non-profits and organizations around the area and all of the governments within Johnson County and seeing what they really are doing to make this a welcoming place for immigrants and refugees. There is a whole slate of activities during welcoming week that people can check out on the website www.WelcomeICare.org . There is something every day of the week starting with the kickoff picnic/community meal at the Coralville Public Library with the Food Pantry on Thursday night from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Zion Stars will play African music and Forevergreen Will do a butterfly release.

Hampe Alexander invited everyone to check out all the Welcoming Week events. Hampe Alexander, Cobb, Harrington and one other had their picture taken accepting the proclamation from Goodrich.

Goodrich proclaimed September 2026 as “Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.” Coralville resident Dhuha Tawil is the chair for the Hydrocephalus Associations “Iowa Walk to end Hydrocephalus” and she is a mother. Tawil noted Hydrocephalus, often referred to a “Water on the Brain” is a serious medical condition caused by an abnormal buildup of cerebral Spinal fluid deep within the brain’s ventricles. It is a condition that can affect anyone at any age at any time. It is the leading cause of brain surgery in children, and many older adults are mistakenly diagnosed with Parkinson’s, dementia or Alzheimer’s when they have normal pressure. Despite how many lives it touches, hydrocephalus remains largely unknown to the general public. Historically in this country progress for disabilities and conditions is driven by the sheer determination of families, and this cause is no different. Tawil explained they are a completely grassroots movement powered by ordinary people fighting for change. Hydrocephalus was first documented over 3,000 years ago, yet here we are in 2026 and the only treatment available is still invasive brain surgery, a method that has seen little fundamental improvement since the 1950s. Without treatment, this condition is fatal for many individuals, and it is not uncommon to undergo as many brain surgeries as birthdays. That is why they walk. Tawil thanked the city for recognizing September as “Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.” The city’s support means everything to local families and advocates. Tawil stated “The Iowa Walk to End Hydrocephalus” is very proud to gather in Coralville this year just minutes away from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics who are a presenting sponsor with multiple departments being represented at this year’s walk. This initiative illustrates the intersection of clinical excellence and community engagement. When we step forward together this creates a comprehensive circle of care that will change lives. Tawil invited everyone to join them on this walk on Saturday, September 26th at 8:00 AM at the S.T. Morrison Park Fireside Shelter to help them push for progress, fund research and raise awareness. They have a lot of fun at their walk, and it is a great community gathering of all kinds of people. Goodrich stated this is a wonderful event and her husband, and she enjoyed walking in it last year and looking forward to being a part of it this year. It’s a great way to meet people from all over the country. Tawil and her son had their picture taken accepting the proclamation from Goodrich.

Community Comments:

Curt Moore let the Council know about his concerns about the stuff piled up on the property at 611 8th Avenue and had photos of the issue passed out to the mayor and council. Moore noted he brought up this issue to them last year and has spoken with the City Administrator, City Attorney and city departments and he is not sure why this person is allowed to have debris stored on their property line now. It is not just debris, but they have stacked compost in their driveway too, which smells. Moore noted the ornamental grass on the property blocks the view so you can’t pull out of your driveway and see people on the sidewalk or in the street. Moore has looked up the riles for overgrown grass in the Code of Ordinances 50.02; a rule for debris stored in public view 105.04. Moore believes this has gone on for far too long and the city should go over there, give them a ticket and make them move the debris. Moore added the city gave his mom a ticket for grass in the street so they should have seen the pile of debris next door. Moore noted his mom is 92 years old and should not have to look at the debris and smell the compost every day. Moore filled out the request form on SeeClickFix to complain about this and received a reply from the city that it was taken care of 10 months later. Moore filled it out again, he has called everybody and this is the second time within a year he has been here to let the mayor and council know. This isn’t right and this property should be treated the same as every other property owner, and nobody should have to look at that. Moore thanked the Council for its time.
Allison Bywater read a comment from Shelby Cigrand about the council’s lack of care for accessibility. It noted they have come to meetings to ask the council to fix the lip at the front doors and make public comments accessible by getting a different podium more times than she can recall. Not a single person besides Councilperson Hai Huynh has followed up on this issue. Cigrand has attempted to file an ADA grievance with the city and City Attorney Kevin Olson told them over the phone they had to do this through the Department of Justice, but when her partner asked to do this Olson lied saying they misunderstood because they can file a grievance with the city. Cigrand stated they are sure the council is sick of them making comments and they are just as sick of having to do it. These fixes are extremely easy

to do and they can ask Iowa City how they got their podium. Every meeting they come to ask for these changes is another two weeks of the city telling the disabled community that they don't care about them being part of the democratic process. Do better. Cigrand added Mayor Goodrich faced no real consequences for lunging at constituents and calling them unkind and naughty school children and they believe this is unacceptable.

Alison Bywater added that after reflecting on the letter she just read and as it relates to their professional work in behavioral health and the proclamation that was read tonight, they believe accessibility is a fundamental right to a sense of belonging and not a curtesy. Disabled people should not have to repeatedly advocate for the same basic changes before their needs are taken seriously. When people have to fight to simply enter, participate and be heard the city indirectly communicates that their belonging is conditional. Bywater noted how Cigrand was cut off and admired their ability to stand their ground and advocate for their right to participate. Bywater hopes the city treats Cigrand's comments as a concrete accessibility issue requiring concrete responses.

Fenek Coney spoke about insufficient bus access to businesses where people get their necessities or need to go for their jobs. Fenek noted the Walmart bus stops service at 6:00 PM and there is no Sunday service. Fenek noted how people who live here have to constantly argue about access to basic things because of disability. Their address can affect whether or not you can work in certain areas of this town. Fenek thinks it is ridiculous to have lived here so long and not seen any adjustment to bus routes to adequately address that. Fenek stated if they need to know where to spend money or focus on development to start focusing on the people that have lived here for years.

Angela Rublaitus spoke about the financial barrier to Coralville's buses. Since Iowa City implemented a fare free bus program there has been a 68% increase in ridership. Rublaitus noted the increasing stories about how climate change is wreaking havoc on our planet and how it is crucial now more than ever to explore and support forms of transportation that are more sustainable. Being able to work someplace they could easily get to by bus and riding the bus for free would cut their personal driving in half week by week. Rublaitus noted more people want to make better choices for the planet, and they asked the city to let them be able to make those choices more easily by removing the financial barrier of fares.

Ryan Swenka let everyone know about a workshop on small scale development hosted by Johnson County and the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation this October. It will include presentations from the Incremental Development Alliance, which is a group that helps locals strengthen their neighborhoods through smaller scale real estate projects. The workshops will be held all four Thursdays in October from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Zoom. There will also be local area guest speakers and conversations on Thursdays, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Dream City in Iowa City. Early bird registration is $100.00 through September 18th and there are scholarship opportunities available. Swenka has printouts available and will bring them to the next council meeting or share them through email. Swenka will also be sharing things on social media, but they can also just reach out if they want some more information. Swenka noted he is glad to be part of the committee organizing this and gave a shout out to sponsors Johnson County, The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, ECICOG, AARP and several others. Swenka believes these workshops and conversations are important, and he would like to see more sustainable, and community led development instead of larger projects that tie up finding and displace members of our community for years. Swenka noted the leveling of entire blocks with over 50% of housing units being rentals. Swenka wants to push back on Coralville being a destination city and help build community focused spaces and give residents a sense of place and belonging which he thinks can be done with some of these smaller projects. Swenka noted the Coralville that people visit is very different from the Coralville we live in and he wants to shrink that gap. Swenka noted he supports comments made earlier like the need for fare free busing and added he would like more effort towards expanding services, especially as neighborhoods in the northern and western parts of Coralville by Walmart and Costco are built out. Swenka added as a resident in old Coralville it is almost impossible for him.

Dan Wohlers asked the council to explore transitioning Coralville Transit to a fare free model and to expand our evening and weekend service across our metro area. Wohler mentioned Coralville has the only transit system in Johnson County to charge fares. CAMBUS, North Liberty and Iowa City are all fare free. Increased bus adoption in Iowa City resulting from adopting a free fare system has removed about 1.8 million private vehicle miles, 5,200 cars from local roads and cut 24,000 metric tons of carbon emissions per year. Eliminating fare collection cuts dwell times at stops, speeding up and boarding by 10% to 15%, improves route reliability and removes farebox maintenance costs. Wohlers noted free fare access in only half of the equation the other half is having buses run when families actually need them.

Wohlers noted he can't take the bus to downtown Iowa Citty for evening community events, dinners and festivals because the current operating schedule makes it very difficult. On weekday evenings neighborhood routes stop and leave only a single night route that runs once an hour until 11:30 PM. The night route only services neighborhoods south of I-80. Weekend routes are even worse. Saturday routes only serve neighborhoods south of I-80 and stop at 7:30 PM leaving zero options to return home from an evening in downtown Iowa City. On Sundays there is no service at all. This is true for those going to the Iowa River Landing as well. When transit is free, frequent and runs late enough to accommodate evening and weekend life people use it. Wohlers asked the council to direct city staff to evaluate a fare free pilot program and to study expanding our evening frequency and weekend operating hours.
Patrick M. Karanja brough up concerns about letting people smoke marijuana so loosely in these parts and being exposed to marijuana smoke often in public facilities including buses. Why are people using marijuana recreationally?
Alannah Swenka spoke about their frustration that the council refused to address the mayor lying during a council meeting four weeks ago and not identifying any actual steps to be taken by the mayor to renew trust. Swenka suggested the following be put on the next agenda in order to renew trust with citizens or at least give them something to work on. Freeze the city administrator's salary because the position is overcompensated for the size of our city, the price to live in our city and the size of our debt. Capping the salary for just 5 years will help keep things in check. Put a discussion about fare free busing on the agenda. Share financial and quarterly reports for the businesses the city owns or manages with the council and citizens at the work session. This included the hotel and Brown Deer Golf course. These should include spending and revenue and should be made public because we pay for these businesses with our tax money. These steps will show we are not protecting power, care about the resources for our most underprivileged citizens and that they are dedicated to transparency. These are actual steps that will renew trust and they can at least be on the work session to discuss. This will also show that the council is listening. Swenka commented on the talk about how to handle helmets for electric vehicles and how it focused on policing and giving tickets to children. Swenka stated the solution is not policing and giving tickets to children who don't have helmets. Rather the solution should be to take helmets to the kids, and they should figure out how many students are in Coralville and how much it would cost to give them helmets. A lot of studies on access show you have to take things to underprivileged people to make sure they have it.
Tara McGovern spoke about censuring and how it only exists in Iowa's administrative code, court rules, and Iowa House and Senate rules. There is no legal definition of censure in Coralville's City Code and nothing in Iowa Code that deals with it in regard to city councils and government. McGovern noted when Waterloo censured a council member, they added a definition to their city code in order to create a legal basis. McGovern stated what the council did last meeting was just a public denouncement because no formal resolution was read, voted on or entered into the public record. The statement only exists in the minutes of the Council Meeting, recordings of the meeting and news articles about the censure. McGovern added if the council is wondering why people are not over it, it's because they did nothing. McGovern reiterated previous comments requesting Coralville implement a pilot program for fare free busing and added in a New York Times article back in November 2025 about the successes of the Iowa City Fare Free Program that stated Coralville is an ideal candidate for adopting fare free. McGovern reiterated the benefits already mentioned of fare free busing including financial relief for the most vulnerable residents and the environmental benefits. McGovern added there are health benefits in reducing transit emissions and their contribution to Iowa's high cancer rates. McGovern noted Coralville makes a lot of real estate investments but there is room for improvement in providing deliberate infrastructure addressing quality of life for financially challenged residents. Fare free bussing would be a big step forward repairing the trust of residents who are otherwise underrepresented in financial priorities of our city. McGovern listed several names in support of her statement and let the council know more are continuing to be collected so they would like the council to listen to them.
Jacob Walleser spoke in favor of free fare busing and echoed previous comments made in favor of it.

LOT 12, CORAL RIDGE COMMERCE PARK PART 2 – PHASE TEN

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1010 An ordinance amending the Coralville Zoning Ordinance No. 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 Lot 12, Coral Ridge Commerce Park Part 2, Phase Ten from C-2, Arterial Commercial District, to C-PUD 2, Commercial Planned Unit Development Two District, Was introduced by Knudson, seconded by Huynh for 2nd consideration. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Huynh, Freeman, Knudson. Abstain: Vogelzang. Absent: Peterson. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER & NATATORIUM DESIGNATE FUND

After the resolution was read, Mayor Laurie Goodrich asked City Administrator Kelly Hayworth how the foundation helps with the fundraising, like it lets people sign up online to donate. Hayworth noted the biggest advantage is they are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit so contributions. Councilperson Mike Knudson added we have worked with them on other projects. Hayworth agreed, noting the library was one of those projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-129

Resolution designating Finance Director Ann Hestor as 2nd Signatory for the Coralville Recreation Center & Natatorium Designated Donation Fund, was introduced by Vogelzang, seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

ARCHEOLOGY DESKTOP REVIEW FOR 4TH AVENUE PLACE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG)

After the resolution was read, Councilperson Katie Freeman asked what a desktop review was. City Engineer Scott Larson replied it means this will not be done out in the field, but it is a rather exhaustive investigation of all available resources including hard copy documents, online resources, and historical aerial photography to look for signs of a past dump site or something like that. They then determine based on those findings if another step of investigation is needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-130

Resolution accepting proposals and approving Contract for an Archeology Desktop Review Services for 4th Avenue Place Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, was introduced by Huynh, seconded by Freeman. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

UTILITY RESILIENCE PROJECT

It was noted that this amendment extends the grant performance period to January 1, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-131

Resolution approving Amendment No. 3 to Subaward Agreement No. HMGP-DR-4483-0015 with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the Utility Resilience Project, was introduced by Freeman, seconded by Huynh. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

WELL 17 IMPROVEMENTS – ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

It was noted that the public hearing will be October 13, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-132

Resolution setting a public hearing on an Environmental Information Document and direct published notice of same, both for the Well 17 Improvements, introduced by Knudson, seconded by Vogelzang. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

HEARTLAND DRIVE FILL PLACEMENT

After the resolution was read, Freeman asked if this would get rid of part of the giant pile of dirt. Knudson said it will and thinks this is a win, win.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-133

Resolution accepting quotation and approving quote for Heartland Drive, Fill Placement, was introduced by Vogelzang, seconded by Knudson. A roll call vote was taken. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Huynh to approve the Consent Calendar items a-jj inclusive:

a) Approve minutes for August 25, 2026, Coralville City Council Regular Meeting.
b) Approve Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***New Pioneer Food Co-op***: Eff. 09/20.
c) Approve Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Coffee Emporium***: Eff. 09/24.
d) Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Catering Privilege and Outdoor Service for ***Texas Roadhouse***: Eff. 09/28.
e) Approve Class E Retail Alcohol License for ***Wal-Mart Supercenter #2827***: Eff. 10/01.
f) Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Catering Privilege and Outdoor Service for ***ReUnion Brewery (Mondo's)***: 10/01.
g) Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Catering Privilege and Outdoor Service for ***Tribute***: Eff. 10/01.
h) Approve Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Chez Grace***: Eff. 10/02.
i) Approve Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for ***Haveli Indian Cuisine***: Eff. 10/05.
j) Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for ***X-Golf Coralville***: Eff. 10/09.
k) Approve Class E Retail Alcohol License for ***The Depot Coralville***: Eff. 10/08.
l) Approve payment of Iowa River Landing Invoice as approved by Dorand Real Estate Group, LLC to **Midwest Best Waterproofing & Restoration, Inc.** to repair signage holes over new lululemon from previous tenant signs (#4630): $2,950.00.
m) Approve payment to **Ferguson Waterworks #2516** for 100 of the Water Department 5/8 Procoder R900i register heads (#0560489-1): $27,000.00.
n) Approve payment to **Wulfekuhle Injection & Pumping** for the disposal of biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plan (#03-12454): $61,620.00.
o) Approve payment to **Hansen Asphalt** for asphalt tie-in at Coralville Animal Clinic and State Farm Office for the 5th Street Improvements – 12th Avenue to 20th Avenue (#1667): $4,500.00.
p) Approve payment to the **U.S. Department of Interior, United States Geological Survey** for the operation and maintenance of 5 streamgaging stations,1 continuous stage station, 1 continuous precipitation gage and associated equipment for 2026 (#90194091): $14,265.00.
q) Approve payment to **Stevens Erosion Control, Inc.** for:
  i) Safety fence removal - Forevergreen Road Extension Phase 1 Tree Felling boundary (#22027) $868.00
  ii) Stabilization for Gerdin Lot – Heartland Dr. and Commerce Dr. Roundabout (#22219) $1,560.00
r) Approve payment to **Corridor Energy Cooperative** to raise a transformer in utility easement for the Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive Roundabout (#2026389): $4,721.48.
s) Approve payment to **Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.** for:
  i) WWTP Sludge Building Electric Service Repair (283316-1) $3,833.92
  ii) Oakdale Trunk Sewer Improvements – Design (283312-2) $27,360.00
  iii) Well 17 – Design Services (#283308-6) $13,500.00
  iv) Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Construction (#283306-9) $1,236.50
  v) WWTP Biosolids Transfer Pump -Construction (#283305-9) $1,729.60

t) Approve payment to **McClure** for Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive Roundabout (#170788): $4,566.25.
u) Approve payment to **CHMWarnick, Inc.** for Asset Management Fees for September 2026 related to the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center (#17640): $15,000.00.
v) Approve payment to **Maxwell Construction, Inc.** for Forevergreen Road Railroad Crossing Intake Adjustments (Pay Application #1): $16,822.25.
w) Approve Pay Estimate #4 to **Midwest Concrete, Inc.** for the Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive Roundabout: $229,181.57.
x) Approve Pay Estimate #3 to **Peterson Contractors, Inc.** for the Youth Sports Park Field Expansion Part 1: $30,437.76.
y) Approve Pay Estimate #16 to **Maxwell Construction, Inc.** for WLU Central Trunk Sewer Phase 2: $15,891.26.
z) Approve Pay Estimate #9 to **Wendler, Inc.** for WWTP Biosolids Transfer Pump & Repairs: $12,949.50.
aa) Approve Pay Estimate #2 to **Stumpf Concrete** for Recycling Center 2026 PCC Floor & Foundation: $48,625.05.
bb) Approve Pay Estimate #1 to **Valentine Construction Co. LLC** for Youth Sports Park Field Expansion Part 2: $520,036.70.
cc) Approve first of two options from **Sustainable Landscape Solutions** to extend the Contract for Snow/Ice Removal On Street Angle Parking 2025–2026 to 2026-2027. (This is for snow and ice removal from 200, 300, 600, 700, 800, 1100, 1200, 1300 and 1700 blocks of 5th Street and the 400 block of 6th Avenue on street angle parking from October 15, 2026 to April 15, 2027 for the same price as the previous year which is $18,171.00.)
dd) Approve attendance of Amy Erickson to the NRPA National Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from September 28, 2026 through October 1, 2026: $2,107.18.
ee) Approve attendance of Erik Dinusson to the NRPA National Conference in Philadelphia in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from September 28, 2026 through October 1, 2026: $3,644.24.
ff) Approve attendance of Sherri Proud to the NRPA National Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from September 27, 2026 through October 1, 2026: $4,101.86.
gg) Approve attendance of Kelly J. Hayworth to the Greater IC Huntsville Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama from September 16 – 18, 2026: $1,679.90.
hh) Approve attendance of Laurie Goodrich to Greater IC Huntsville Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama from September 16 – 18, 2026: $1,730.90.
ii) Approve attendance of Tomas Acas to the American Association of Code Enforcement in Orlando Florida from September 28, 2026 through October 1, 2026: $2,262.00.
jj) Approve Bill List for September 8, 2026.

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

City Administrator Kelly Hayworth had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Laurie Goodrich reported Windmill Manor in Coralville and non-profit Dream flights invited he to help host eight veterans as they were given a ride in a vintage biplane at the Iowa City Airport on Labor Day morning. Goodrich thought it was nice to honor them. Greater Iowa City, Inc. held their first meeting for the Digital Infrastructure work group. This is a countywide effort to help support accurate, localized information and considerations for elected officials around the future of digital infrastructure that could include data centers of various sizes. Freeman, City Attorney Kevin Olson and Goodrich are representing Coralville at these monthly meetings. Goodrich looked forward to helping kick off Welcome Week with a free picnic on the lawn of the Coralville Public Library this Thursday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Goodrich announced Iowa Hawkeye Volleyball, High School Volleyball and comedian Jeff Durham are all coming to

the Xtream Arena this month and encouraged everyone to check out the Xtream Arena website for times and tickets.

City Attorney Kevin Olson had nothing to report at this time.

Councilperson Rich Vogelzang had nothing to report.

Councilperson Mike Knudson thanked members of the community Peterson, and he met to talk about fare free busing and their suggestion to have a working group or commission to look into it. Knudson advocated for having a work session discussion to discuss how that would work and how they could form a work group of commission to talk about fare free busing. Knudson thought there's a lot of things to consider and it would be good to have a diverse group of people they can get information from, including representatives of Iowa City to learn how they finance free fares there. Bus drivers who will be impacted, city finance staff and transit staff can help guide the conversation and their input would be critical. Knudson noted fare free busing is not a zero-sum opportunity and it will have to be paid for at the expense of other priorities like affordable housing or the city's support for social services which he would like to expand. Knudson noted he and his wife have been long term advocates for Houses into Homes, and his wife serves on their board. Knudson gets reminded often that Coralville gives less to Houses into Homes than North Liberty. Knudson stated these are all worthy causes that need to be balanced as they consider the option of fare free busing.

Councilperson Katie Freeman reported at last week's Arts Commission meeting they were given a presentation on all the activities Young Footliters had for the summer, and they asked Freeman to share some feedback from the students who went through those programs and their parents. Freeman explained these are touching stories about kids in their third or fourth year and how it took that long for them to get courageous enough to go up on stage. Freeman noted Josh Schamberger and Kylee from Think Iowa City spoke to the commission about what other area art commissions are doing and how they partnered with Think Iowa City to get some things off the ground. Freeman noted one thing that came up at the commission meeting and kind of ties into tonight's community comments was a discussion of bus stops and benches at bus stops. Freeman wanted to know how many bus stops we have. How many benches would we need and how much do they cost? Freeman noted Think Iowa City helped with the art benches in downtown Iowa City. Freeman thought working with Think Iowa City on this type of project would bring interactive visual arts into Coralville. Freeman agreed with Knudson that they should have a more robust conversation on fare free and possible paths they could take to get there. Freeman thinks they all know there is not one solution to fare free, so they should start having that conversation next work session or the following one since that is the only place all five of them can talk. In order to have the conversation they need it on the agenda. Freeman asked Hayworth about the thresholds to the access doors. Hayworth replied that the concrete at those doors is a quarter inch too high, so all the thresholds need to be replaced at city hall's front doors. The concrete at the Engineering doors is still the right height. The thresholds have been ordered and will be replaced. Freeman asked if they had a timeline. Hayworth replied that the thresholds should be here by next week and should be installed within the next two weeks. Freeman noted they have talked and did measurements of widths and access to the podium in the Council Chambers, but they would like some research into adjustable podiums so the Council could have some discussion. Freeman referred to Huynh's comments from last meeting about affordable housing within developments and how do we start having those conversations.

Councilperson Hai Huynh followed up on Freeman's statement about ADA compliance and reported she has been working on that by talking with community members and extending an invitation to folks with different limited mobility to come in and help reassess the room. Huynh is working with staff on finding a couple of different dates and Huynh will be the liaison between staff and folks in the community to make sure we find a time and date that works best for everybody. Huynh wanted to let people know she is working on this and hopefully it will get done soon. Huynh added the thresholds for the City Hall front doors have been ordered and will hopefully be installed by next meeting, which is September 22nd. Huynh let everyone know the person who had a medical episode at the last council meeting is doing well and thanked first responders for responding quickly and keeping everyone calm. Huynh hopes to see the person who had the medical issue back in the council chamber and participating. Huynh followed up on

what the mayor said about the Community Meal. Traditionally the Community Meal takes place on a Friday but in order to participate in welcoming week for the first year of Johnson County being certified as a Welcoming Community the Free Community Picnic will kick off Welcoming Week on Thursday, September 10th. This picnic is open to everyone and is free. They will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs as well as a vegan option and gluten free option, so they can try to meet any sort of dietary or religious restriction. There will also be music, Johnson County Public Health will provide vaccinations for flu and COVID, League for Women Voters will be there with voter and voting information, and the Miriam Girls Club, library and Recreation Department will be providing fun activities and games. They are borrowing the big grill from the Fire Department but there wasn't enough staff so their volunteers will be grilling and there will be ice cream from Danes Dairy. Forevergreen will have monarch butterfly education and a monarch butterfly release. Huynh encouraged everyone to bring their lawn chairs and blankets to the library front lawn for a fun evening and everything else will be provided. Goodrich added the Community Picnic is at the library from 5:00 PM through 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 10th.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Vogelzang to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Motion carried.

Laurie Goodrich, Mayor

Thorsten J. Johnson, City Clerk