WAUKEE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
November 9, 2026

A. Call to Order – The work session meeting of the Waukee City Council was called to order by Mayor Clarke at 5:30 p.m. at Waukee City Hall, 230 W. Hickman Rd. and electronically via Zoom.

B. Roll Call – The following members were present: Mayor Courtney Clarke; Council Members Chris Crone, Rob Grove, Lori Lyon, Anna Bergman Pierce (electronically). Absent: Council Member Kala Anderson.

Also in attendance: City Administrator Brad Deets, Assistant City Administrator Nick Osborne (electronically), Director Community Development Andy Kass, Director Economic Development Jennifer Brown, Director Parks & Recreation Matt Jermier, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rudy Koester, Director Human Resources Michelle Lindsay, Director Information Technology Son Le (electronically), Director Marketing & Communications Heather Behrens (electronically), Fire Chief Clint Robinson (electronically), Police Chief Chad McCluskey, City Clerk Rebecca D. Schuett.

C. Agenda Approval – Council Member Lyon moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council Member Crone. Results of vote: Ayes: Crone, Grove, Lyon, Pierce. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1.

D. Work Session:

1) **City partner presentation: Waukee Area Historical Society** – Terry Snyder, Waukee Area Historical Society President and co-founder, reviewed the organization's history, collections, events and programming, partnerships, and upcoming projects. Board Member Michael Bartos was also in attendance.
2) **City partner presentation: Waukee Family YMCA** – Waukee Family YMCA Executive Director Zach Elsbecker gave an overview of upcoming facility improvements, current youth and family programs, and membership assistance statistics.
3) **City partner presentation: Mid Iowa Health Foundation** – Dr. Nalo Johnson, President and CEO of the Mid Iowa Health Foundation, presented guiding principles, rental assistance study details and participant eligibility requirements, study design, community conversation series and project funders.
4) **Strategic Plan: Civic Campus District amenities and private development implementation plan** – Matt Carlile with Confluence reviewed current projects, future enhancements, park development, potential property sales, lake excavation options, scheduling and sequencing, project costs and consulting fees. Garret Munch with Shive-Hattery, Inc., was also in attendance.
5) **Warrior Park improvements** – Director Parks & Recreation Jermier presented a park design proposal, as well as anticipated bid, construction and completion dates.
6) **Strategic Plan: Crisis Intervention report** – Police Chief McCluskey gave an update on funding for the crisis intervention program and personnel.
7) **2026 WinterFest temporary street closings** – Director Parks & Recreation Jermier discussed event plans and street closures.
8) **2027 4th of July discussion** – As July 4, 2027, falls on a Sunday, Director Parks & Recreation Jermier presented two event options. After some discussion, council agreed to move forward with events on July 2 (Friday) and July 3 (Saturday).
9) **Park Road lighting** – Public Works Director/City Engineer Koester noted a request received by City staff to add streetlights along Park Rd. Mr. Koester reviewed potential streetlight locations and projected costs, stating that the school district will likely share the costs.
10) **Public improvement project construction updates** – Public Works Director/City Engineer Koester provided an update on various projects under construction.
11) **2027 legislative priorities, lobbying services** – City Administrator Deets recommended 2027 priorities and continuing with Carney & Appleby for lobbying services.

E. Council Liaison Reports

F. Comments

Council Member Crone moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Grove. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried 4 – 0.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Courtney Clarke, Mayor

Attest:

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Rebecca D. Schuett, City Clerk