

Committee of the Whole  
August 1, 2017

Present: Mayor Vulich, Council Members Gassman, Seeley, McGraw, Allesee, Odor, Connell and O'Neill, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Press and interested citizens.

1. New Liquor License (2321 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street "Rockin Rhoni's") – Lisa Frederick

City Clerk Lisa Frederick advised the Council that a new liquor license application was received from Rockin Rhoni's LLC for carry out only sale of wine. She stated the applicant has met the criteria required by the Clinton Police Department, Fire Department, Building and Neighborhood Services Department, and through the Alcoholic Beverages Division.

M/S, Connell-Allesee moved to forward the new liquor license for Rockin Rhoni's to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

2. Mill Creek Parkway – Roundabout Feasibility – Jason Craft

City Engineer Jason Craft presented five year crash history information for the intersections on Mill Creek Parkway. City Engineer Craft stated the majority of crashes were caused by a failure to yield right-of-way or ran a stop sign. The intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Mill Creek Parkway and the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest and Mill Creek Parkway both have crash rates higher than the statewide average (13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North intersection: 1.03 crashes/million entering vehicles; 16<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest intersection: 2.19 crashes/million entering vehicles; statewide average: 0.7 crashes/million entering vehicles).

City Engineer Craft presented data from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) showing an overall crash reduction of 72% after the installation of a roundabout and an overall injury reduction of 87%. City Engineer Craft stated a roundabout would be able to accommodate large truck traffic and can be constructed to accommodate future growth to four lanes of traffic. City Engineer Craft stated roundabouts reduce the severity of crashes and the number of crashes by reducing the number of conflict points and increasing the attentiveness and awareness of drivers.

City Engineer Craft stated constructing roundabouts at both intersections would be funded with grant funds through the Iowa Traffic Safety Improvement Grant Program. City Engineer Craft stated due to the traffic counts, accident history, and injury history at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Mill Creek Parkway and the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest and Mill Creek Parkway, the City has a very high likelihood of receiving full grant funding.

Councilmember O'Neill inquired about the timeline for applying for the grants. City Engineer Craft stated the deadline to apply was August 15, 2017. Councilmember Gassman stated in using roundabouts in other communities, it was evident that traffic flow was improved. Councilmembers Connell and Seeley inquired if there were any other feasible options at the two intersections. City Engineer Craft stated blinking L.E.D. STOP signs will be installed, but these signs will not reduce the severity of crashes when someone runs the STOP sign or fails to yield. City Engineer Craft stated roundabouts would reduce the number of crashes and the severity of crashes.

Councilmembers Seeley, Allesee and Connell inquired about truck traffic, the conversion to a four-lane highway, and the slope on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. City Engineer Craft stated the roundabouts would be constructed to handle truck traffic and agricultural machinery. City Engineer Craft stated the roundabouts would be constructed to accommodate future growth to four lanes of traffic. City Engineer Craft further stated grading would be completed at the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North intersection to adjust the slope and to provide drainage features.

M/S, O'Neill-Gassman moved that the grant applications for the construction of roundabouts at the intersection of Mill Creek Parkway & 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and the intersection of Mill Creek Parkway & 16<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest be forwarded to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, Gassman, Seeley, Odor, Connell, O'Neill – Yes; McGraw, Allesee – No. Motion carried.

3. Mayor & Council Updates

Councilmember O'Neill stated there will be an educational meeting for single-stream recycling at the Ericksen Center on Saturday, August 5, 2017 starting at 9:30 A.M. Councilmember O'Neill encouraged everyone to attend.

M/S, O'Neill-Gassman moved to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Frederick  
City Clerk