

Committee of the Whole
March 7, 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. CRDC Presentation – Mike Kirchhoff

Mike Kirchhoff, President of Clinton Regional Development Corporation (CRDC), provided the Mayor and Council with a Power Point presentation of the 2016 Year in Review. He stated that CRDC's Vision 2020 Strategies are: expanding and retaining existing industries, business recruitment, resolving issues that impede growth, communication with all stakeholders and enhancing organizational readiness.

Andy Sokolovich, CRDC Existing Industry Manager, advised the Council of existing industry activities: 17 Value Visits/2 Headquarter visits, 10 technical assistance projects with 8 completed, 75 total company interactions, two quarterly VALUE Spotlight awards for Air Control and ADM, the new administrative center at Lyondell, 2nd Corporate Cup Event, draft industry and services indexes completed, draft Workforce Development Programs Guide, and new BRE Program Marketing materials.

Jenelle Kreiling, CRDC Business Development Manager, stated that there were 47 projects worked on in 2016 compared to 38 in 2015 and 31 in 2014. So far in 2017 there have been 6 new projects. She continued in stating that project sources for the 47 total projects YTD were 18 from Quad City First, 11 from direct contact, 10 from State Partners, five from Utility Partners, two from the Broker/Consultant and one was a local company referral. She further stated that project sector was broken down by 30 in chemical processing, 8 in logistics, 3 in value added ag, two in food processing, two in manufacturing and two in office.

Mr. Kirchhoff stated that business recruitment and outreach involve attending the ITF Tradeshow, the German American Business Forum, Consular Officials visits, Site Selectors Guild Annual Meeting, San Francisco Site Selectors Event with Governor Branstad and Site Selectors FAM Visit. He continued in stating that resolutions to impediments for growth are to lobby and advocate for U.S. Highway 30 expansion and to attain Railpark site certification. He advised that the investor and public relations activities consist of quarterly investor updates, monthly emails to investors and stakeholders, updates to Clinton County, Cities of Fulton, Camanche, Clinton, Farm Bureau and others and print and broadcast media.

Mr. Sokolovich provided a review of Home Base Iowa. He stated that the hope is to attract 200,000+ veterans. He continued in stating that incentives have been developed for veterans to offer them a subsidy for the interview process and home purchase as well as \$6,500 for closing assistance. He further stated that there will be continuing outreach to attract veterans. Mr. Kirchhoff stated that Home Base Iowa is a population opportunity.

Mr. Kirchhoff stated that the CRDC is working with the Prager Company for Phase 2 of the Ashford Redevelopment Project. He continued in stating that they are performing market studies and looking at best practices around the country. He further stated that there are ongoing talks with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and STEM People.

Mayor Vulich inquired regarding how many project leads the CRDC has received from the broker. Mr. Kirchhoff stated that the CRDC has received no leads from the broker; however, Mr. Armstrong did attend a meeting with Project Greenhouse. Councilmember O'Neill inquired regarding how much has been paid to the broker. Mr. Kirchhoff stated that the CRDC has paid nothing to the broker.

2. Muddy Mississippi Mutt March – Sandi Bartels

Mayor Vulich advised Ms. Bartels that a resolution of support to close a major highway must be sent to the Iowa DOT prior to the event. Councilmember O'Neill stated that a similar event held in 2014 drew people from as far away as Colorado. He continued in stating that it is a great event.

Ms. Bartels stated that the Muddy Mississippi Mutt March will be a family event which will draw people from all over the United States. She continued in stating that she has filled out the application to Guinness World Records for the most dogs to cross a major highway bridge at one time. She further stated that she has asked rescue groups and obedience trainers to attend. She proceeded to state that there will be bands, floats and the march will end at the Fall Festival in Fulton. She advised that she has heard from the Illinois DOT and they are OK with the proposed closure. She stated that now she needs Clinton to be on board.

M/S, O'Neill-Connel moved to forward a resolution of support to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

3. 4th Amendment to the Consent Decree – Bob Milroy

Bob Milroy, RWRP Superintendent, advised the Council that the City remains under the Consent Decree. He stated that the DNR is working with the City. He continued in stating that with the upcoming Margaret Pump station project, staff decided to ask the Attorney General's office to allow a few changes in our consent decree in order to keep costs down. Per the consent decree, the City is required to record all flow, and to sample all CSO discharges at the Margaret Pump Station. We requested it and it was approved that we did not have to fulfill that requirement during the construction of the pump station. Doing it this way will save significant money in by-pass pumping costs. He further stated as part of the Margaret Pump Station project, the contractor is required to remove two bottlenecks from the 54" main inceptor in South Clinton. To reduce by-pass pumping cost we asked to extend the completion date to February 15, 2018. He proceeded to state that since we were already asking for an amendment to the consent decree, the City Engineer and I decided to ask to have the start date of the 1st Avenue Pump Station changed to July 1st, 2018. All requests were approved by the Attorney General's Office.

M/S, Allesee-Odor moved to forward the 4th Amendment to the Consent Decree to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

4. Consent Decree & Long Term Control Plan – Jason Craft/Bob Milroy

City Engineer Jason Craft provided a brief history leading up to the Consent Decree and Long Term Control Plan. He stated that in the beginning every time it rained everything discharged into the river since the old treatment plant could not keep up. In 1972 the Clean Water Act was passed by Congress and in 2012 the City received the first Consent Order. The DNR made the first amendment to the Consent Order to define the Long term Control Plan Implementation Plan. At that time the City was given 25 years to separate the sewers in order to achieve only four to six overflows per year. The original estimated cost of this would be \$130 Million. He continued in stating that the City looked at how it would tackle the project. The City did not need auxiliary pump stations or interceptors which reduced the cost by \$20 to \$30 Million. He further stated that Basin 6 is the most challenging and could cost up to \$40 Million. This project will begin in 2017.

RWRP Superintendent Bob Milroy advised the Council that another expense related to the Long Term Control Plan is disinfection to remove ecoli from the waste water after it leaves the Treatment Plant. He stated that we do not want to spend money on this until exactly what they want removed is resolved.

Councilmember O'Neill inquired regarding what funding would be used for Basin 6. City Engineer Craft stated that it is still unknown. Perhaps LOST, CDBG, or SRF Funds. Councilmember O'Neill stated that this is an unfunded mandate by the federal government. Engineer Craft stated that Basin 6 must be done; however, may be expanded to over 40 years. The City must have a plan in place by next year.

5. Nelson Corp Property - Matt Brooke

City Administrator Brook advised the Council that this item has been removed and will be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. Police Chief Memorandum of Agreement Update – Matt Brooke

City Administrator Brooke stated that the City has a great Police Chief and requests to update his contract. If he was fired he could not be demoted which would require him to move to another City. This protects the City as well since he would not be able to sue the City for wrong doing. This is supported by Bill Stone and Patrick O'Connell of Lynch Dallas.

Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding whether the City Administrator had researched this. City Administrator Brooke stated that he discussed this with Lynch Dallas and used verbiage from his contract. He continued in stating that a lawsuit could average up to \$250,000 in legal fees if it were taken to court. City Attorney O'Connell stated that this mirrors what general practice is. This seems reasonable. Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding why this wasn't discussed at Gyrion's hiring. City Attorney O'Connell stated that he did not bargain at all, he was pleased to be selected.

M/S, O'Neill-Allesee moved to forward the updated agreement to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, Seeley, McGraw, Allesee, Odor, Connell, O'Neill – Yes; Gassman – No. Motion carried.

7. Mayor & Council Updates

Councilmember O'Neill congratulated the Camanche High School Boys Basketball Team on their win in Des Moines.

M/S, Allesee-Odor moved to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Van Loo
City Clerk