

Committee of the Whole

September 1, 2015

Present: Mayor Mark S. Vulich, Council Members McGraw, Rowland, Gassman, Determann, Wilke, O'Neill and Allesee, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Press and interested citizens.

1. Vehicle for Hire Ordinance – Pat Van Loo

City Clerk Pat Van Loo advised the Council that the proposal to amend the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance would streamline the process for both the applicant and City staff. She stated that there are inconsistencies between the ordinance and the procedures actually taking place. She proposed that Vehicle for Hire applicants be responsible for obtaining and paying for their own vehicle inspections by an ASE Certified inspector and the rate for obtaining a permit be raised from \$50 to \$60 in order to cover the costs of the City Permit materials. Councilmember Gassman stated that the closest ASE Inspectors are in Davenport and Dubuque. He continued in stating that applicants should not be required to drive that far for an inspection. He requested that the City Clerk look into ASE Inspectors and mechanics in the area. City Attorney Patrick O'Connell stated that in section 124.060B the word "vehicle" needs to be amended to "vehicle for hire".

M/S, O'Neill-Allesee moved to forward the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance to the next City Council meeting agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

2. Strategic Plan – Goal 3 – Jessica Kinser

City Administrator Jessica Kinser presented the Council with an update to Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan. She stated that the third goal, to contribute to a healthy physical, economic, and community environment, is one where not a great deal of attention has been focused in the last year. She continued in stating that some accomplishments in this area to note are the reorganization of the Long Term Control Plan which was approved by the Attorney General and Council allowing unnecessary projects to be removed and additional time to gather data for the separation of basin 6; continued funding and work as part of the Pavement Management Program and the adoption of the 2012 Building Code. She further stated that there is still a great deal to do however, and recommended continuing the existing items into the next work plan. Mayor Vulich inquired regarding whether the City has developed and Economic Incentive Policy. City Administrator Kinser stated that it was discussed by the Council; however, never acted on. Councilmember O'Neill stated that the Council has looked at the idea; however, if the City gives some incentives it must receive something in return. It would be a good idea to have a pamphlet to hand out to persons interested in economic development in the area. He suggested that the Building and Neighborhood Services Department could put the information together. He continued in stating that this would be important for future brokers and the CRDC. City Administrator Kinser stated that there is a lot of work to be done before a policy could be put together; however, this can be left in the Strategic Plan.

City Administrator Kinser stated that the City's partnership with Augustana College is leading to the addition of items under this goal or modifying existing items such as Objective 1- Physical and environmental health and sustainability; add "Review Stormwater Inflow and Analysis and research on best management practices to address stormwater issues in the area north and west of Bluff Boulevard and add implementation of a Senior Citizen Fire Prevention Campaign. Objective 2- Economic health; add "Review and consider implementation of proposals related to small business start-up/entrepreneurial aid research and Objective 3- Development and enhancement of the community; add "Review and consider recommendations related to the City's wayfinding system", "Review and adopt a formal plan for maintaining and enhancing the City's recreational trail system", "Review downtown parking recommendations", "Consider the adoption of design standards for the Central Business District Overlay Zone" and Develop and implement an ADA Transition Plan". Councilmember Determann suggested adding the image of the

Community to Goal 3. Councilmember Allesee inquired regarding whether there is a way for the Council to aid City staff in bringing some of these items forward. City Administrator Kinser stated that the addition of an assistant to the City Administrator to work with economic development would help. She continued in stating that there are four or five development agreements in process right now. Mayor Vulich suggested that this is something the Neighborhood Improvement Committee could help with.

M/S, Allesee-Wilke moved to approve moving forward with Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan. On roll call, carried unanimously.

3. Strategic Plan – Goal 4 – Jessica Kinser

City Administrator Kinser stated that the fourth goal, to continually improve the City's organization and services, has had areas of success over the last year: board and commission training was provided in March, and changes were made to the structures of boards and commissions; Council committees were eliminated and a new Committee of the Whole meeting was added; safety goals are being used in personnel evaluations; a whistleblower policy was adopted and the purchasing policy was updated. She continued in stating that a number of items can come off as completed, but others need to be reprioritized. She suggested that under Objective 2- Improve the efficiency of the organization - add "Utilize report from Augustana on transit to assess feasibility of providing transit services to Camanche and Fulton", Modify solid waste objective to state "Implement route efficiency recommendations for solid waste and recycling services", and "Utilize data mapping of nuisances to enhance nuisance enforcement efforts". Councilmember Wilke suggested discussions regarding single stream recycling and the construction of a building for the Police Department. He further suggested placing funds in a reserve account for these purposes. Councilmember Rowland stated that there are \$50 million worth of City needs in the CIP. Mayor Vulich stated that single stream recycling should be a cost savings for the City. Councilmember Rowland stated that it would take the pressure off of the Landfill. Councilmember O'Neill stated that privatization of solid waste services should be taken off. Councilmember Determann stated that the service needs to be bid out to make it competitive. Councilmember O'Neill stated that it would be disingenuous for the Council to discuss this after approving a three-year AFSCME contract and the rate structure. Mayor Vulich stated that it is a major priority to locate all solid waste containers. City Administrator Kinser stated that this is currently underway.

M/S, Gassman-Rowland moved to accept Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor & Council Member Updates

Mayor Vulich stated that the American Queen Steamboat would be docking the next day at 12:30 PM.

Councilmember Allesee stated that the Book Fair was well received and a nice event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Van Loo
City Clerk