

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WRAP-UP SESSION  
AND REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

**AMES, IOWA**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

The Ames City Council met for the budget wrap-up session at 5:20 p.m., followed by its regular meeting, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law with Mayor Ann Campbell presiding and the following Council members present: Doll, Goodman, Larson, Mahayni, Popken, and Rice. *Ex officio* Member Buske was also present.

**FY 2007/08 BUDGET WRAP-UP**

**ARTS FUNDING (COTA):** Assistant City Manager Sheila Lundt explained the funding request in the amount of \$105,316 for the Commission On The Arts (COTA); this is an 8.0% increase. She pointed out that each application for funding is judged on its own merits. Members of the Commission present were Joe Campos and Fred Lewis. Ms. Lundt also recognized the contributions made by Lu Kiser, former Chair and member of COTA since 2003, who passed away on January 20, 2007.

**HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING (ASSET):** Assistant City Manager Lundt introduced Dorothy Sally and Jim Pearson, City volunteers to ASSET, and Mark Jackson, Chairperson. Ms. Lundt presented ASSET's funding request and briefly reviewed the criteria associated with the funding recommendations. She advised that the City's funding recommendations (including an appeal recommendation) represented a 5.9% increase over the current year's funding level. She explained that the appeal was filed by Youth and Shelter Services. That funding application was originally portrayed as a matching grant with the Juvenile Court System and not recommended for funding. Ms. Lundt stated that, after clarifying the application, it was ascertained that the requested funds would be utilized to assist local Ames youth in need of outpatient substance abuse counseling, which meets eligibility requirements. ASSET volunteers are recommending that the appeal be granted.

According to Ms. Lundt, funders were at differing levels of funding when compared with the current year: the City of Ames increased their allocation by 5.9%; Story County, by approximately 2%; and United Way, by 1%. Funding from the Government of the Student Body (GSB) will remain at \$129,877. The City of Ames' recommended allocation is \$891,297, including the appeal recommendation of \$2,000.

Ms. Lundt stated that ASSET makes recommendations for funding individual services, not entire agencies. With the tight funding available, the volunteers were very careful to match individual funders' priorities and agency priorities to the funding available.

Ms. Lundt specifically commented on funding recommendations for several agencies. She reminded the Council that in 2004, \$80,000 in City funds were applied to ACCESS's mortgage on its current facility. In making that \$80,000 loan to ACCESS, the City accepted ACCESS's ten-year financial plan, which limited increases in City ASSET requests to 2.9%/year. ASSET is recommending an overall 7% increase, which appears to be justified based on units and operating costs; therefore, the City Council may approve the overall 4% increase or ask the staff and volunteers to make program funding reduction suggestions to get back to the 2.9%.

Ms. Lundt said that several agencies were funded at higher than requested levels out of City funds to make up for a lack of available monies from other funders. These agencies include Legal Aid, Heartland Senior Services (Outreach and Friendly Visitor programs), CampFire USA (the School Age Childcare and School-Age Scholarship programs), and ChildServe (Infant Care program). All services are very high within the City's priorities, are well-documented in terms of reimbursement, and financially sound.

The Council was reminded that, last year, the Volunteer Center of Story County decided to discontinue its Disaster Services Volunteer Training Program, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is now providing this service. The City no longer funds the Volunteer Center; funding for RSVP has been increased.

Ms. Lundt again told the Council that Heartland Senior Services has a need for additional space, as do several other agencies. Meetings will be held among different agencies to follow-up on the space needs problems. Ms. Lundt stated that ASSET may be coming back to the City Council to request that the \$20,000, which was not spent during the initial process, help fund a study on the space needs problems of several non-profit agencies.

**AMES INTERNATIONAL PARTNER CITIES ASSOCIATION, INC., (AIPCA) FUNDING:**

Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred introduced Carolyn Klaus, Chairperson, and Charlie Martinson, Treasurer, of the AIPCA. Ms. Klaus stated that the Mayor of Koshu has committed to bring an adult delegation and a youth delegation to Ames in May and August, respectively. She asked that \$3,000 be allocated in the 2007/08 budget, but that AIPCA be permitted to draw-down a portion of that allocation to cover expenses incurred for the May visit.

Mr. Kindred gave the background behind this agency, which was originally set up as a City board in 1992, but reorganized as a corporation in 1993. He pointed out that the City Council appoints one-third of the membership of the AIPCA.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC):** Gloria Bettcher, Chairperson, summarized the HPC budget request for 2007/08. The Commission is requesting \$39,000 for the maximum complete cost of both an intensive survey of the College Heights Neighborhood and the development of a preservation plan in order to provide a firm foundation for the survey of additional historic resources in the next ten years and beyond. This would involve hiring a consultant. Ms. Bettcher advised that the Commission is confident that the actual cost to the City will be more in the range of \$11,000 to \$15,000 with the aid of successful grant applications; however, the grant process is not complete, and there is no guarantee that the Commission will receive funding.

**PUBLIC ART FUNDING:** Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred introduced members of the Public Art Commission present: Anne Taylor, Finance Committee Chairperson, and Lisa Stephany, Commission Chairperson. Ms. Stephany described their request for \$23,000 in funding to support the following projects: [1] Ada Hayden Heritage Park project: \$3,000 and the roll-over of \$15,000. [2] Ames Resource Recovery Artist-in-Residence Program: \$7,500. [3] Art Around the Corner: \$4,000. [4] Education: \$3,500. [5] Neighborhood Sculpture Program: \$4,000. [6] Operating Budget: \$1,000.

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Ames Economic Development Commission (AEDC). Dan Culhane, Executive Director, and John Russell, Vice-President of the AEDC Board, were present. Mr. Culhane requested an increase of \$16,382 for operations of the AEDC, raising that level of funding to \$40,000. He also requested that the \$50,000 reimbursable marketing program remain intact and unchanged.

Hunziker Youth Sports Complex (HYSC). Brian Agnitsch, 1103 Burnett, Ames, stated that he is the current President of the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex. He reiterated the request for operational assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for five years; \$25,000 for five years for capital improvements; and, that the City pay for the cost of paving and maintaining the access road to and parking lots in the Complex.

Mr. Agnitsch told the Council that two sources of grants have been explored: the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB). He said that they have been informed that the Complex is not eligible for a grant through the IDOT. It is eligible to apply for a \$5,000 grant through the ACVB; however, they have been told that it is not likely that they will receive funding.

Council Member Rice asked Mr. Agnitsch to comment on the possibility of the road being paved, but the parking lots remaining as gravel. Mr. Agnitsch stated that they would appreciate any assistance that the City could provide.

Mr. Agnitsch also informed the Council that the HYSC Board provided \$5,000 in scholarships last year to participants with a proven need for financial assistance.

Main Street Cultural District (MSCD). Allison Moore, Director of the MSCD, and Allyson Walter, President of the MSCD, were present. On behalf of the MSCD, Ms. Walter requested \$25,000/year for three years to ensure the continued growth of the District. The entire three-year commitment of \$75,000 is being requested to be drawn down in the first year. A request for street beautification in the total amount of \$12,000 was also made, as follows:

1. Flower Fund - \$6,000 (\$2,000/year for 3 years)
2. Banner Fund - \$4,000 (\$2,000/year for 2 years)
3. Outdoor Pots- \$2,000

Ms. Walter thanked the Council for changing the Downtown Facade Improvement Program to a grant fund. The MSCD is also requesting that \$50,000/year for the next five years be available for this Program.

It was stated that there are now 230 members of the MSCD. Ms. Walter and Ms. Moore indicated that it would not cause the District financial difficulties if \$25,000 were allocated per year for three years instead of in a lump-sum amount. The Main Street Cultural District will be responsible for raising the balance of the annual budget. After that three-year period, a continuous financial commitment from the City will be requested. Ms. Moore explained that the commitment from the City assists the MSCD in applying for grants. She also said that financial assistance from the cities is the norm for most Main Street Iowa communities. Ms. Moore provided copies of the MSCD budget for 2007 to the Mayor and Council.

Council Member Popken asked for a brief report on the activities of the Main Street Cultural District to be given to the City Council at a future meeting.

Ms. Moore also reminded the Council that they had submitted a request for suspension of parking in the Central Business District on all Saturdays. She said that the MSCD is in full support of reducing the number of minutes per \$.25 to offset the cost of providing free parking on Saturdays.

Ames Historical Society. Kathy Svec, Chairperson, presented the Society's request for \$10,000 in FY 2007/08; that is \$2,000 over the 2006/07 request. The funds would support the maintenance of the archive and storage facilities. Ms. Svec stated that the Society is currently negotiating a lease to move to 416 Douglas Avenue.

City Manager Schainker stated that he learned today from Julie Weeks, Director of the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau, that the ACVB has picked up the funding requests for Special Olympics, Iowa Games, as well as the Ames Jaycees fireworks. This frees-up \$7,500 from the City's annual budget.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON CIP AND BUDGET:** Mayor Campbell asked for public input on the Capital Improvements Plan and/or the annual budget. No one came forward to speak.

The meeting recessed at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

**SALARIES FOR COUNCIL APPOINTEES:** Council Members Goodman and Doll reported on the review procedure for City Council appointees Steve Schainker, City Manager, and Doug Marek, City Attorney.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to set the City Manager's salary for FY 2007/08 at \$159,706.80 (an increase of 5%); increase the deferred compensation to \$21,640.21; and leave the vehicle allowance at \$6,000 annually; and to set the City Attorney's salary at \$120,640 (an increase of 4%).

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO 2007/12 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP):** Mr. Schainker distributed a revised CIP page for the Demand-Side Management Energy Conservation Programs, showing \$400,000 being allocated in 2007/08 and 2008/09 and \$800,000 being allocated in 2009/10, 2010/11, and 2011/12, all coming from the Electric Utility Fund. He also gave the Council a memo from Public Works Director John Joiner regarding the Ontario Street Shared-Use Path Request.

Director John Joiner reminded the City Council that the 2007/12 CIP showed construction of a shared-use path along Ontario Street from Idaho Avenue to British Columbia Avenue occurring in 2008/09; however, during the public input portion of the CIP process, a request had been made to move the project up to 2007/08. He explained the process normally followed for projects planned for summer construction. For the Ontario Shared-Use Path, coordination with adjoining property owners is necessary and a very important component of the design process. Mr. Joiner stated that moving this project forward to 2007/08 would likely result in project completion

around November 2007 and may lead to higher construction costs. He recommended that this project remain as shown in the CIP (FY 2008/09).

Regarding the Library Lighting project, Mr. Schainker advised that the lighting improvements were accelerated and included in the current year's operating budget; therefore, he recommended that the City Council remove Page 123 of the CIP, thus, deleting \$30,000 from FY 2009/10.

Moved by Doll, seconded by Popken, to remove Page 123, thereby striking the \$30,000 from the 2009/10 CIP.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Popken, seconded by Goodman, to approve increasing the amount for Demand-Side Management Energy Conservation Programs to \$800,000 in FY 2009/10, 2010/11, and 2011/12.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Mahayni, to include \$195,000 in the CIP for paving the street leading to and/or the parking lots at the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex with funding to be from the General Fund.

Mr. Schainker indicated that the funding source could be Hotel/Motel Tax Fund or the General Fund. He explained that it is highly unusual for funding to be recommended for such a project from the General Fund; however, there have been substantial salary savings this year, and that Fund could be drawn down for this improvement.

Council Member Goodman voiced his support for paving the road; however, he preferred that the paving of the parking lots not be included in the funding allocation at this time. Director Joiner indicated that there would be some cost savings if the paving of the road and the parking lots were bid at the same time.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Popken, to amend the motion to include funding for only the pavement of the road leading to the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex.

Vote on Amendment: 2-4. Voting aye: Goodman, Popken. Voting nay: Doll, Larson, Mahayni, Rice. Motion failed.

Original motion withdrawn.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Rice, to place in the 2006/07 CIP budget \$195,000 for the purpose of designing and paving the road leading to the Complex, and if adequate funding remains, paving the parking lots in the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Doll, to postpone the above motion until the appropriate time on the Agenda.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Council Member Goodman asked for a briefing on the costs of renovating the Brookside Park Tennis Courts. Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Carroll indicated that, due to sub-drainage issues, the cost to renovate those Courts would be approximately \$300,000. It is estimated that

the Courts would be usable at their current playing level for another five years.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Popken, to include the renovation of Brookside Park Tennis Courts in the CIP for FY 2011/12 at an estimated cost of \$300,000, with the funding source to be Local Option Sales Tax, with a re-evaluation to occur as to whether the Courts need to be renovated or completely reconstructed.

Council Member Goodman explained that he received an e-mail from a citizen today that indicated the City spends a lot of money on new projects, but does not maintain or renovate its current facilities. He pointed out that, if it is determined that the renovations are not necessary as 2011/12 approaches, the project could be removed by the City Council at that time. Council Member Popken agreed, stating that it shows that the City does invest in its neighborhood parks. Council Member Mahayni reiterated that this project could be reevaluated prior to funding actually being approved. It was Council Member Larson's opinion that it is difficult to remove projects from future CIPs; however, a re-evaluation should occur as to whether the Courts need to be renovated or removed.

Vote on Motion: 5-1. Voting aye: Doll, Goodman, Mahayni, Popken, Rice. Voting nay: Larson. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF 2007/12 CIP:** Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Doll, to approve the Capital Improvements Plan for 2007/12, as amended.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED FY 2006/07 BUDGET:** Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Goodman, to bring back to the table the postponed motion.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Rice, to place in the 2006/07 CIP budget \$195,000 for the purpose of designing and paving the road leading to the Complex, and if monies are available, the parking lot for the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex.

Council Member Popken explained that he was not going to support the motion, although he supports the activities of the Complex and its volunteers. He said that, initially, it was intended that this Complex be funded and operated by a non-profit organization without the City's support.

Council Member Rice compared the cost of what the City would have paid to build such a facility to its funding commitment, and said he felt the City was getting good value for its dollars. He also pointed out the benefits brought to the City by the HYSC. Council Member Doll concurred.

Council Member Larson said that, since the Complex is surrounding by City-owned land and the City uses the road to access its well fields, he feels that the City has some obligation to help maintain the facility.

Council Member Mahayni also pointed out that this non-profit organization was the result of initiative taken by community residents and serves thousands of Ames youth.

Vote on Motion: 4-2. Voting aye: Doll, Larson, Mahayni, Rice. Voting nay: Goodman, Popken. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Rice, to amend the current budget in the amount of \$39,000, out of the General Fund, to fund the request of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Doll, to approve the proposed budget amendments for FY 2006/07.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Popken, to set March 6, 2007, as the date of public hearing on the proposed budget amendments for FY 2006/07.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO FY 2007/08 BUDGET:** Moved by Goodman, seconded by Mahayni, to remove the allocations for Special Olympics (\$2,500) and Iowa Games (\$5,000) from the 2007/08 budget.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Popken, seconded by Goodman, to fund the Main Street Cultural District in the amount of \$79,000 (\$75,000 operating/\$4,000 landscaping) from the Local Option Sales Tax.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Doll, to include \$89,888 out of the Road Use Tax and Parking Fund for the purchase of a cleaning machine for Campustown and Downtown.

Council Member Goodman suggested that funds be allocated in the budget for solving the Campustown refuse/litter problem, looking at options besides a cleaning machine.

Council Member Larson said that he believes the problem can be resolved without spending that level of dollars. He referenced many of the options previously suggested by City staff. *Ex officio* Member Buske explained that the Student Affairs Commission had been brainstorming solutions; however, he wants to support all initiatives to improve Campustown. Council Member Rice indicated that the level of cleanliness would not be satisfactory to him without the purchase of a cleaning machine.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Goodman, to amend the motion to allocate up to \$90,000 to arrive at a solution for keeping the sidewalks clean in Downtown and Campustown, including the possible capital expense of a cleaning machine.

Vote on Amendment: 5-1. Doll, Goodman, Mahayni, Popken, Rice. Voting nay: Larson. Motion declared carried.

Vote on Motion, as Amended: 5-1. Doll, Goodman, Mahayni, Popken, Rice. Voting nay: Larson. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Doll, seconded by Mahayni, to allocate \$25,000 from Local Option Tax Fund for the

operations subsidy for the HYSC.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Mahayni, to increase the City's level of support to the AEDC to a total of \$90,000, with the funding source to be the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Goodman, to allocate \$891,297 for ASSET funding (including the appeal).

Vote on Motion: 5-0-1. Voting aye: Goodman, Larson, Mahayni, Popken, Rice. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Doll. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Popken, to allocate \$105,316 for COTA funding.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2007/08, AS AMENDED:** (Motion made during the budget hearing on February 6, 2007.)

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Doll, to set March 6, 2007, as the date of final public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2007/08.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 7:52 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Campbell called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 8:01 p.m.

**VEISHEA 2007:** Karin Brandt, Katherine Wenting, and Shallee Keenan gave a brief history of VEISHEA. Ms. Brandt and Ms. Wenting described activities that will be occurring on April 16 thru 22, 2007. A request was made for volunteers to assist with VEISHEA Service Day, to be held on March 31, 2007. The representatives referred the public to their website, i.e., [www.veishea.iastate.edu](http://www.veishea.iastate.edu), for more information.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council Member Larson asked that Item No.18 pertaining to requests from the ISU Ski and Snowboarding Club for the Campustown Rail Jam be pulled for separate discussion.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Rice, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Motion approving payment of claims
2. Motion approving minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2007, and special meetings of February 2, 6, 7, and 8, 2007
3. Motion approving certification of civil service applicants
4. Motion approving renewal of the following beer permits and liquor licenses:
  - a. Class B Liquor - Holiday Inn, 2609 Elwood Drive

- b. Class C Liquor - New Tradewinds Lounge, 115 Fifth Street
  - c. Class C Beer and Class B Wine - Fareway Store #386, 619 Burnett Avenue
  - 5. Motion authorizing submission of a grant application to the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau to support additional overtime traffic enforcement
  - 6. Motion rejecting bids for GT1 Gas Turbine Generator Inspection Project
  - 7. Motion rejecting bids for GT1 Gas Engine Inspection Project
  - 8. RESOLUTION NO. 07-051 approving Bid Awards and Purchases, \$25,000-\$50,000, for the period January 16-31, 2007
  - 9. RESOLUTION NO. 07-052 approving designation of City representatives to Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA)
  - 10. RESOLUTION NO. 07-053 granting Power of Attorney privileges to Public Works and Water Department Directors regarding farm property matters
  - 11. RESOLUTION NO. 07-054 approving appointment of Andi Smith to fill vacancy on Commission On The Arts
  - 12. RESOLUTION NO. 07-055 approving reappointment of Tammy Horness to Ames Housing Governing Board
  - 13. Motion accepting the 2006 Resource Recovery Annual Report
  - 14. RESOLUTION NO. 07-057 approving partial funding of the ISU/Ames Law Enforcement Spring 2007 Campaign
  - 15. RESOLUTION NO. 07-058 approving Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption requests for 2007
  - 16. RESOLUTION NO. 07-059 approving amendment to 28-E Agreements in connection with Ames/Story County Partnership
  - 17. RESOLUTION NO. 07-065 approving cash rent lease with Kaltenheuser Farms, Inc., for Airport farm land
  - 18. RESOLUTION NO. 07-066 approving Real Estate Contract with Pyle Land, L.L.C., for S.E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements
  - 19. RESOLUTION NO. 07-067 awarding contract to Electrical Materials Company of Fort Dodge, Iowa, in the amount of \$132,514.15 for Motor Control Center Upgrade Project, GT1
  - 20. RESOLUTION NO. 07-068 awarding contract to WESCO Distribution of Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$49,999.50, plus applicable sales taxes, to furnish Electric Distribution Underground Transmission Cable
  - 21. RESOLUTION NO. 07-069 awarding contract to Advanced Combustion Technology, Inc., of Hooksett, New Hampshire, in the amount of \$55,000 for Unit No. 7 Baseline Boiler Combustion Testing
  - 22. RESOLUTION NO. 07-070 awarding contract to Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Des Moines, Iowa, for a John Deere 310 SG Tractor Loader Backhoe in the amount of \$70,000 with a \$36,000 Buy-Back
  - 23. RESOLUTION NO. 07-071 approving contract and bond for Unit No. 7 Turbine Generator Overhaul Project
  - 24. RESOLUTION NO. 07-072 accepting completion of Bid No. 4 for 161-kV Transmission Line Materials
  - 25. RESOLUTION NO. 07-073 accepting completion of East Lincoln Way Widening Project
  - 26. RESOLUTION NO. 07-074 approving partial completion of public improvements and reducing security for Somerset Subdivision, 21<sup>st</sup> Addition
- Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolutions declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**CAMPUSTOWN RAIL JAM:** Council Member Larson said this event appears to be dangerous and asked if the organizers had liability insurance coverage. He asked to hear from

representatives of the requesting agency.

Mike Bray and Sarah Campbell, representing the ISU Ski and Snowboarding Club, advised that spectators will be required to stay behind a fence, bales of hay and bags of hay will be placed around the light poles, and security will be placed to keep people off roofs. Liability insurance will be provided to the City.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-060 approving waiver of parking enforcement on Welch Avenue, between a point north of Fire Station No. 2 and south of Lincoln Way, from 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2007, until 12:00 a.m. on February 25, 2007.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-061 approving closure of Welch Avenue, between a point north of Fire Station No. 2 and south of Lincoln Way, from 12:00 p.m. on February 24 to 12:00 a.m. on February 25.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-062 approving closure of parking spaces on Welch Avenue, between a point north of Fire Station No. 2 and south of Lincoln Way, from 8:00 a.m. on February 24 to 12:00 a.m. on February 25, 2007 (with “no snow” date of March 3).

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-063 waiving fees for the use of electricity during the event.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-064 approving a blanket vending permit and waiver of permit fee.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Katherine Lundberg, 2519 Chamberlain Street, #305, Ames, and James Heggen, 150 Campus Avenue, #4, Ames, were present to advocate for “cool cities” initiatives. Ms. Lundberg asked when this issue would be brought up again. City Manager Schainker indicated that this item would be coming back to the City Council some time in March.

**HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 2006/07 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROJECT:** Housing Coordinator Vanessa Baker Latimer advised that, under the City’s 2006/07 CDBG Amended Annual Action Plan projects, staff will be implementing a Slum and Blight Program. Under that Program, no more than 30% of the CDBG allocation (including program income) would be used for the acquisition, relocation of any displaced residents, and demolition of properties within the 1% annual change flood (100-year flood of Squaw Creek). She said that, under this Program, it is the City’s intention to purchase and remove the remaining three residential structures from that part

of the floodway fringe as a matter of good floodplain management, public safety, and land use compatibility.

Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak, and the hearing was closed.

Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-075 approving the amendment to the 2006/07 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan to allow up to 30% of the CDBG funding to be utilized for a non-low- and moderate-income community benefit and approving the Offer to Purchase agreement for the property at 328 S. Russell Avenue from William and Deborah Young in connection with the CDBG Slum and Blight Program. Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**HEARING ON TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE BRICK AND LANDSCAPING FOR APARTMENT DWELLINGS IN THE RH (HIGH-DENSITY), UCRM, RM, AND FS-RM (ALL MEDIUM-DENSITY) RESIDENTIAL ZONES:**

Planner Jeff Benson reminded the Council that they voted to end the Urban Revitalization Program for Multiple-Family Residential that provided tax abatement for redeveloping slum-and blighted or vacant properties for new apartment dwellings. In so doing, the requirements for 100% of the street face and 50% of the sides of the structures to be brick and the landscaping improvements to be installed at 150% of the required standard or greater were also removed. The City Council then directed staff to initiate a zoning text amendment requiring those standards. That ordinance has now been drafted, and Mr. Benson explained that its purpose is to continue intrinsic and historic characteristics of the Ames community. He said requiring brick is one way to preserve and enhance building and property values, prevent deterioration of buildings, and promote the image of the community and general welfare of the City. The purpose of the landscaping requirement is to enhance the yard area and to soften the impact of the building from the street and nearby residential areas. The 90% brick standard is being proposed, rather than 100%, for flexibility to use other materials as accents.

Mr. Benson said that many communities have brick requirements for commercial buildings and/or apartments, e.g., Johnston, Clive, West Des Moines, and Ankeny. He also stated that on January 4, 2007, staff held a meeting with about 15 local developers and contractors to discuss the proposed ordinance. Planner Benson informed the Council that, by a vote of 6-1, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the Council approve the zoning text amendment.

Council Member Rice asked if there would be an appeal process. Mr. Benson indicated that the appeal process for an exception to an ordinance would be a variance taken before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. City Attorney Marek indicated that another option would be for the City Council to create an overlay district to only include certain areas of the City.

The public hearing was opened by the Mayor.

Aaron Steele, 17992 - 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ames, representing Heartland Brick Council, explained that his agency assists communities in establishing ordinances such as the one in question. He endorsed the proposed ordinance as it is very straightforward, not overly complex, and easily enforced. His agency did not assist the City of Ames, but has assisted West Des Moines,

Johnston, Clive, and Waukee in adopting similar ordinances. The ordinances for those cities do include a list of materials (other than brick) that would be allowed.

*Ex officio* Member Buske asked if the standard for the proposed ordinance, i.e., 90% brick, was on the high side. Mr. Steele said that it was on the high side, especially since alternative materials were not listed.

Matt Randall, 420 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames, said that no developers attended the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting as they were not informed of the meeting date and time. Mr. Randall believes that the proposed ordinance is an attempt to codify “attractiveness.” When the City granted incentives for using brick, it was a way to get people to invest in higher quality materials; however, that incentive has been removed by the City Council. Mr. Randall believes that there are more slum-and-blighted single-family homes than there are slum-and-blighted apartments in the City. He also thinks that this ordinance is targeting a certain group of people, i.e., developers. According to Mr. Randall, the costs of this ordinance will be passed along to tenants and drive up the cost of rent; thus, making housing less affordable.

Chuck Winkleblack, 105 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames, representing Hunziker & Associates, said that he believes brick is a good tool; however, to mandate it in the percentages required by the proposed ordinance is inequitable. He showed pictures of buildings that had been built by Hunziker & Associates, which did not include the ratio of brick required by the proposed ordinance, but were very attractive. He suggested that the ordinance allow other masonry products and only be required on certain visible sides of buildings. Affordable housing and return on investment for the builders are important considerations.

Bob Friedrich, Jr., Friedrich Realty, 619 E. Lincoln Way, Ames, also spoke. He referenced the all-brick Edgewood project (at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Duff Avenue), since staff had used it as an example of neighborhood compatibility, and stated that it would not be feasible today due to the cost. Mr. Friedrich indicated that brick is the material of choice for his company; however, the percentages proposed to be mandated are not reasonable. He believes that to do so would be very damaging to affordable housing in Ames.

Holly Fuchs, 806 Brookridge Avenue, Ames, would like to see consistent materials on all sides of buildings. Specifically, she doesn't want just the fronts and a portion of the sides to be brick.

After no one else wished to speak, the Mayor closed the hearing.

Council Member Popken indicated that he would like to see the proposed ordinance adopted now; however, would like staff to work with developers on a list of alternative materials, and possibly later amend the ordinance, if it can be guaranteed that the buildings will be attractive.

*Ex Officio* Member Buske prefers that brick be mandated on all sides of buildings if the proposed ordinance is adopted. He indicated that he is from Johnston and believes that the regulations in place in that City overly restrict development there. Mr. Buske personally doesn't like all the buildings looking alike.

Council Member Larson said that he believes the City is being premature to act on one element in an attempt to make the community more attractive. He thinks that developers have some good

ideas for design alternatives to share. Mr. Larson agreed that brick does not necessarily make an attractive building.

Council Member Goodman stated that he will not support the ordinance as it takes away freedoms from the developers; brick does not necessarily guarantee a beautiful building. He recalled that the discussion on the mandating of brick arose from the Council's desire to remove

incentives without compromising quality. Mr. Goodman thinks that the City Council's desire for attractiveness can be reached through design guidelines.

Mr. Buske asked staff to comment on lowering the threshold from 90% to possibly 75%. Planner Benson explained how staff arrived at the 90% requirement. He said that staff's main objective was to ensure that brick was the primary material on all sides.

Council Member Doll indicated that he, personally, does not like the looks of a solid brick building. That type of building may not fit into all neighborhoods, and he would like to see alternative materials allowed.

According to Council Member Mahayni, beauty cannot be codified to satisfy all persons. He suggested that an Architectural Review Board be utilized to review building design. Mr. Mahayni believes that it is time for the City to have a set of design guidelines for the residential areas of Ames. According to *Ex officio* Member Buske and Council Member Mahayni, it would not be attractive to have all apartment buildings look the same. Council Member Mahayni suggested that this issue be referred to staff to research a way to establish a set of design guidelines that will guarantee attractive buildings.

Council Member Larson brought attention to four goals earlier set by the City Council to encourage innovative and attractive community development, as follows:

1. Staff to explore how other cities are accomplishing quality design
2. Hold a City Council workshop to review what other cities are doing to accomplish quality design
3. Hold a City Council workshop with development community to identify barriers to, and suggestions for, reaching quality design
4. City Council to define what quality design will mean and initiate steps to achieve attractive and innovative development

Mr. Buske suggested that the ordinance mandate a lesser-restrictive standard for a brick requirement, e.g., 50%. Council Member Goodman recalled that the City Council directed staff to come up with a standard when they removed the Urban Revitalization incentives.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Popken, to pass on first reading an ordinance making a zoning text amendment to require brick and landscaping for apartment dwellings in the RH (High-Density), UCRM, RM, and FS-RM (all Medium-Density) residential zones.

Roll Call Vote: 3-3. Voting aye: Doll, Popken, Rice. Voting nay: Goodman, Larson, Mahayni. Motion failed.

## **HEARING ON VACATING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT IN LOT 9, DAUNTLESS**

**SUBDIVISION, THIRD ADDITION:** The hearing was opened by Mayor Campbell and closed after no one wished to speak.

Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Rice, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-076 approving vacating a public utility easement in Lot 9, Dauntless Subdivision, 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**HEARING ON REVISIONS TO CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM:** Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing and closed same after no one asked to speak.

Water and Pollution Control Director John Dunn summarized the changes. He indicated that input has been received from local plumbers and the Plumbing and Mechanical Board. The proposed ordinance received unanimous support from that Board at its January 23, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Goodman, to pass on first reading an ordinance making revisions to the Cross-Connection Control Program requirements from Chapter 21 (Plumbing). Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**NEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CY'S ROOST, 121 WELCH AVENUE:** Fire Chief Clint Petersen indicated that inspections revealed 45 Code violations at this establishment. As of this date, all safety issues have been addressed. There remain other violations that are not life-threatening, and the owner has 45 days to correct those violations. Chief Petersen told the Council that the Fire Department Inspections Division will be changing its processes as they relate to liquor-licensed establishments. He said that the Building Official will become more involved 60 to 90 days prior to each license renewal date.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Popken, to approve a new Class C Liquor License for Cy's Roost, 121 Welch Avenue.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**REQUEST TO CHANGE STREET NAME FROM ELWOOD DRIVE TO UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD:** Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Popken, to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance changing the street name from Elwood Drive to University Boulevard.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT WITH AMES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (AEDC):** City Manager Schainker reminded the Council that they had, on January 9, 2007, directed staff to explore the agreement between the City of Ames and the AEDC with the intent to bring it up to date using a contract for services format. He pointed out that the AEDC Board membership had increased from the original 16 members to the current number of 35. Likewise, the financial support from the City has increased, through allocations at budget time, from the original amount of \$20,000 to the current level of \$75,817.

According to Mr. Schainker, funding is not guaranteed under the current agreement to the AEDC each year because an amount must be appropriated annually in the budget process by the City Council. The AEDC previously had not been required to enter into an agreement with the City

each year specifying which services the Council will “purchase” in return for the funds.

City Manager Schainker reminded the Council that it had asked staff to schedule a round-table discussion with the AEDC Board. He recommended that the Council approve the draft format of the agreement, to be finalized after the round-table discussion.

Council Member Rice asked if the City Council has representation on other non-profit agency boards. Mr. Schainker indicated that it has representation on the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Transit Board.

Council Member Larson stated that, when the Hotel/Motel Tax was passed, it mandated that 1% would go for economic development. Based on the current numbers, that would equate to approximately \$180,000, which is far more than the approximate \$75,000 currently being allocated to the AEDC.

Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Goodman, to direct staff to schedule a round-table discussion with the AEDC and other participants, as deemed necessary.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PARKING LOT P RENTAL FEES FOR YOUTH AND SHELTER SERVICES (YSS):** Nikki Dempsey, representing Youth and Shelter Services, 420

Kellogg Avenue, Ames, gave the background behind its request to continue to rent 16 spaces in Lot P for \$1.00 for each of the remaining five years of the agreement. Ms. Dempsey said that YSS believes their request is justified because they allow their administrative building adjacent to the lot in question to be used by many other community agencies.

Council Member Popken acknowledged the good work done by YSS for the community. He is, however, concerned about the equity of this issue since the City has received requests from other non-profit organizations, e.g., United Way, for free or reduced-rate parking and has not approved same.

Council Member Goodman suggested that the current rate be charged for those 16 spaces. He recommended that YSS then allocate those costs back to the appropriate programs and request additional funding through the ASSET process based on the cost of services. He wants all non-profit organizations to be treated consistently.

Council Member Larson is concerned about the need for major improvements to the City-owned lot in the future. Public Works Director Joiner indicated that there is a potential for major improvements to be needed within the next five years (the duration of the agreement); however, the City has not been informed of any at this time.

Council Member Mahayni stated that he would be abstaining from the vote on this issue as he is a member of the YSS Board.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Popken, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-082 establishing the rate of \$35/month for each of the 16 parking spaced in Lot P for the remaining five-year term of the current agreement.

Roll Call Vote: 4-1-1. Voting aye: Doll, Goodman, Popken, Rice. Voting nay: Larson.

Abstaining: Mahayni. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN ON JANUARY 23, 2007, REGARDING LARGE-LOT DEVELOPMENT:**

Council Member Doll acknowledged that he had requested reconsideration of this issue because he does not feel there would be adequate support from the City Council to pass an ordinance. Therefore, he does not see a reason to refer this to the City Attorney for drafting an ordinance, which was the direction given at their January 23, 2007, meeting. Further, Mr. Doll said he thinks that designating a segment of the community for larger lots goes against the goal of creating “One Community.” He also believes that there is not

strong support from the development community. In Mr. Doll’s opinion, the Council passed this in haste, and he feels that there are better ways to provide for a broader mix of housing types.

Council Member Larson said that he did not receive any negative comments when the Council initially directed staff to make changes to the Land Use Policy Plan and Zoning Ordinance to exempt 10% of the area from the minimum density requirement for certain subdivisions, but he received much negative feedback when the Council voted for reconsideration. He alluded to the Council’s goal to be “open and inclusive to all segments of the community,” and stated that the City needs to accommodate a variety of housing options. Mr. Larson pointed out that a goal of the Council is also to create a viable community through the growth of the tax base. He thinks that by not accommodating the request for large lots encourages sprawl; people are building on lots just outside the City’s two-mile fringe.

Council Member Popken believes that the City’s current policy is one of meeting a minimum density. He believes that the City allows large lots now. Mr. Popken pointed out that the Ames Community School District is a fixed boundary and the land in that boundary needs to be treated as very valuable land. He thinks that the current density encourages diverse housing. If the policy is changed, Mr. Popken wanted to know “what the City would get” from the developers.

Council Member Mahayni advised that he thought the City Council had already made a decision on this issue. He did not hear any comments about the action taken. Mr. Mahayni said that it is the Council’s responsibility to provide a spectrum of housing options.

Council Member Goodman gave the history of the changes in minimum density. He believes that allowing 10% of the area to be exempted from the minimum density requirement would result in an increase in property taxes.

Terry Lewis, 2216 North Dakota, Ames, indicated that he is the Coordinator of the Onion Creek Neighborhood Association. Mr. Lewis stated that that Neighborhood Association is in favor of the “10% plan,” as it would provide a good buffer between current neighborhoods and new developments.

Chuck Winkleblack, 105 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames, stated that he would like the Council to stand by its original direction to exempt 10% of the area from the minimum density requirement. He pointed out that Hunziker & Associates has only gotten approval for six new single-family residential subdivisions in the past ten years. In that time period, he could only count five or six that competitors have gotten approved. Of that number, only three of those subdivisions would

qualify for the exemption. Therefore, he does not believe the 10% regulation would have that much of an impact. To not allow this exemption creates sprawl. He elaborated that, when persons develop right outside the City's two-mile fringe, they use all the City's amenities, but pay no taxes. He suggested that he be allowed to bring back a sample subdivision under this

proposal to give the Council an idea of what it would look like and how it would transition into the community.

Warren Madden, 2850 Oakwood Road, Ames, speaking as Vice-President for Business and Finance at Iowa State University, said that he supports the exemption of 10% of the area from the minimum-density requirement. He said that the University supports having a variety of housing choices in this community. The University recruits a variety of individuals who prefer large lots. Ames is not putting itself in the best advantage at this time by not allowing large lots. Getting the top people at the University living in the community is a benefit.

Bob Friedrich, Jr., 619 E. Lincoln Way, Ames, stated that his company is proposing the Fieldstone Village project near the Onion Creek Neighborhood. They are planning to meet with the residents of that area on April 4. Mr. Friedrich encouraged the Council to stick with their original direction to exempt 10% of the area from the minimum density requirement. He would like to have that option available when they meet with the Onion Creek Neighborhood residents.

Matt Randall, 420 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames, referenced the comments made by Dr. Peter Rosen regarding growth of communities in the Midwest. He advised that Ames is growing at less than half of what Iowa City is and last of all comparable cities. Businesses are leaving the Research Park and relocating to Ankeny and Des Moines, and he feels that part of the reason is due to the lack of housing options.

Scott Renaud, Fox Engineering, 1601 Golden Aspen Road, Ames, addressed the affordable housing issue. He said the Zoning Ordinance passed by the City in 2000 limited options. Regarding efficiency of services, more people require more services, so it is inaccurate to equate services to the number of residents. With open enrollment, the Ames School District boundaries are not a factor.

Dick Johnson, 3315 Ridgetop Road, Ames, addressed what benefits the City could glean by exempting 10% of the area from the minimum-density requirement. He said that it is very difficult to anticipate everything that is going to happen in the next ten years, and when the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Policy Plan were approved in 1997, compromises were reached. Mr. Johnson pointed out that it is a very competitive world and Ames is limiting itself. When the AEDC has surveyed major employers in the City, they have found that 50% of the employees commute from other communities. What is now being seen is that the owners of the companies are also commuting from other cities; their allegiances are not to the City of Ames since they do not live here. Mr. Johnson urged the City Council to stay with their original direction to exempt 10% of the area.

Mr. Lewis stated that there are many lots being proposed in the Fieldstone Development near his property. He advised that only 10% is being allocated for large lots; the other 90% will be affordable housing. Mr. Lewis pointed out that there are people who are desirous of building million-dollar homes and they will find an area that will allow for that type of housing. Ames should at least give these people the choice of moving to or staying in Ames.

Mayor Campbell read the original motion now under consideration: to initiate changes to the Land use Policy Plan and Zoning Ordinance to exempt 10% of the area from the minimum density requirement for all subdivisions in FS-RL (Suburban Residential Low Density) zones and in F-VR (Village Residential) zones.

Vote on Reconsidered Motion: 2-4. Voting aye: Larson, Mahayni. Voting nay: Doll, Goodman, Popken, Rice. Motion failed.

Mayor Campbell left the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 10:22 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahayni brought the meeting back to order at 10:30 p.m.

**URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA (URA) FOR 207-215 LYNN AVENUE:** Planner Jeff Benson described the request for the designation of an Urban Revitalization Area for properties located at 207-215 Lynn Avenue. The applicants are proposing to demolish three residential buildings and a garage, which are all in poor condition, and construct a three-story, 17-unit apartment building. The new building would be of frame construction and brick and fiber-cement board exterior with 41 parking spaces. Several existing parcels would be consolidated into one platted lot.

Mr. Benson reviewed the steps necessary to designate a new Urban Revitalization Area. He said that if the City Council determines that this proposal meets the criteria under the Urban Revitalization Multiple-Family Residential Matrix, it would approve the application, direct staff to prepare an Urban Revitalization Plan, and set a date for public hearing on an ordinance creating the URA.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to approve the application for an Urban Revitalization Area.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to direct City staff to prepare an Urban Revitalization Plan.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-077 setting the date of public hearing for March 27, 2007.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**2007/08 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROJECT(S) IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AGREEMENT:**

Housing Coordinator Vanessa Baker Latimer told the City Council that the City has not received official notification from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on what the 2007/08 CDBG allocation will be. Staff is working on the assumption that it will be the same as last year's allocation; however, it has been brought to her attention that the City's allocation might be lower as there are five new entitlement cities. Ms. Baker Latimer brought the Council's attention to the list of proposed 2007/08 program activities. She indicated that the activities in

the Action Plan were mostly a continuation of the 2006/07 activities with two added programs. If Council is in agreement with the proposed Action Plan projects, a public forum to gain input from citizens would be held. The Plan must then be published for 14 days to allow for citizen input and a public hearing would be held. The Plan must be submitted to HUD before May 17, 2007.

Council Member Goodman said that he would like to see a grant program to improve affordable housing in the future, i.e., rehabilitation. He feels that the effects of such a program would be very visible quickly. Ms. Baker Latimer stated that two obstacles would be that older homes contain lead paint, which would disqualify certain homes, and a lack of available contractors to do the work.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-078 approving the 2007/08 proposed Annual Action Plan Program projects, as presented by staff, in connection with the CDBG Program Agreement; and setting May 8, 2007, as the date of the public hearing. Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**PURCHASE OF 328 SOUTH RUSSELL AVENUE:** Ms. Baker Latimer advised that, under the 2006/07 CDBG Amended Annual Action Plan, staff will be implementing a Slum and Blight Program. Under this Program, no more than 30% of CDBG funds would be used for the acquisition, relocation of any displaced residents, and demolition of properties located within the 1% annual change flood (100-year flood of Squaw Creek). According to Ms. Baker Latimer, the City now has an opportunity to purchase one of the three remaining structures in part of the floodway fringe as part of good floodplain management, public safety, and land use compatibility. After demolition of the structure, the City will restore the site as open space with appropriate natural vegetation to slow down stormwater runoff. The parcel will become part of the surrounding Stuart Smith Park. Ms. Baker Latimer advised that property owners William and Deborah Young have accepted an offer from the City to purchase the property at 328 South Russell Avenue for \$68,104, subject to approval by the City Council. The Department of Housing and Urban Development also has to approve of the release of funds from the Program. Once the approvals are completed, the City will work with the current tenants to relocate them to a comparable dwelling unit.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Popken, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-079 approving the Purchase Agreement for 328 South Russell Avenue in connection with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Slum and Blight Program. Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**DOWNTOWN FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR 216 MAIN STREET:** Planner Benson described the improvements to be made to the building at 216 Main Street.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Larson, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-080 approving the Downtown Facade Improvement Grant for 216 Main Street. Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**ELIMINATION RESERVED PARKING SPACE AT 410 DOUGLAS AVENUE:** Moved by Rice, seconded by Larson, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-081 approving revision to the Official Parking Meter Map, eliminating a Reserved Space at 410 Douglas Avenue.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING REGULATIONS ON COCHRANE PARKWAY:**  
Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to pass on first reading an ordinance establishing parking regulations on Cochrane Parkway.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE REMOVING “PRESERVING FLOODPLAIN AREAS” REQUIREMENT FROM MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 23:** Moved by Popken, seconded by Goodman, to pass on second reading an ordinance removing the “Preserving Floodplain Areas” requirement from Municipal Code Chapter 23 (Subdivisions).  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR LOT FRONTAGE AND MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENT FOR LOT SETBACK IN THE PLANNED REGIONAL COMMERCIAL (PRC) DISTRICT IN COMBINATION WITH THE NORTHEAST GATEWAY OVERLAY (O-GNE) DISTRICT:** Moved by Goodman, seconded by Rice, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 3899 eliminating the requirement for lot frontage and modifying the requirement for lot setback in the Planned Regional Commercial (PRC) District in combination with the Northeast Gateway Overlay (O-GNE) District.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Ordinance declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**ORDINANCE REVISING SPEED LIMIT ON STANGE ROAD:** Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 3900 revising the speed limit on Stange Road.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Ordinance declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**ORDINANCE REVISING SPEED LIMIT ON SOUTH DAKOTA AVENUE:** Moved by Doll, seconded by Goodman, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 3901 revising the speed limit on South Dakota Avenue.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Ordinance declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PARKING ON HAMPTON STREET:** Moved by Doll, seconded by Goodman, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 3902 ordinance restricting parking along the south side of Hampton Street.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Ordinance declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**COMMENTS:** Moved by Rice, seconded by Goodman, to refer to staff to place on a future City Council agenda the request of The Lincoln Highway Association.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Council Member Goodman asked to see the list of priority projects for the Planning and Housing Department.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Larson, requesting staff to present an update to the City Council on the Planning and Housing priorities.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Popken, moved by Goodman, to direct staff to schedule a joint meeting with the Ames Community School District with the topic being an overview of land use.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred advised that a Council workshop on government lands has been scheduled for February 20.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Doll, seconded by Popken, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

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Diane Voss, City Clerk

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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor