

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

AMES, IOWA

JANUARY 11, 2020

The Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 8:03 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020 in the Parks and Recreation Office, 1500 Gateway Hills Park Drive. City Council Members present were Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, and Rachel Junck. *Ex officio* Council Member Devyn Leeson was also present. City Manager Steven Schainker, City Attorney Mark Lambert, Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips, Assistant City Manager Deb Schildroth, and Management Analyst Tasheik Kerr were also present. Council Member David Martin was not present.

### **COUNCIL GOAL UPDATE:**

Facilitator Donna Gilligan welcomed the group and facilitated an ice-breaking exercise. She then reviewed the Agenda.

Ms. Gilligan reviewed the ground rules that had been adopted at a prior goal-setting retreat. The Council reflected on positives and challenges from the prior two years.

The meeting recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 9:18 a.m.

Ms. Gilligan led the group through a discussion about being an effective decision-making body. The group then evaluated how well they have done in accomplishing the aspects of being an effective decision-making body.

Discussion then turned to proposed initiatives submitted by Council Members. Each Council Member answered clarifying questions as to what their intent was for each initiative.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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Brian Phillips, Assistant City Manager

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John Haila, Mayor