

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL AND THE IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

AMES, IOWA

JANUARY 31, 2018

The Ames City Council met in Special Session at 6:05 p.m. on the 31st day of January, 2018, in the Sun Room, 1560 Memorial Union, pursuant to law with Mayor John Haila presiding and the following Council members present: Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Chris Nelson, and David Martin. *Ex officio* Member Rob Bingham was also present.

SAFETY - The main items that were discussed under this category were pedestrian and bicyclist safety, Lincoln Way traffic safety and the pedestrian safety initiatives. The Iowa State University Student Government supported the installation of Campus Town security cameras. There was also discussion of security lighting being installed at Franklin Park.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - The Iowa State students were encouraged to be involved in the Community. The Campus & Community Commission is one engagement opportunity, but the students were also encouraged to apply to serve on any of the City's boards and commissions.

CHANGES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY - Overall changes to include Campustown were discussed. The redesign of Welch Avenue and the possible gathering space were discussed. An update to the upcoming Comprehensive Plan was given stressing the growth in Ames, the location of green space, and other new changes. Discussion was held regarding the City's sustainability initiative to create SunSmart Ames Community Solar.

UPCOMING CITY INITIATIVES - The following City initiatives were discussed:

- Inclusive Playground/Miracle League Field
- Comprehensive Plan update
- Healthy Life Center
- Campus & Community Commission's work
- Lincoln Way Corridor Study and potential development downtown
- Tedesco Outdoor Learning Center and growth at Research Park
- Expanding bicycle facilities across Ames
- RAGBRAI
- Healthiest Ames initiatives
- WorkinAmes.com

CONCLUSION - Mayor Haila suggested that the Iowa State Student Government and the Ames City Council meet once or twice a year. He stressed how seriously the Council took the students' input on rental housing, and invited them to the Council workshop on this subject set for February 20. Mayor Haila encouraged the students to let the Council or himself know their concerns. Council Member Corrieri asked the students to consider the question, "What do you find challenging about

living in Ames?” Students were asked to share their responses with the Council. Council Member Betcher reminded the students that the City Council represents them too, and to share that message. It was expressed that the students time and volunteerism to the community is appreciated. The Iowa State University Student Government indicated that it was happy to work with the Ames City Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Martin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Bob Kindred, Assistant City Manager

John A. Haila, Mayor