

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR HOPE RUN/WALK AND
MARY GREELEY FEST**

BACKGROUND:

Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) is sponsoring the Tenth Annual Hope Run/Walk on Saturday, June 19, 2010, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The event will be held in conjunction with the Mary Greeley Fest event occurring at Bandshell Park from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Hope Run/Walk route will start on Fifth Street, west of Duff Avenue; go west on Fifth Street to Pearle Avenue; go south on Pearle Avenue to Main Street; go west on Main Street to Northwestern Avenue; go north on Northwestern to Sixth Street; go west on Sixth Street to University Boulevard; and go west on University Boulevard to the turnaround on Haber Road.

In order to facilitate the movement of the participants in the Run/Walk, temporary street closures are needed from 5:30 to 10:30 a.m. on June 19, as follows:

- Fifth Street, west of Duff Avenue to Pearle Avenue
- Pearle Avenue, from Fifth Street to Main Street
- Sixth Street, from Northwestern Avenue to University Boulevard
- University Boulevard, from Sixth Street to Haber Road

Parking spaces will also need to be closed from 5:30 to 10:30 a.m. for the above-listed portions of Fifth Street and Pearle Avenue.

Main Street from Pearle to Northwestern and Northwestern from Main Street to Sixth Street will only be closed from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 9:30 a.m., when the last runners pass through. MGMC will have volunteers at these barricades to re-open Northwestern Avenue for area traffic (including Wheatsfield Cooperative) as soon as the race's bike support comes through with the last runner.

In addition, closure of Fifth Street, east of Duff Avenue to Carroll Avenue, is being requested from 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Mary Greeley Fest portion. Fire and Police vehicles, an ambulance, the bookmobile, and other exhibitors will be parked along the curb. This closure will not affect the Water Plant or Power Plant, since access to the plants will still be open via East Sixth Street.

The Public Works Traffic Division will provide barricades and traffic cones to facilitate the road closures, and volunteers recruited by Mary Greeley will staff them.

A waiver of the Road Race fee of \$25 has also been requested by the event organizers. Mary Greeley Medical Center operates as a non-profit entity.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the various road and parking closures and waiver of Road Race fee, as requested by Mary Greeley Medical Center.
2. The City Council can deny the requests from Mary Greeley Medical Center and direct staff to work with organizers to find an alternate location for the event.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Mary Greeley Medical Center's tenth annual Hope Run and Day for All Ages are both worthwhile fundraising events for the Ames community. City Council approval is necessary in order for these events to occur as planned.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the requests for the Hope Run/Walk and Day for All Ages to be held on June 19, 2010.