

July 16, 2019

The City Council of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met in informal work session, Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor AbouAssaly presiding and the following council members present: Atkins, Jensen, Strnad, Brandt and Gadelha. Absent: Draper.

Sara Mentzer with Be Well Marion provided an update and shared information regarding the Healthy Hometown program.

Council discussed the agenda items for Thursday night's meeting with no action taken.

Mayor AbouAssaly relinquished the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Strnad at 4:45 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Strnad presided over the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Strnad relinquished the gavel to Mayor AbouAssaly at 4:56 p.m. Mayor AbouAssaly presided over the meeting.

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Other Department Discussion:

Finance Director Lianne Cairry provided an update regarding the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Oversight Committee. There are currently only two members. The role of committee is to check City expenses using LOST funds against the ballot language. With the implementation of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), there is no longer a need for meetings every other month. Council Member Jensen asked if there is another current committee that could oversee this task. Lianne stated no and that in addition to the committee, the Finance Department and Auditors verify expenses. She stated they could also put more documentation on the City website for oversight from the public. Council Member Brandt liked the idea of having online so anyone can comment. Council Member Gadelha stated the committee should scale back to one or two meetings per year in addition to the website. Council Member Strnad agreed and stated the committee needs thorough understanding of what their role is.

Moved by Strnad, seconded by Brandt to adjourn to closed session regarding land acquisition and litigation as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) and Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa. City Attorney Kara Bullerman stated that she has reviewed the subject matter to be discussed and found it to be an appropriate topic for closed session. Roll Call: Yeas: Atkins, Jensen, AbouAssaly, Gadelha, Brandt, and Strnad. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor AbouAssaly left the meeting and relinquished gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Strnad at 6:09 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Strnad presided over the meeting.

Moved by Jensen, seconded by Gadelha to reconvene to regular session. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Strnad adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Randy Strnad, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk

The undersigned City Clerk of Marion, Iowa certifies that the minutes shown immediately above were published in the Marion Times on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Rachel Bolender, City Clerk