

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

City Hall – Council Chambers

March 5, 2018

The Committee of the Whole met in the Council Chambers at 5:50 p.m. on March 5, 2018, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Mayor Jim Brown, Tom Blanford, Frank Darrah (via telephone), Susan deBuhr, Rob Green, Daryl Kruse, Mark Miller, and David Wieland. Staff members attended from all City Departments. Pat Kinney with the Waterloo Courier, Shane Sigle from Riverwise Engineering, LLC, Larry Kurtz from AHTS Architects, Ty Graham, John Bermel and other members of the community attended.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and introduced the first item on the agenda, Cedar River Project. David Sturch, Planner III, introduced Shane Sigle from Riverwise Engineering and Larry Kurtz from AHTS Architects. He stated tonight's presentation will review the lower section of the Cedar River project from the Main Street Bridge to the downstream side of the W 1st Street Bridge. This section is part of Phase I of the Cedar River Master Plan that includes the riverbank and whitewater improvement project. He explained a future Phase II includes the area around the Center Street dam. Mr. Sigle stated the design will be done to work with the surroundings along the Cedar River as to invite the community to river area. He reviewed two different locations, one in Colorado and the other in Manchester, IA. He stated they have gathered information and concerns from prior discussions. He said they need to make sure the design does not cause a "rise" concern and they are working closely with the IA-DNR and Army Corp. of Engineers. Mr. Sigle reviewed the projected number of users, which is estimated from 23,500 – 47,000 annually. Mr. Kurtz continued the presentation and reviewed the concept plan for the Gateway Park and the patio and plaza concepts, including a cross section of the view. Mr. Sigle reviewed the cost estimate for Phase I of the Cedar River project. The estimate included a price for the riverbank amenities and the in-river amenities these totaled \$3,981,043. Mr. Sturch stated after city council endorses the project the next steps will be to proceed to final design, hold public outreach meetings and look for private and grant fund opportunities. David Wieland motioned to endorsement plan for Phase I of the Cedar River project as presented. Mark Miller seconded the motion. Ron Gaines City Administrator stated a schedule of projects is given to Black Hawk County Gaming each year and the project could be included for a request for funding. Motion passed (aye: Blanford, Green, Kruse, Miller, Wieland; nay: deBuhr)

Mayor Brown introduced the second item on the agenda Golf Privatization Update. Mark Ripplinger, Director of Municipal Operations & Programs, reviewed the item. He gave a brief history of the action taken in 2017. He reviewed the previous funding support for golf operations and golf rounds activity. He stated the agreement went well this past year, and has heard many good comments about the current golf operations. Mr. Ripplinger stated they are going to bring an amendment to the agreement back to council for approval for the sale of some additional golf equipment. He stated the agreement calls for an annual payment to be paid to the City starting in 2018. He said

this will held in the capital account. John Bermel made some brief comments on the operations of the golf course and answered a few questions from the council.

Mayor Brown introduced the final item on the agenda bills and payroll. Daryl Kruse moved to approve the bills as presented and Tom Blanford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes by Lisa Roeding, Controller/City Treasurer