



**MARSHALLTOWN CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OCTOBER 5, 2009
MINUTES**

Mayor Beach called the session to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Backoff, Grabenbauer, Hoop, Maxwell, Schubert, Wenner, Wirin.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The clerk read the consent items: October 12, 2009, Minutes, Receipt of Senior Citizen Treasurer Report, dated October 8, 2009, Building Report for September 2009, Public hearings scheduled for 10/26: CDBG Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation & Nicholas Drive Plans & Specifications.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The meeting time for Monday, December, 28, 2009 will be held at noon and include installation of elected officials.

Lead Program Manager Lisa Marie Garlich recommended the council approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Friends of the Library for a lead safehouse at 110 W Linn Street.

Housing and Community Development Director Michelle Spohnheimer recommended the council approve a Resolution adopting a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (RARA) related to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant #08-NSP-026. The \$400,000 grant is earmarked primarily for vacated, abandoned or foreclosed properties.

City Administrator Dick Hierstein recommended the council approve the I-JOBS Agreement and comply with the conditions of the grant application and adopt a records policy to charge direct costs in compliance with the Open Records Law.

Council Member Maxwell introduced Detective Ryan Goecke, who asked the council to consider revising the Police Residency Requirements to allow police officers to live within 45 minutes of city limits as a way to attract and retain officers. Current policy allows 15 minutes. The council discussed the importance of city employees being involved in the community, community pride, inclement weather response and recruitment methods. The distance issue was previously discussed during union negotiations with the council deciding to not expand the limit. Goecke asked the council to review the policy and evaluate if the distance requirement can be expanded to perhaps achieve a higher retention or attraction rate of certified officers. Schubert indicated he could not support the change as requested as this has been a negotiated item in the past. Wenner asked for specific turnover rates. Applicants were surveyed from the last testing and found at least one person dropped out due to the distance requirement.

Housing and Community Development Director Michelle Spohnheimer recommended the council approve a subordination agreement for 521 N 1st Street so the owner can refinance to a fixed rate mortgage as the equity exceeds the lien.

Civil Engineer Bruce Campbell recommended the council approve the Engineer's Certificate of Completion for the Fisher Controls Median Project 76009002A with final costs of \$77,668.88.



PUBLIC COMMENT

City Administrator Dick Hierstein asked for a council volunteer to assist with the WPCP Director recruitment search and Maxwell agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk