City of Cedar Rapids
Roundabout Success
Modern Roundabouts

- Counter-clockwise
- Yield to oncoming traffic
- Traffic keeps moving in roundabout
- Splitter island for pedestrians
- Accommodates buses, semi-trucks
Why Roundabouts?

Safety
• 90% reduction in fatalities
• 76% reduction in injuries
• 40% reduction in all crashes
• Eliminates severe right-angle crashes
• Slows traffic

Efficiency
• Reduces delays during peak times
• Eliminates unnecessary stops during majority of the day
• Keeps traffic moving
Opening First Roundabout

Kirkwood Blvd SW
- Routine backups
- High crash risk
- Previous traffic control non-sustainable
- Projected growth on the horizon

Before
Kirkwood Boulevard Results

- Officer no longer required for traffic control
- Eliminated morning and afternoon backups
- Works with school bus drop-off and pick-up

"The project has worked seamlessly and made our busing run much smoother and more efficiently. Many of the bus drivers have commented on how well the roundabout works and they are extremely pleased with the results."

- Transportation Director, 2018 College Community School District
Public Outreach

Digital
- Simulation Videos
- Illustrates specific intersection, not generic
- Website videos
- Social media

In-Person
- Parent teacher conferences
- School bus drivers
- City Week Open House
- Mobile Open House
- Ride-along’s
- School district open houses
- Farmer’s Markets

Print
- Handouts
- OurCR Magazine
- Flyers shared with school district
Before & After:
E Avenue and Stoney Point Road NW
Before & After:
Johnson Avenue and Wiley Blvd NW
Intersection Operation:
Johnson Avenue and Wiley Blvd NW
Before & After:
Johnson Avenue and Jacolyn Drive NW
## Safety Improvements

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Successfully Completed

- Kirkwood Blvd SW (2017)
- Johnson & Wiley NW (2018)
- 16th Avenue & 4th Street SE (2018)
- E Avenue & Stoney Point NW (2019)
- Johnson & Jacolyn NW (2019)

Future

- 2020 - Williams Blvd (HWY 151) and Dean Rd SW
Testimonials

• That looks incredible!! Nice job!! 👊
• Great job CR 😊
• The city did such a great job with this. Love using the new sidewalks.

• We live here and love the improvements
• Convince #Omaha to start doing this?
• Wow! Well done! ❤️
• Well done CR!❤️

Kerry Carleton @kerrycarleton
4 mins ago

Love it. Much safer intersection now, and easier to keep moving!
Thank you

Questions?

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Chapter 49

Public Dance Halls
Propose to Repeal Chapter 49, Public Dance Halls

- Chapter 49 of the Cedar Rapids Municipal Code is out of date and not seen by City Staff as a regulation that is appropriately addressing public safety issues.
  - Regulates how citizens dance (49.13.c)
- Chapter 49 has been used to address disorderly conduct and safety concerns such as overcrowding. Currently those concerns are adequately managed through the alcohol licensing process and other sections of the Municipal Code.
  - Building Services and Fire also regulate by enforcement of their current codes when doing inspections of the premises.
- Cities such as Des Moines, West Des Moines, Iowa City, and Marion have repealed dance regulations.
- Dance regulations apply to public dancing only.
Chapter 48

Amusements
Propose to Repeal Chapter 48, Amusements

- Chapter 48 of the Cedar Rapids Municipal Code is out of date and not seen by City Staff as a regulation that is appropriately addressing public safety issues.

- Safety concerns, such as whether premises are up to code for amusements such as bowling alleys, pool halls, skating rinks, and theaters, and occupancy of the buildings are addressed with Building Services; Fire Inspectors go to the property for inspections (during annual inspection of all commercial properties).

- This chapter is no longer necessary in terms of enforcement because other city codes have been amended and are more effective in addressing safety concerns.
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**If a license is required, it is highlighted above.**
Public Hearings for Ground Lease Agreements for Wellington Park

October 22, 2019
Background

- The City of Cedar Rapids and St. Luke’s Hospital entered into a lease agreement in September 1999 to allow the city to utilize the space at 414 12th Street SE and 1221 4th Avenue SE as park property.
  - This agreement expired this year.
  - The parcel at 414 12th Street SE has been sold to His Hands Free Clinic, located on the adjacent property
  - These parcels currently house a small playground as well as a large open grass lot in the Wellington Heights neighborhood.

- The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval to enter into new 10 year lease agreements for these properties with His Hands Free Clinic the current owner of 414 12th Street SE, and Unity Point Health, the owner of 1221 4th Avenue SE, to utilize the property as park space for the Wellington Heights neighborhood.
Background
Parks and Recreation Recommendation

Staff recommends passing of resolutions for approval to enter into new 10 year lease agreements for these properties.

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City of Cedar Rapids

Brent Neighbor
Parks Superintendent
City of Cedar Rapids
Request for Proposal
415 & 421 C Avenue NW

City Council
October 22, 2019
Background

- City staff received a request to initiate the disposition process for 415 & 421 C Avenue NW
- 16,800 square feet of vacant City-owned property (two parcels)
- Disposition requirements:
  - Sale Price at Fair Market Value (appraisal)
  - Proceeds are reimbursed to Federal Program
- Development Committee reviewed and made a recommendation on October 16, 2019 to proceed with the competitive disposition process
Development Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for infill redevelopment – new construction or relocation of historic structures
- Design that enhances the character of the neighborhood
- Preference for projects that meet housing needs identified in the City’s comprehensive housing market analysis
Zoning

Properties are zoned as Urban Neighborhood Residential (U-NR):

- Permits residential buildings up to 4 stories
Evaluation Criteria

1. Capacity, experience, and capability of the Proposer with similar projects
2. Financial feasibility
3. Quality of architecture and/or historic preservation
4. Innovative sustainability features in the site and building design
5. Inclusion of housing options
Timeline

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*Bold items denote City Council action*
Rezoning Request

2311 33rd Avenue SW
Rezoning

City Council Criteria for Action:

- Consistency with Comprehensive Plan and other adopted area plans or studies
- Public facilities, Services and Suitability
- Character - The proposed district should be compatible with the existing or planned character of the surrounding area
2311 33rd Ave. SW

GENERAL INFORMATION:
- Request to rezone from A-AG, Agriculture District to S-RLL, Suburban Residential Large Lot District
- Total area of site is 4.57 acres
- Property has single family home and accessory structures
- Site plan(s) to be submitted at time of building permit application(s)
- Rezoning will allow property to be split for an additional single family home site
- City staff has received no objection
- City Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously at their September 19, 2019 meeting
Location Map

Project Area

37th AVE SW

21st St SW

33rd AVE SW
Zoning
Aerial Exhibit

PROPERTY LOCATION
City Council Criteria for Action:

- Consistent with the Future Land Use Policy Plan & Comprehensive Plan?
  The subject property is shown as Urban-Low Intensity on Future Land Use Map in City’s Comprehensive Plan. The requested zone change to S-RLL, Suburban Residential Large Lot District is in accord with the Future Land Use Map designation and the general intent of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Public facilities, Services and Suitability?
  The property is suitable for residential development and will be served by all City services. Adequate levels of services to the existing development in the area will not be impacted.

- Character-the proposed district should be compatible with the existing or planned character of the surrounding area?
  The proposed district is compatible with the surrounding area. Adjacent property to the east also zoned S-RLL is preliminary platted with the same suburban residential character and density. Staff will be working with the applicant to assure new home(s) built on the lot will be positioned to not hinder the ability to further subdivide and develop the property. Rezoning is conditioned upon submittal of a concept plan with minimum density for the district.
Next Steps

• October 22, 2019 – City Council Public Hearing & 1st Reading of an Ordinance

• November 5, 2019 – Possible 2nd & 3rd Readings of the Ordinance

• November 9, 2019 – Ordinance published in The Gazette

Presented by:

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Rezoning Request for
Stoney Point Meadows

1900 Stoney Point Road SW
1900 Stoney Point Road SW

- Request to rezone 6 acre parcel from S-RMF, Suburban Residential Medium Flex District to S-MC, Suburban Mixed Use Community Center District
- The site is developed with a senior living and memory care facility
- Zoning will be consistent with adjacent independent living facility and land to the north and west of the site. Applicant owns both properties.
- City staff has received no objection.
- City Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously at their September 19, 2019 meeting.
Location
Zoning
Rezoning

City Council Criteria for Action:

• Consistent with the Future Land Use Policy Plan and Comprehensive Plan?
  The subject property is shown as Urban Medium Intensity on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). The requested zoning and proposed development would be in accord with the FLUM and the Goals and Objectives of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

• Public Facilities, Services and Suitability
  There are no issues with providing services to this site. The property is suitable for all uses allowed in the S-MC Zoning District.

• Character – the proposed district should be compatible with the existing or planned character of the surrounding area
  The proposed S-MC Zoning District would be compatible with the adjacent development and land use.
Next Steps

• October 22, 2019 – City Council Public Hearing & 1st Reading of an Ordinance

• November 5, 2019 – Possible 2nd & 3rd Readings of the Ordinance

• November 9, 2019 – Ordinance published in The Gazette

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Public Hearing to Vacate First Street SE located Northwesterly of 16th Avenue SE

October 22, 2019
• 20’ x 300’ First Street SE Right-of-Way
• Impacted by proposed levee system
• Vacating right-of-way to clear conflict
Public Works Recommendation

Pass a resolution to vacate the public ways and grounds to a portion of First Street SE right-of-way.

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Public Hearing for Granting an Electric Line Easement to ITC Midwest LLC

October 22, 2019
• Easement containing 5.34 acres
• Easement will have no impact on any future development for Beverly Park
• ITC Midwest LLC to maintain easement
Public Works Recommendation

Adopt a resolution to authorize the execution of an Electric Line Easement to ITC Midwest LLC.

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Public Hearing to Continue Easement Acquisition from Agricultural Property for Holly Circle NE Drainage Improvement Project

October 22, 2019
• One ag land parcel
• Permanent and temporary easements required
• Next Steps:
  o Valuation
  o Negotiate with property owner
• Construction in 2020
Public Works Recommendation

Adopt the resolution to continue the acquisition of easements from agricultural property required for an approved public improvement project.

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Edgewood Road Trail

PCC Trail from the Cedar River to Ellis Road

October 22, 2019
Project Details

• Construction Cost Estimate = $560,000
• Federal Funding available, as allocated by the Corridor MPO = $448,000
• Iowa DOT Bid Letting on November 19, 2019
• Anticipated completion in Fall 2020
The Public Works Department recommends approval of the resolution to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for this project.

Presented by:

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16th Avenue SE Roller Gate Closure Structure
3315510-61
Bid Date: October 3, 2019

General Constructors, Inc., Bettendorf, IA $2,193,910.00
Boomerang Corp., Anamosa, IA $2,341,083.00
WRH, Inc., Amana, IA $2,479,573.00
Tricon Construction, Cedar Rapids, IA $2,635,000.00
Portzen Construction, Dubuque, IA $2,673,340.00
Shevar Engineering, Des Moines, IA $3,674,377.80
Legacy Corp, East Moline, IL $3,976,263.00
Taylor Construction, New Vienna, IA $4,260,494.00
Gale Construction Co., Joliet, IL $4,874,904.00
Engineer’s Cost Opinion $3,035,096.00
Report on Bids and Award Recommendation

FY19 Draintile Program
Contract 304998-06
Proposed Improvements

- Extend 3,000 feet of 8 inch drain tile at 6 separate locations:
  - 33rd Avenue SW
  - Bartlet Court NW
  - Marsue Circle NE
  - 43rd Street NE
  - F Avenue NE
  - 34th Street NE
- Protect streets and sidewalks from sump pump discharges and groundwater seepage
Bid Results and Award Recommendation

• Bid Date: October 9, 2019 (9 bids received):

Rathje Construction Co., Marion, IA $207,875.00
Midwest Concrete, Inc., Peosta, IA $209,792.50
B G Brecke Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA $215,810.00
Boomerang Corp., Anamosa, IA $217,095.00
Pirc-Tobin Const. Inc., Alburnett, IA $218,621.35
Borst Bros. Const. Inc., Marion, IA $220,862.50
Dave Schmitt Const. Co. Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA $222,625.00
Nemec Land Imp. LLC, Amana, IA $245,999.00
Eastern Iowa Exc. & Concrete LLC, Cascade, IA $301,067.25

• Cost Opinion: $220,000

• Public Works recommends award of the construction contract to Rathje Construction Company.
Road Machinery & Supply
Resolution of Support

City Council
October 22, 2019
Background

- Received a request for standard City incentives from Road Machinery & Supply Co.

- Qualify under the Community Benefit – Economic Development Program, as retention based on:
  - Relocation & expansion of a company in targeted industry
  - Retention of jobs and creation of new jobs

- Staff is recommending standard incentive of 10-year, 50% reimbursement of increased (increment) taxes
Existing Location – 2525 16th Ave SW
Project Overview

• $3.8 million total capital investment

• Construction of a new, 22,000 sq. ft. large equipment sales & service facility
  • Doubling sales & service capacity from existing facility
  • Allows for future expansion

• Retention of 22 employees

• Creation of 7 new jobs
Rendering of Similar Facility
Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Resolution of Support authorizing standard 10-year, 50% incentive:

- $963,000 in total taxes generated over a 10-year period
  - $385,400 reimbursed to the Developer
  - $577,600 net taxes paid
Next Steps

- November  Amend the West Side Corporate Park Urban Renewal Area Plan
- December  Development Agreement

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