



CITY OF INDIANOLA COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

October 16, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
110 N 1st St, Indianola, IA
Minutes

Council Members present: Christina Beach, John Parker, Steve Richardson and Mayor Erickson, and via phone due to being out-of-town, Ron Dalby. Absent: Council Members Gwen Schroder and Josh Rabe.

Discussion regarding the distribution of hotel/motel tax revenue.

Finance Director Andrew Lent discussed the distribution of the hotel/motel tax revenue for Fiscal Year 25. He noted that the FY24 applications stated that each recipient of funds would make a report to the Council on what the funds were used for. The Council requested the slideshow be sent to them.

Discussion regarding parking around the Square.

City Manager Ben Reeves led a discussion regarding parking around the Square. Council discussed possible enforcement options. The Council would like to see more communication on where to park around the Square. Amanda Zwanziger, Indianola Chamber of Commerce, recommended reaching out to someone at the State to ask those employees to park in public lots instead of on the Square. The Council would like to see a proposed ordinance at a future study session that includes progressively heavier fines for repeat offenders and costs for an employee, vehicle, and software. Pritesh Patel, Chamber Board Chair, discussed enforcement options. Council also directed staff to look into parking meters.

Discussion regarding upcoming agenda items from within the regular October 16, 2023, City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jackie Raffety discussed the process of submitting claims to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt. City Manager Ben Reeves explained the change orders on the consent agenda.

The study session adjourned at 6:46 p.m.