Members present: Mayor Drew Merrifield, Carlisle
Council Member John Edwards, Clive
Mayor Frank Cownie, Des Moines
Council Member Curt Gause, Pleasant Hill
Council Member Robert Sarchet, Polk City
Supervisor Matt McCoy, Polk County
Council Member David Russell, Urbandale
Mayor Bob Andeweg, Urbandale
Council Member Kim Sacker, Van Meter
Council Member Courtney Clarke, Waukee
Council Member Russ Trimble, West Des Moines
Mayor Dave Burgess, Windsor Heights

Staff Present: Kandi Reindl-Sullivan, Asst. to the City Manager, Des Moines
Jeff Lester, Des Moines City Attorney

Guests Present: Bob Rice, Polk County Public Works
John Swanson, Polk County Conservation
Todd Ashby, MPO
Gretchen Tegeler, Taxpayers Assn. of Central Iowa
Art Witmack, Taxpayers Assn.
Alex Hassell, City of Des Moines
Dan Stalder, Iowa League of Cities
Shelly Watkins, Central Iowa Services and Shelter
Melissa Olson, Central Iowa Services and Shelter

Approval of the June 11, 2019 minutes were moved for approval by Drew Merrifield and seconded by Robert Sarchet. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
MPO UPDATE

Todd Ashby presented on the attached powerpoint.

David Russell – We have the worst bridges in the country. Why is that?

Todd Ashby – Because we have a lot of them and a lot of them are small and in the rural areas

Matt McCoy - with the increase in the gas tax, are you seeing any indication of that money going towards bridges?

Todd Ashby – We are seeing some interchange work and not so much with bridges.

Russ Trimble asked about the exemption on the Purple Heart Highway for the farmers.

Todd – We are working with the Farm Bureau on that exemption for two times a year – planting and harvest. It’s going to be harder to get the exemption from the State than the Federal government. We will need a legislative change from the State and then we will need a designation, so this will be about a 2-3 year process.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WMA) UPDATE

Bob Rice, Public Works Director for Polk County presented on the attached powerpoint.

Matt McCoy – I wanted this group to know what the County was doing collectively with a small amount of money and the thing that amazes me is you have everyone working together. It impacts all of our communities and I think it has promise on how we can address water quality issues in the future. If we are able to pass this 3/8 cent for the great outdoors, that will also add additional funds for projects.

Bob Rice – Local jurisdictions CIPs are in our plans.

Gretchen Tegeler introduced Art Witmack, who will be the interim president for the Taxpayers of Central Iowa.
MAC PRIORITIES

Air BnBs/Rental Property Regulations

Curt Gause – We will be coming forward with a recommendation. We feel registration of these properties are critical and we want to do enforcement by complaint.

Stormwater Mitigation Strategies

Bob Andeweg – Capital Crossroads has been doing a road show at City Council meetings and received very favorable reception.

Dave Burgess – We have committed $10,000 into a program for our citizens to help with rain barrels, rain gardens, etc. We also have amended our ordinance. (See attached).

Frank Cownie – The City of Des Moines also has a similar program. When we go to neighborhood meetings, we haven’t had a lot of takers on our program. We need to all partner together on these programs.

Dave Burgess – One of the hinderances like rain gardens is it requires maintenance which is more time for the homeowner.

Drew Merrifield – Does this program help with the construction of these projects?

Dave Burgess - We look at the plan and then we will reimburse the property owner.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

The August 6 LOSST vote will take place. Communities include Urbandale, Clive, Bondurant, Grimes and Johnston

911 Dispatch issues – John Edwards emailed out a document to the group.

OTHER BUSINESS

2020 Census – Alex Hassel provided an update on what the City of Des Moines and other communities and other agencies are doing for the 2020 Census. If you would like to partner on the Complete Count Committees, please provide Alex with your community’s Census representative contact information
Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 a.m.