



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 26, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Froelich called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Nadine Brockert, John Jindrich, Jeff Osborne, Peggy Gordon, Angie Lewis, Dennis Froelich, DeWayne Hopkins. City Administrator Carol Webb and Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger were also present. Mayor Brad Bark was present virtually.

3. **GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW**

City Administrator Carol Webb gave a presentation on the budget overview for 2023-2024.

Ms. Webb discussed the Strategic Priorities developed by City Council and how they were used in the development of the proposed budget.

Ms. Webb reviewed the financial policies and budget process timeline.

Ms. Webb shared information regarding recommended expenses to include: Equipment replacement of vehicles, seasonal pay plan increase to attract and keep more seasonal help, staffing changes and funding of Capital Projects.

Ms. Webb discussed the state error in the rollback and how that could affect the City revenue if the bill to correct the error is passed in legislation.

Finance Director Lueck stated to the best that she could figure it would be roughly a \$284,000 loss of revenue to the City. Ms. Lueck stated this should not affect moving forward with the proposed budget and adjustments could be made as more information becomes available.

Ms. Webb stated budget presentations begin Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

4. **REQUEST TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION I**

Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne, moved to

Approve the Motion to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.j to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property, at 6:21 p.m.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

Present were Councilmembers Jindrich, Froelich, Gordon, Lewis, Hopkins, Osborne, and Brockert. Also present were City Administrator Carol Webb, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, Attorney's Brent HInders and Kylie Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes. Mayor Brad Bark was present on the phone.

There was discussion regarding the closed session topic.

Councilmember Gordon moved to leave the closed session at 7:21 pm, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed

5. REQUEST TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION II

Councilmember Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, moved to Approve the Motion to enter closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

Present were Councilmembers Brockert, Jindrich, Gordon, Lewis, Hopkins, Froelich, and Osborne. Also present were Fire Chief Jerry Ewers, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman, Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Building Division Manager Andy Oien, City Administrator Carol Webb, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, Attorneys Brent Hinders and Kylie Franklin. Mayor Brad Bark was present on the phone.

There was discussion regarding the closed session topic.

Councilmember Gordon moved to leave the closed session at 8:15 pm, seconded by Councilmember Osborne

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Brockert motioned to adjourn at 8:15.

Submitted by; _____
Cinda Hilger, Administrative Secretary

Attest: _____
Dr. Brad Bark, Mayor

Carol Webb, City Administrator