



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, September 12, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for September 12, 2024 to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Brockert, Jindrich, Osborne, Gordon, Lewis, Lampe, Conard.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. An Informational Presentation on Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) for Project Delivery

Jon Koch, Water Pollution Control Plant Director, shared information regarding CMAR(Construction Manager at Risk). Mr. Koch shared that using this process helps with cost control, reduces change orders, increases transparency, shifts risks to contractors and faster schedules for projects. Mr. Koch shared the CMAR contractor selection process and how the Consultant, Contractor and City are required to all be in sync during the process.

B. Muscatine Art Center - Museum Planning

Melanie Alexander, Art Center Director, shared with the City Council regarding the Museum Planning Update. Ms. Alexander started by sharing a timeline of the milestones of the current Muscatine Art Center. Ms. Alexander shared that the Art Center currently has over 20,000 objects in their collection and that they are in need of more space for storage of these pieces of art. The Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees hired Lord Cultural Resources to complete a business and facility planning study to better understand the costs and operations of a building addition. This study was completed in May 2024. Ms. Alexander shared information on the plan for funding the project through a funding campaign, donations, grants etc. Ms. Alexander shared information regarding preliminary space and facilities plan to include restrooms, storage, multi-purpose event space, catering kitchen, etc. and the need for additional staff that would be needed with the building addition. Ms. Alexander discussed ways of increasing

income for the Art Center to help with future funding.

Council had questions about charging for visiting the Art Center, the percentage of artwork that is displayed, and concerns with using tax payer dollars to help fund the addition.

C. Ignite Vitality: Mulberry Project Update

Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin shared with City Council an update on the Ignite Vitality: Mulberry Neighborhood Project. Ms. Royal-Goodwin gave an overview of the past three years and how the project has progressed. Ms. Royal-Goodwin answered questions from City Council regarding who owns the properties being rehabilitated, outside and inside of home renovations, other groups that are involved in this project, and where funding for the project came from. Ms. Royal-Goodwin then shared what the next steps are for the project to include a pocket park, sidewalk construction, murals, wife etc..

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Brockert had comments regarding the recent traffic accidents and the responsibility of drivers when they get behind the wheel of their vehicles and that traffic controls are placed in areas for a reason.

Councilmember Lewis reminded citizens to not blow grass into the roadways.

Councilmember Gordon thanked first responders for the 911 Stair Climb event.

Interim City Administrator Kies gave an update on the City Administrator Hiring process.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.