



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the Special In-Depth City Council meeting for October 9, 2024 to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Summary of Chamber Summer Events - Rebecca Paulson

Rebecca Paulson, Chamber of Commerce was present to share a review of the summer activities organized by the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Paulson stated that the Chamber had signed a 10 year agreement with American Cruise Lines. Over this past summer 8 ships docked in Muscatine with an additional 2 not being able to make it due to flooding. American Cruise Line has 13 stops planned for 2025, all of which fall on Tuesdays. Recommendations suggested to the City by Ms. Paulson regarding the cruise stops were to update lighting on riverfront, add additional tie downs for ships and to resurface the docking area.

Ms. Paulson shared information about the Twisted Cat Fishing Tournament held in Muscatine which hosted 48 anglers from 10 states.

Ms. Paulson also stated the Chamber helped many other events happen through their Event Service Grants and their work with KWQC Marketing Grants.

B. Parking Meter Technology - Parking App System Proposal

Financy Director Nancy Lueck presented a proposed Parking Meter Technology Improvement to the Downtown parking meter system.

Ms. Lueck stated she researched multiple vendors and found the mpay2park system app to be the one compatible with the City's current system, the most affordable and the most user friendly for staff and residents. Ms. Lueck shared information regarding a proposal to increase parking rates from .50/hour to

.75/hour on 2 hour meters and from .25/hour to .40/hour on 10 hour meters. City council consented to moving forward to prepare agreement with vendor to implement the parking app and parking fee increase.

- C. Overview of Budget Basis Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2024
Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave a presentation on the Budget Basis for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. There was no discussion or questions.
- D. Sidewalk Discussion for West Hill Project
Kevin Coon, City Engineer was present to gain direction from City Council regarding the placement of sidewalks on certain streets as part of the West Hill Sewer Separation Project. There was discussion with City Council and a consensus was made for Mr. Coon to discuss this with the residents residing in this area to gain insight on what the residents would like.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Bark had a question for Community Development Director regarding book containing pre-approved housing plans that residents or contractors could use for parcels bought as part of the infill. Ms. Royal-Goodwin stated they are currently working on this.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Request 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

Councilmember Lewis moved to enter closed session, seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Motion carried.

Mayor Barked called the closed session to order at 7:48 with the following present: Councilmembers Gordon, Conard, Jindrich, Lewis, Osborne, and Brockert. Also Present were Mayor Bark, Deputy City Clerk Hilger and Finance Director Lueck.

Councilmember Osborn moved to exit closed session at 8:02 pm, seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

Vote: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion Carried.

- B. Request 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

Councilmember Gordon moved to enter closed session, seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Motion carried.

Mayor Barked called the closed session to order at 8:04 with the following present: Councilmembers Gordon, Conard, Jindrich, Lewis, Osborne, and Brockert. Also Present were Mayor Bark, Deputy City Clerk Hilger and Finance Director Lueck.

Councilmember Lewis moved to exit closed session at 8:12 pm, seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.