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January 22, 2007

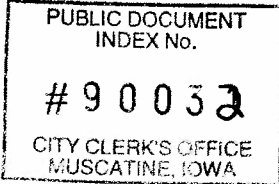
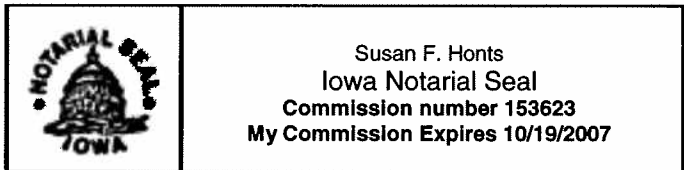
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MUSCATINE COUNTY**

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**CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOINT MEETING
MUSCATINE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
JANUARY 22, 2007
5:00 P.M.**

Present City Council Members - Bob Bynum, Scott Day, Bob Howard, Osama Shihadeh, Marie Press, Bill Trent, Phil Fitzgerald, Mayor Dick O'Brien
Absent City Council Members - None
Present Board of Supervisors - Wayne Schultz, Tom Furlong, Dave Watkins, Esther Dean, Kas Kelly
Absent Board of Supervisors - None
Board Chairperson Kas Kelly called the meeting to order.

The proposed amendment to the City Code requiring sidewalks in rural subdivisions began the discussions. Steve Boka, City of Muscatine Planning, Zoning, and Building Safety Director, was asked to explain the origin of the amendment. He cited the Hubbard Prairie Subdivision as the catalyst for the review. He stated that the City's Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council have discussed the proposed amendment. Mr. Boka specified that if the amendment is adopted it is not retro-active. He noted that design considerations will impact the requirements for locating and installing sidewalks. He fielded questions regarding density consideration; curb/gutters and storm sewer requirements; street width and shoulder use for walks and trails; and if he had been contacted by realtors regarding this (none). Eric Furnas, Muscatine County Zoning Administrator and Environmentalist, was asked to comment regarding concerns he has received from developers. Mr. Furnas indicated that developers were not comfortable that variances would be granted by the city for sidewalks in rural subdivisions. They question the necessity for sidewalk installations in areas that serve few pedestrians; the increased costs to developments; aesthetics and design considerations. Comments regarding the proposed amendment were made by Councilmembers Press, Fitzgerald, Shihadeh, Howard, Day, Trent and Mayor O'Brien; Supervisors Schultz, Kelly, Furlong, Dean and Watkins. Public comment was made by Jon Lutz.

The FY07/08 MUSCOM budget was the next order of business addressed. Joe McCarville, MUSCOM Manager, gave a presentation explaining the budget. The only concern expressed focused on the MUSCOM Manger's 6.74% salary increase. City Council members explained briefly how the City's pay plan is designed (step increases and cola allowances). Several favorable general comments as well as personal experiences were made about the success of MUSCOM. Mayor O'Brien asked if there was a motion by the City Council to Approve the FY07/08 MUSCOM Budget: Councilmember Fitzgerald made the motion and Councilmember Day made the second. The motion to approve the Budget by the City Council was passed unanimously. The County Board of Supervisors also voted on approving the FY07/08 MUSCOM and it passed on a 4-1 vote.

Extending the City's sewer main to County buildings on Park Av W was addressed. Eric Furne explained why the County would like the City to consider the extension. Currently the County uses a 2 inch Force Main powered by Grinder Pumps to discharge waste 600 feet to the City sewer. Twice the grinder pump have had to be replaced at a cost of \$5,000+ each time. Randy Hill, City of Muscatine Public Works Director, said that to extend the main sewer line 60 feet would cost \$30,000+. The County's willingness (and ability to install the sewer in order to keep costs manageable was proposed. Hookup fees and future development were also considerations. The City Council and the Board of Supervisors believe there is a common interest in the project and referred it back to City/County staff to explore options.

Future Joint Projects/Operations/Opportunities were reviewed. Councilmember Trent suggested that the City & County identify one project to pursue. Geo-Thermal energy Engineering services; Planning and Zoning coordination; County Wide Trail Plan development were mentioned as possible future joint opportunities.

Final comments concentrated on the next and future joint City Council/Board of Supervisor meetings. A schedule will be issued, but the next meeting was set for the fourth Thursday in April (April 26, 2007).

Membership moved to adjourn.
Respectfully submitted,
Randy Hill
Acting City Administrator