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February 5, 2008

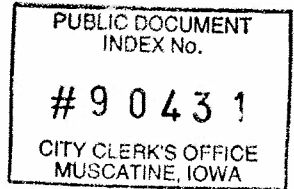
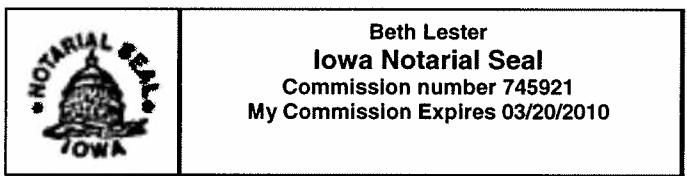
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**STATE OF IOWA
MUSCATINE COUNTY**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
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**CITY OF MUSCATINE
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
Lower Level Conference Room
4:30 p.m. - February 5, 2008**
Mayor Richard O'Brien called the budget review session for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 to order at 4:30 p.m. Council members present were Fitzgerald, Press, Lange, Bynum, Roty, Howard and Shihadeh. Also present were Acting City Administrator/Public Works Director Randy Hill and Finance Director Nancy Lueck.
Public Works budgets were reviewed by City Council beginning with Public Works Administration. As part of the Public Works Administration budget, Public Works Director Randy Hill gave an overview on the various upcoming street projects including Year 2 of the Pavement Management plan, the Colorado Street improvement project, the Cedar Street reconstruction, the Mississippi Bridge Lighting project, property acquisitions at the Carver Corner, the Mad Creek Area sewer project and the Hershey Avenue sewer project. He also distributed a map of the streets included in Year 2 of the Pavement Management plan. There was general discussion of the various projects.
Council members noted the condition of Mississippi Drive with the numerous potholes. Mr. Hill stated that this was a State highway and that it was not scheduled for improvements by the State until 2010 or 2011. There was discussion regarding contacting the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) by letter to see if improvements could be made earlier than scheduled. Hill stated that he would be in contact with IDOT representatives to see if making a written request would benefit the City.
The next budget discussed was the Engineering budget. Since the City's Civil Engineer position became vacant in November, other costs have been allocated to other Public Works budgets and no funds have been budgeted for the remainder of 2007/2008 or 2008/2009. Randy Hill reviewed options for engineering services, including a possible shared position with other governmental entities.

Budget review continued with discussion of the Roadway Maintenance, Snow and Ice, Street Cleaning and Traffic Control budgets. Street Maintenance Supervisor Randy Howell was present and answered various questions of Council members.
Review of the Building and Grounds budget followed. Jerry McKenzie, Building and Grounds Supervisor, provided information for items included in this budget and answered Council questions.
Matt Chandler, Sewer Maintenance Supervisor, gave an overview of the Collection and Drainage budget. He noted the proposed budget included a request for an additional Equipment Operator I position. There was general discussion of this request and other items in this budget.
Gale Fry, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor, was present to answer questions on the Equipment Services budget. It was noted that this budget includes the purchase of fuel for all City vehicles and that fuel costs have increased significantly. It was also noted that the labor rate charged to departments was proposed to increase to \$60 per hour for the 2008/2009 budget. There was discussion by Council regarding departments that maintain some of their own vehicles, rather than using the Equipment Services operation. There was Council consensus that departments doing their own vehicle maintenance are to provide the Equipment Services Supervisor with details of the maintenance performed, so this information would be available for all City vehicles and equipment.
The final budget reviewed was the Equipment Replacement Fund. There was discussion of the condition of the various vehicle and equipment items proposed to be replaced in 2008/2009. Gale Fry answered Council questions concerning the condition of the various vehicles or equipment.
With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy A. Lueck
Finance Director