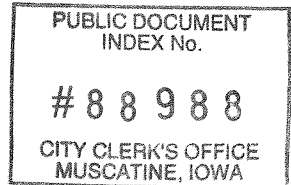


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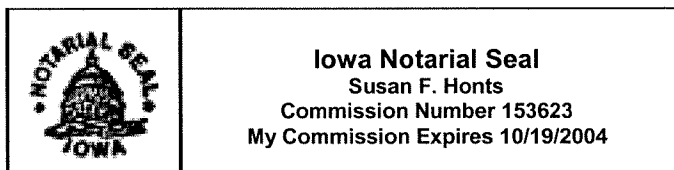
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**STATE OF IOWA  
MUSCATINE COUNTY**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
22nd day of January 2004

Susan F. Honts, Notary Public



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
January 8, 2004**  
The City Council/Legislative meeting for Thursday, January 8, 2004, was called to order by Mayor Dick O'Brien at 6:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Dick O'Brien and Councilmembers Trent, Lange, Fitzgerald, Day, and Shihadeh. Also present were State Senator Dick Drake and State Representative Jim Hahn. Staff members present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Director of Administrative Services David Casstevens. Other guests and the media were present as well.  
The purpose of the meeting was to allow for a dialogue and exchange of information between the City Council leadership and the local legislative representatives. A number of questions were asked concerning the upcoming Legislative Session that begins January 12, 2004. The legislative representatives stated that it was still too early to determine the outcome we might expect from the 2004 Legislative Session but they indicated that financially the state was not in a good position and was hoping that things would turn around in 2004. Their goal is to keep as even a keel as possible when it comes to spending. Members of the audience also asked a number of questions concerning taxes and revenue. At the end of the session, Mayor O'Brien and other members of Council thanked the legislative representatives for attending the meeting and everyone present assured each other that they would keep in touch during the Legislative Session and encourage active communication between the two groups. The Mayor adjourned the session at 6:50 p.m. in order for the City Council members to attend the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
A.J. Johnson  
City Administrator