

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers - April 17, 1986 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Waltman.

Roll Call: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp.

Mayor Waltman gave the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Public Hearing

Mayor Waltman stated the public hearing was being held on the proposed plans, specifications, cost estimates and form of contract on the Industrial Connector Project.

There were no oral comments for or against the proposed plans.

There were no written petitions for or against.

Soren Wolff, City Administrator, stated that a letter objecting to the abandonment of two railroad spur tracks had been received from an attorney representing Hahn Ready Mix. He recommended it be received and filed.

#9503. Councilmember Kemp moved that the letter be received and filed. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

#9504. Councilmember Kemp moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember York stated that motion #9493 of the April 3rd Council Minutes was not seconded. City Administrator Wolff stated the minutes would be corrected.

#9505. Councilmember York moved the minutes be approved with the provision they be corrected. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#9506. Councilmember Powell moved the minutes of the April 10th In-Depth Meeting be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

Robert Page, 515 Maiden Lane, requested the First Annual Great River Volkssport Club Spring Triathlon to be held on May 3-4, 1986, be approved. He stated that permission is required for use of the City sidewalks, and trails described in the brochure. The group will conduct a 10K hike, multiple distance bike ride, and 200 meter swim at the Carver Pool. Mr. Page noted that the event has been advertised in the surrounding states.

Councilmember Kemp questioned if food would be sold along the way. Mr. Page stated that the German Club from the high school would provide the food.

Mayor Waltman felt the event would attract people to Muscatine.

Mr. Page stated he had received favorable comments from people attending previous Volkssport events.

Councilmember Kemp questioned how many people would be participating. Mr. Page was not sure.

#9507. Councilmember Powell moved the request for the Volkssport Spring Triathlon be approved with the provision that arrangements be made with the Police Department. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

#9508. Councilmember Powell moved the following requests be approved: 1) New Class C Liquor License for Hilltop Tap, Inc., 929 Lucas St. - Duane Hartman; 2) renewal of Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Midtown 66, 321 Mulberry Ave. - Steve J. Shenk. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#9609. Councilmember Sayles moved the resolution be adopted approving the Cigarette Permit for Midtown 66, 320 Mulberry Ave. - Steve J. Shenk. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Soren Wolff, City Administrator, stated a lawsuit had been filed against the City by Verna M. Kopf. He recommended it be referred to the City Attorney and insurance company.

#9610. Councilmember Amerine moved the recommendation be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Waltman requested the proclamations be approved declaring April 13-19 as "Building Safety Week"; April 20-26, "National YWCA Week"; April 20-25, "Volunteer Thank You Week"; and April 20-26, "Professional Secretaries Week".

#9611. Councilmember Amerine recommended the proclamations be approved. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Waltman stated that at noon Friday, the Voluntary Action Center and United Way would be meeting on the front steps of City Hall to release balloons in honor of the many volunteers in Muscatine.

Mayor Waltman recommended the appointment of Mary Caparoon, 1014 Iowa Ave., to the Human Rights Commission. She is employed at Monsanto, and is bilingual.

#9612. Councilmember York moved the appointment be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

City Administrator Wolff requested that the cameras focus on the map in order to allow the television audience to see the area involved for the Industrial Connector Project. He stated that the map indicated the different phases of the project. Mr. Wolff noted it should be completed in the fall of 1987.

#9613. Councilmember Powell moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for Phase I of the Industrial Connector Project and setting the bid opening date for May 13, 1986. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles.

Councilmember Harder, speaking in reference to the letter from Hahn Ready Mix, stated he was not aware of the fact the City had requested the railroad spur be abandoned. City Administrator Wolff stated this issue had been discussed prior to Mr. Harder's appointment as Councilmember. He told Mr. Harder the side spur had not been used for many years, noting the City held several discussions with the railroad and Hahn Ready Mix concerning this issue. Mr. Wolff stated that the initial offer was to provide road access in lieu of the railroad spur; however, the company now feels the spur will be needed for the new Hahn Industrial Subdivision. He added that approval was received from the railroad to relocate the spur further south, and a decision must be made on who will be responsible for the cost of the relocation.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Jack Paetz, Housing Administrator, stated the memo sent to City Administrator Wolff indicated the original amount budgeted one year ago and the current operating data was expected to continue through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986. He stated that the resolution of necessity outlines and describes the fact that these housing programs are operated according to the Annual Contributions Contract. Mr. Paetz told Councilmembers that the summary page provides the necessary figures, and is followed by the forms required for supporting information. He stated there were two major changes. The first was in the total operations and maintenance, which has to do with the fact the City had originally proposed to contract for the maintenance repair expenses. These expenses are now funded through payroll. Mr. Paetz stated that the second change was the increase of \$13,770 in the total General Account, noting that a major portion of this amount was the increase from \$5,500 to \$18,000 for insurance. He added that the revised budget amount would be \$232,330.

City Administrator Wolff summarized by stating that the housing programs have \$16,000 more in expenditures than income. He stated that this relates back to the problem of generating revenues at Sunset Park, noting the revised budget is for both Sunset Park and the Clark House. He added that most of the items reviewed by Mr. Paetz were presented to Councilmembers during the budget review process. Mr. Wolff stated that two resolutions must be approved. The first would be the resolution designating that rental income be not less than 26% of the aggregate annual family income and the second the resolution of necessity adopting the amended budget.

#9614. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted designating that rental income be not less than 26% of the aggregate annual family income. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#9615. Councilmember York moved the resolution of necessity adopting the amended budget be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#9616. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted approving Pay Plan 4 covering Temporary Employee Pay Classifications. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Larry Wolf, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the eleven projects concerning improvements to the Riverfront were discussed at the April 10th In-Depth Meeting. He stated that Project #4 would be expansion of the parking area for

boater access and application of a hard surface; and Project #6 would be the installation of an additional boat ramp. Mr. Wolf requested that authorization to proceed with the funding through the Iowa Conservation Commission, specifically the Marine Fuel Tax Fund, be approved.

Mayor Waltman questioned if the City had applied for this type of funding in previous years. Mr. Wolf stated the City has had funding for other projects through the Commission's Land and Water Conservation Plan.

Councilmember Kemp requested that Mr. Wolf explain the location of the proposed boat ramp. Mr. Wolf stated the ramp would be adjacent to the existing boat ramp, which is between Iowa Avenue and Chestnut Street. He added the City is also proposing to expand the existing parking area, which is part of the boat launching facility. He noted that the removal of the railroad spur would enable the City to expand the parking area by approximately sixty double spaces.

Councilmember Harder questioned if the proposal is to widen the existing ramp or install another double ramp. Mr. Wolf stated that an additional double ramp would be installed.

Councilmember Kemp questioned the difficulty in receiving this particular grant. Mr. Wolf was told the funds are available. He stated that there is a need in Muscatine. He added that these funds are through the Marine Fuel Tax. City Administrator Wolff stated that discussions with the conservation commission have been encouraging.

#9617. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted approving the submittal of an application to the State Conservation Commission for funding for Riverfront Improvements. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#9618. Councilmember Amerine moved the bid from Koser Equipment Company for an Allis Chalmers Model #8070 tractor in the amount of \$45,685 be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Harder.

City Administrator Wolff requested that Craig Olson, Director of Water Pollution Control, explain the radar speed control option. Mr. Olson stated that the radar speed control would monitor the ground speed of the tractor, and would allow a more uniform application of sludge.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#9619. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the transfer of the lease from Agri Industries to Agri Grain Marketing. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#9620. Councilmember York moved the three traffic items be tabled until the May 1st Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

Regena Foster, 1808 Foster St., addressing the denial of the request to install a four-way stop sign at Logan Street and West Fulliam Avenue, stated the request had originated through the McKinley PTO. She told Councilmembers that her son had been struck by a car at that intersection on March 10, 1986. She added that her son is

not the first child to be struck by a car at or near this intersection. Mrs. Foster stated there are not any stop signs on Fulliam Avenue until the Cedar Street intersection. She noted that children living on the north to northwest side of Fulliam Avenue must cross the street when going to school. She felt options could be discussed on slowing traffic down in this area. Mrs. Foster stated that the McKinley PTO had discussed the possibility of either stopping traffic at the Logan Street intersection or the Kindler Avenue intersection. She noted that the speed limit is twenty-five miles per hour; however, some motorists do not always drive that speed.

Councilmember Kemp questioned if she felt more enforcement by the Police Department would be beneficial. Mrs. Foster stated that a police officer could not be at that intersection at all times; however, a stop sign could be. She stated that problems in this area have existed for many years. She noted that if additional apartments are built on Logan Street, the problems will increase.

Councilmember Phillips questioned if there was a speed limit posted near the park. Mrs. Foster stated the speed limit is posted at twenty miles per hour, and approximately twenty yards from that sign is the school zone sign.

City Administrator Wolff stated that the report from the Traffic Committee indicates a proposal to change the speed limit in that area to 20 miles per hour. He noted that visibility is a major problem in that area, adding that the City's ordinance could allow the City to prohibit parking.

There was discussion on improvements needed in that area.

Mrs. Foster stated she had attended the meeting to voice her concerns on this issue.

Councilmember Sayles questioned if Mrs. Foster's son was going to school when he was struck. Mrs. Foster stated her son was walking home from school.

Mayor Waltman stated that at Kindler Avenue, there are not any signs pertaining to school children. He felt that a sidewalk is also needed in that area.

Mayor Waltman thanked Todd Chelf for bringing this item to the attention of the Traffic Committee.

Councilmember Harder stated that one important item that Mrs. Foster discussed was the fact that children from the apartments on Logan Street must cross Fulliam Avenue in order to reach the sidewalks. He noted that the sidewalks are also used by children after school hours. Mr. Harder felt the intersection at Kindler Avenue should also be addressed. He encouraged residents to attend the next meeting to voice their concerns regarding this issue.

Councilmember Phillips questioned if the stop signs on Logan Street could be moved to Fulliam Avenue. She was told this would not correct the problems existing in that area.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#9621. Councilmember York moved that items A-M be received and filed. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

#9622. Councilmember Powell moved that bills totaling \$568,138.71 be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue warrants for the same. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember York stated there are a number of parents who cross the street in the middle of the block when taking their children to school. He stated that in doing this, parents are teaching their children to cross the street wherever they want. He felt the PTO's for the various schools should investigate the possibility of meeting with parents concerning this issue.

Councilmember Kemp agreed with Councilmember York. He then stated he had received a request to extend the sidewalk on both sides of Fulliam Avenue. Mr. Kemp also received a request from a resident at 1221 Lincoln Blvd. who would like gravel applied to the alley behind his home.

Councilmember Harder questioned the possibility of making some type of improvements to Eisenhower, noting the street is badly deteriorated.

Councilmember Powell felt the street fair held by the Washington Street merchants was a great success. He commended all the merchants on that street.

Mayor Waltman stated he had visited each of the merchants earlier in the day.

Councilmember Phillips stated she had received a thank you note from the merchants.

City Administrator Wolff gave an update on the flood situation. He stated the river had crested at 19 1/2 feet on Monday, and is receding slowly. He told Councilmembers there was a leak in the sewer system along the Mad Creek Levee, noting that efforts are being made to correct it.


Councilmember Harder questioned the location of the leakage. Mr. Wolff stated it was located between 5th and 7th Streets.

Mayor Waltman stated he had been notified of dogs running at large in the Robin Road area.


There was discussion on correcting this problem.

#9623. Councilmember Kemp moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Richard Waltman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Soren Wolff, City Clerk