

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
IN-DEPTH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

May 12, 1983

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Platt, Councilmembers Brewer, Kite, Sayles, York, Hilton, Plett, and Waltman

ALSO PRESENT: Soren Wolff, City Administrator; Ray Childs, City Engineer; Rob McDonald, Assistant City Engineer; Frank Anson, Sanitation Superintendent; and Randy Hill, Administrative Assistant

The Council started their meeting with a bus tour to several projects. Inspections were made of various railroad crossings from Cedar Street south to Schly Street. Council was informed the Milwaukee Railroad had requested that the Schly, Day, and Sampson street crossings be closed. Staff indicated the City should consider closing the Day and Schly Street crossings due to problems in establishing proper approaches to the crossings. The railroad company had proposed that when the Industrial Connector for the By-Pass was constructed, the City consider closing Sampson Street. It was noted, it was unlikely that Sampson Street should be considered for closing as it serves as a major collector street.

Council then inspected three (3) of the connector roads to the By-Pass including Cedar, Lucas, and Hershey. Council was informed the Engineering Department was working on proposed improvements to upgrade each of these streets and plans would be forwarded at a future date. Preliminary work had also been started on the Mulberry, Tipton, Bidwell, and Isett connecting streets. Council also reviewed the proposed alignment for the Industrial Connector between the new U.S. 61 By-Pass and Stewart Road, and the proposal for a private road from Stewart Road to serve Grain Processing Corporation and Agri Industries.

The tour then included several areas involving proposed new sidewalk installations as follows:

1. Fulliam Avenue (south side) - from Kindler to Meadow Lane.
2. Logan Street (east side) - from Fulliam to Cedar Street.
3. Cedar Street (south side) - from Fulliam to Parham.
4. Isett and Clay (both sides) - from Bidwell to Park Avenue.
5. Park Avenue (west side) - from Clay to Lake Park Blvd.
6. Colorado Street (south side) - from Park Avenue to Colorado School.

The estimated cost of the project is \$191,676 with the City's share estimated at \$67,205 and special assessments of \$124,471.

Council then toured Lorenz Street which had recently been improved with new curbs and gutters, streets and storm sewers. Council also discussed a problem with fencing requested to be located in the public right-of-way on Lorenz Street for the property at 1318 Terrace Heights.

At 8 p.m., the Council returned to the Council Chambers to continue their meeting. The Mayor asked Mr. Marty Beckey, Chairman of the Mayor's Task Force on Recreation and Fine Arts Facilities to make a presentation on the Task's Force Report. Mr. Beckey highlighted the report along with the six (6) major recommendations. Mr. Beckey indicated an effort was made to get a comprehensive cross-section of the community to provide their input. Mr. Beckey also noted the report should be a guide for future decisions to be made by the various public and private organizations in expanding and improving the recreational and fine arts facilities. The Mayor and members of Council thanked Mr. Beckey and the entire committee for their work in developing the report.

The Council then reviewed a proposal for the City to purchase a one (1) man Refuse Truck. Randy Hill, Administrative Assistant, reviewed the economics involved in the proposal and outlined the potential cost savings over a five (5) year period. Mr. Frank Anson, Sanitation Superintendent, reviewed the areas of the community where this type of vehicle could be utilized. Council was informed the staff will proceed to prepare specifications for the new vehicle, and after bids have been received Council would be requested to make a decision on the purchase of a one (1) man refuse vehicle. It was noted a conventional two (2) man Refuse Truck cost approximately \$60,000 compared to the one (1) man truck of \$90,000.

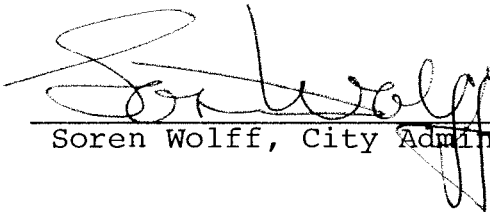
The City Administrator then provided the Council with an update on the proposal for developing a joint medical insurance program for governmental units in Muscatine. It was noted the initial group consisted of the City, Muscatine County, Muscatine Public Schools, Muscatine Community Hospital, and Muscatine Power and Water. The consulting firm of Mercer, Inc. had been retained by the group to provide technical assistance at a cost of \$9,500. The study had been paid on a proportional basis based on the number of full time employees. Council was informed that the program had some potential, however, the hospital and schools had both dropped out of the project. It was noted, however, the hospital may be interested in reconsidering the program and the City Administrator would keep the Council informed on any progress made on the program.

On motion by Councilmember Waltman, seconded by Councilmember Kite, it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the status of the lawsuit of the Sunset Park Housing Project. The motion was approved.

On motion by Councilmember York, seconded by Councilmember Sayles, it was moved to go out of Executive Session. The motion was approved.

On motion by Councilmember Hilton, seconded by Councilmember Waltman, it was moved the staff be authorized to proceed with rebidding the Sunset Park Housing Project in accordance with the May 6, 1983 letter received from the Housing and Urban Development Department. Motion was approved (Brewer and Plett voted "no").

On motion by Councilmember Waltman, seconded by Councilmember Brewer, the meeting adjourned.

  
Soren Wolff, City Administrator