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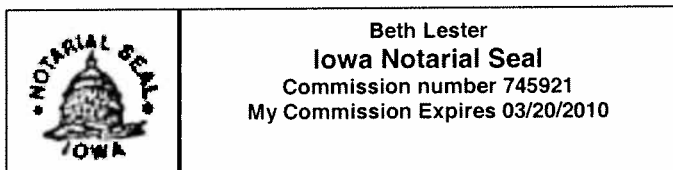
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**STATE OF IOWA
MUSCATINE COUNTY**

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27th day of July 2009



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**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
IN-DEPTH MEETING
Council Chambers
7:00 p.m. - July 9, 2009**

The City Council In-Depth meeting for July 9, 2009 was called to order by Mayor Dick O'Brien at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Press, Fitzgerald, Howard, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the Graffiti Ordinance. Kas Kelly, Safe Streets, began the discussion with a quick review of a draft Graffiti ordinance and the various elements of the ordinance. The City Council asked many questions. Councilman Shihadeh inquired about the burden this ordinance will place on the Police Department. Councilman Bynum wanted to know about other funding opportunities to aid hiring additional staff (i.e. Code Enforcement Officers). He also asked about the responsibility of "Safe Streets" and "Keep Muscatine Beautiful" regarding Graffiti enforcement/removal. Councilman Lange wanted to know how the two Community Policing Officers (funded through an ARRA grant) would be used. He suggested that any additional personnel should be discussed during the budget process. Councilman Howard wants the Graffiti Ordinance but is concerned about the manpower needed to enforce the ordinance. Councilman Fitzgerald requested an explanation of the distinction between Community Policing and the Gang Task Force. Councilwoman Roby inquired as to whether the two community officers will be sent to the Police Academy. She indicated her support for the ordinance. Muscatine Police Chief Gary Codrunk was the chief spokesperson and answered the City Council's questions. Jane Reichauer spoke in support of the ordinance by explaining that Graffiti vandalism is hurting Historic Preservation. Laura Liegeois explained that "Keep Muscatine Beautiful" can help property owners victimized by graffiti vandals. The City Council agreed to direct the staff and Graffiti committee to move forward with finalizing the ordinance.

The next item was an update on the WPCP Construction Project. Bob Veenstra, V&K Engineering, addressed this topic. Mr. Veenstra stated that the construction is 5-6 months underway. He provided a graphic illustration of what work has been done to date. He indicated the project may be behind but not by much. Councilman Howard asked if the point issue has been resolved. He also wanted to know if this project was impacted by Homeland Security. Councilman Shihadeh wanted to know how the project was progressing in regards to the budget. Mr. Veenstra answered the Council's questions.

An update on the Geothermal Project at the Public Safety Building was then given. Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, gave the presentation. Mr. Amoroso stated we are on the downside of this project. Well drilling has been completed and removal of the parking lot will begin on Monday, July 13th. Completion date is scheduled for August 1st. He also detailed the Change Authorization Requests which have been processed. Councilwoman Roby asked Mr. Amoroso to explain the header construction required. Mr. Amoroso answered all questions.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution accepting easements for the Mad Creek Levee Improvement Project - Phase 1. Steve Boka, Planning/Zoning and Building Safety Director reminded the council that they passed a resolution accepting offers and donations of property for the Mad Creek Levee project which allowed city staff to acquire the necessary permanent and/or temporary easements from public and private property owners. The resolution before the council at the In-Depth meeting approved the executed easements. Because of the Corps of Engineers timetable for bid letting and award of contract the Muscatine City Council was requested to formally act on the resolution accepting Easements. Councilman Lange asked if the costs shown on the resolution were estimated. Mr. Boka responded that they were the final costs. Resolution adopted.

Under comments, Councilmember Press encouraged the citizens to participate in the cardboard recycling program.

Councilmember Howard explained his displeasure with grass clippings that are blown into the city streets.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Hill
Interim City Administrator