

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – January 19, 2012

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, January 19, 2012, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hopkins recognized the Leadership Muscatine class and also the Clean Air Muscatine (CLAM) contingency.

Sandy Stanley, 918 Acorn Lane, President of CLAM explained its purpose. She stated that CLAM believes the air pollution in Muscatine is a liability. She stated they are asking City Council to take any action necessary to clean up the dangerous air. She stated that CLAM would like to see some type of warning system installed in the community that will warn residents to get inside.

Ms. Stanley stated that CLAM would like to come to an In-Depth meeting prior to the upcoming budget sessions to discuss this matter. She stated they have a list of recommendations they would like to present to City Council for their consideration.

Mayor Hopkins stated her information was well received.

Ms. Stanley asked when a meeting can be held.

Mayor Hopkins asked her to call the City Administrator's office to set the meeting up.

#21903. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 City Council meeting and the January 12, 2012 In-Depth meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#21904. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: Renewal of a Class B Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Hong Kong Buffet, 2406 Park Avenue – Hong Kong Buffet Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee Gas, 2600 2nd Avenue – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Samz Sports Bar, 103 Ford Avenue – Noe Sanchez (pending inspections); renewal of a Class E Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee Drugstore, 510 E. 6th Street – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); taxicab license for Riders Club of Muscatine – Anne Greene; filing of Communications A-D; and Bills for Approval totaling \$1,587,685.70. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#21905. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved that Amendment #1 to the agreement with Stanley Consultants for the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project relating to the preparation and submission of a 4(f) statement be approved in the amount of \$71,312. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember LeRette speaking in reference to the Puritan Ice property stated that of the four options being proposed under the corridor project stated that a couple of them look like they are barely touching the property. He asked if the study would be needed if there is an option available that is not going to touch the property.

City Administrator Mandsager stated there are actually five options available. He stated the memo included with the agenda packet from Community Development Director Steve Boka indicates that all five of those options do impact the property to some degree.

Councilmember LeRette asked if they are the final options.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the options being referenced are the most current ones. He stated the proposed amendment is for a federal requirement for the project.

Councilmember LeRette stated he feels that tonight's action is putting the cart before the horse. He stated he doesn't feel it is necessary until we are sure the property will be affected.

City Planner Andrew Fangman stated the recommendation for this amendment came from the Iowa Department of Transportation. He stated that technically there are six options because there is always the "no build" option. He stated the deadline for submission of the 4(f) statement is mid-November 2012.

Councilmember Natvig asked for a brief explanation of what is involved in this study.

City Administrator Mandsager noted the scope of services that was provided with the agenda packet.

Mr. Fangman stated Steve Boka is the person City Council should be talking to.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he is concerned that the survey results are being based off of MAGIC.

Mr. Fangman stated the findings were based on the preliminary archaeological work done by the State of Iowa.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated he felt Council should not be voting on the amendment if they have not yet voted on the project.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that tonight's action is an amendment to the engineering services agreement with Stanley Consultants. He stated this is not an amendment to the construction contract which is still in the planning stages.

Councilmember Bynum asked what would happen if the proposed amendment was not approved.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the entire project could not move forward.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated this is a big project stemming from the Hershey Avenue intersection to the Norbert Beckey Bridge. He stated doing nothing is not an option.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated he felt there were a lot of pieces missing.

#21906. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to table this matter. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. Four ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Bynum. Three nays: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Phillips, and Spread. Motion to table carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked Councilmember Shihadeh asked if he had a particular date in mind for Council action on this matter.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated it would be the February 2, 2012 meeting.

#21907. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the engineering services agreement from Stanley Consultants in the amount of \$20,000 for design of the renovation of the Bond and Schley Lift Stations. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#21908. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the submission of a grant application to the United Way for 2013 After School Program Operations at Sunset Park. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette stated budget sessions will be coming up soon. He stated the meetings are open to the public. He invited folks to attend.

Councilmember Natvig echoed Councilmember LeRette's comment.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated the budget calendar is posted on the city's website.

Councilmember Bynum stated he has been asked about the bridge lights, the skating rink, and the Meeker boat.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the Meekers are still waiting for repairs to be made to the boat before it can be moved back to the river.

City Administrator Mandsager stated Musco has been waiting on the fixtures for the bridge lighting. He stated that once the fixtures are received and weather conditions are right, the light fixtures will be replaced.

Councilmember Bynum asked if we are looking at a spring date.

City Administrator Mandsager stated not necessarily. He stated the replacement of the fixtures is weather dependent.

Councilmember Bynum then asked who would be responsible for maintaining the ice skating rink, and City Administrator Mandsager stated it would be city staff.

Councilmember Phillips stated she has talked with several people who are wondering if they could get larger recycling containers and if the excess material could be placed in bags next to or on top of the container.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he would contact Laura Liegois to see if containers can be traded for larger ones. He stated that residents should not place materials near or on top of the containers because it will not be picked up.

Mayor Hopkins stated Blue Zones Steering Committee has issued a challenge to community regard to the Blue Zones Initiative. He asked Jeff Boldt to explain the initiative.


Mr. Boldt first explained where the term Blue Zones came from and then explained the Blue Zones Initiative in the State of Iowa. He stated Muscatine is trying to become a Blue Zones Community and it needs the support of its residents. He stated that Muscatine residents can register by going to www.bluezonesproject.com.

Mayor Hopkins stated that he was proclaiming Friday, January 27, 2012, as Muscatine Blue Zones Day. He stated there will be a blitz to get folks to register. He stated that residents can also register by cell phone. He stated folks may also be encouraged to wear blue on Blue Zones Day.

2019 Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.




DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator