

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – January 9, 2014

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the In-Depth City Council meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2014, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, and City Planner Andrew Fangman.

Robert Bromwell, 2414 Lucas Street, speaking in reference to the city's Capital Improvements Program, asked that the cemetery steps be considered as part of the CIP.

Jeremy Anderson of Muscatine stated the condition of the stairs is deteriorating and that they need to be preserved as part of Muscatine's history.

Mayor Hopkins invited the public to the upcoming budget sessions.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by the Citizens for an Offleash Muscatine Park (COMP). Peggy Gordon and Erin Dindinger, representing COMP, gave a presentation on activities that took place in 2013 and proposed activities for 2014. She stated the group is looking at a site 25 acre parcel on Houser Street adjacent to the Transfer Station as a possible location for a dog park.

Councilmember Natvig complimented the group for the great job they have done so far.

Mayor Hopkins asked if the group would be asking for tax dollars and he was told they would not but they would be seeking grant writing assistance from the city. He was told this project would likely be a phased concept.

John Dabeet, representing Muscatine Sister Cities, introduced the Committee members. He reviewed the past year's activities and upcoming events. He then invited City Council to the Committee's upcoming annual meeting.

The final item on the agenda was the distribution of the proposed Capital Improvements Program for City Council's review.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the draft is being distributed to City Council for their review. He stated they will have an opportunity to modify the plan.

City Planner Andrew Fangman gave a brief power point presentation on the highlights of the CIP. He stated that City Council will now have an opportunity to review the document and make modifications to it once the Planning Commission has made its recommendations.

Councilmember Bynum stated he feels the cemetery steps should be included as part of the CIP.

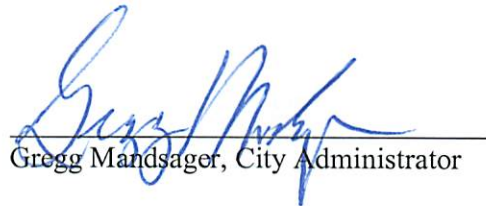
Councilmember Phillips asked about the maintenance of the steps.

Councilmember Bynum stated the group interested in the cemetery steps will be raising the funds.

Councilmember Natvig told Mr. Fangman he appreciated receiving the new CIP document and updated format.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if the document contains all the information needed for making decisions, and City Administrator Mandsager answered yes.

#22750. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.



Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator