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Respectfully submitted,
A.J. Johnson
City Administrator

The next item on the agenda for review was the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 expenditure and revenue report. Finance Director Luck provided an overview to the year-end financial statements and the revenue and expenditure report. She highlighted a number of the funds indicating that the General Fund balance was greater than anticipated as was a number of other fund balances in the Enterprise Fund related activities. She noted deficiencies with the landfill and transfer station that were linked to less volume being brought through the door. There were questions concerning the cable fund and the sale of property and whether or not that helped the General Fund. Ms. Luck indicated that the recent sale of property owned by the city at the cemetery and Lincolnshire Park certainly helped the fund balance, and we will need it to carry the city through the next fiscal year. Councilmembers thanked Ms. Luck for her presentation and review.

The next item on the agenda was a cemetery columbarium review. Parks and Recreation Director Klimes provided an overview as to the concept of the columbarium within the cemetery and gave a detailed description of what one might look like within our facility. Mr. Klimes reviewed with Council a number of questions from the community known as Carver Corner. There were no significant questions from Council and they thanked RDG for their time and input on the project to date.

The next item on the agenda was a joint library/art center project update. City Administrator Johnson introduced Eugene Johnson, current president of the Library Board, and Mary Wildermuth, current president of the Art Center Board. Together they provided a collective presentation concerning the work that the two boards and their subcommittees have done to date looking at the possibility of a joint facility incorporating art center, library, and performing arts activities within the city. Also speaking on this matter was Gary Carlson, President and CEO of the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He highlighted the past 20 months of preparation that the committees had been engaged in when looking at this project.

The questions from Council asked whether a conclusion of this review has been identified and when they might look at a more public review of this matter. There were also questions concerning the parameters and the size of the facility as it pertained to usable space. Council thanked Mr. Carlson and the committee members for their work.

The first item on the agenda was a downtown corridor study update. City Administrator Johnson introduced Mr. Boka who in turn introduced representatives from RDG Plan & Design of Des Moines, Pat Dunn, representing the company, provided an overview of activities to date including preliminary design and idea concept work, an overview of a charrette that was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, and plans for future discussion concerning this project. The focus of the design and view work will be from the highway 92 Bridge to the area

of handouts concerning the pictorial description of a columbarium and more importantly the financial spreadsheet concerning the construction cost and payback period for a columbarium. Also in the audience were Polly and Randy Geutink of Iowa Memorial who operate the cemetery sales office on a contract basis for the City of Muscatine.

Mr. Klimes went on to explain some of the financial options and answered questions from Council. There was a consensus that the Council was very much interested in purchasing and installing a columbarium. Additional information will be gathered and shared with Council. City Council will visit the proposed sites during their fall tour.

The last item on the agenda was a golf course revenue update. City Administrator Johnson and Parks Director Klimes provided Council with an overview of the current school revenues, expenditures, and options to increase revenue at the golf course. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the revenue opportunities for the golf course itself. Following that discussion, there was a consensus that the city should continue to engage the services of the golf pro. However, revenue is still a paramount issue and city staff is going to continue to discuss the

matter concerning revenues and employment relationships with the city and the golf professional into the future. Despite the increase in fund balance, there is a concern from staff and Council that the fund balances need to be maintained and increased over the future to ensure that monies are available for capital needs and operational expenses.

There was also discussion concerning the overall condition of the course and improvements. There was also a suggestion that we look at a management company to oversee the management of the course independently from the city. The city needs to continue to look for ways to save.

There was a question concerning clubhouse rental. Two rental events have taken place over the last season. The speculation was that the space was too small, only seating about 100 people. The city will continue to promote the clubhouse rental for the next season as well.

Every effort will be made to continue to conserve costs and to increase revenues through all means.

Under Councilmember Fitzgerald's encouragement, the community to attend the marching band competition to be held at the high school on Saturday, October 14, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.