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May 11, 2006

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CITY OF MUSCATINE IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers

7:00 p.m. - May 11, 2006

Mayor Richard O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, May 11, 2006, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Day, Bynum, Shihadeh, Howard, Fitzgerald, and Press. Councilmember Trent was absent. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, and Planning, Zoning and Building Safety Director Steve Boka.

The first item for consideration and review was a CVB presentation and activity update. Heather Shoppa, CVB Director, Gary Carlson, President and CEO of the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Sheila Kiddoo from the GMCCI were present to provide an overview of activities as administered through the CVB division of the GMCCI. Ms. Shoppa provided Council with information from the newly designed web site for the GMCCI and highlighted a number of regional publications that highlight activities for potential tourism. There were several questions concerning the effect of the advertising and the upcoming events. Overall City Council was pleased with what they have seen from CVB and encouraged them to continue the good work.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the Mississippi Drive Corridor Study and authorization to select a consultant. Mr. Boka provided Council with an overview of this project to date. Previously City Council authorized the application to the State of Iowa for funding (80% state and 20% local) to provide a corridor study from the Highway 92 Bridge to the intersection of Green Street, Hershey Avenue and Grandview Avenue in the City of Muscatine. The purpose of the study was to begin a process of planning for improvements along that highway corridor that which affects the downtown, riverfront and

business community. There was a process the city had to follow in the selection of vendors as outlined by the state. Four companies responded to the city's request for proposal and were interviewed. From that interview process, the company of RDG Planning of Des Moines, Iowa, with affiliated ties with Stanley Consultants of Muscatine and Martin & Whitacre Surveyors of Muscatine was selected to enter into negotiations for the contract. It was noted that the contract has specific dollar limits to it and if a successful contract cannot be negotiated with this firm under the state guidelines, the city is free to negotiate with the next vendor for these services. There were questions from Council concerning service levels.

Motion approved to authorize staff to enter into direct negotiations with RDG Planning of Des Moines for these services.

The next item on the agenda was a deer hunt update. City Administrator Johnson provided Council with an overview of the discussion that began in April of this year concerning adjustments and updates to the city's deer hunting program and policies. City Administrator Johnson stated that he, along with Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes, had met with officials from the IDNR concerning the deer hunt and the establishment of a "Deer Management Zone". This has been accomplished and there are certain provisions and regulations that fall into place now that the city has received this designation. City Administrator provided an overview of these provisions. There were questions from Councilmembers concerning proficiency testing, acreage allowed for hunting, public grounds hunting, number of licenses allowed, permitting procedures, etc. There were also questions concerning fees and whether or not because we would be designated as a Deer Management Zone that there would be some type of discount or special dispensation for hunters in that area. These and

other questions will be researched by the City Administrator and the answers reported back to the City Council. It was also noted that Councilmember Fitzgerald volunteered to help city staff in establishing the suggested changes and parameters for the new deer hunting activities.

The next item on the agenda was a local vendor preference review. City Administrator Johnson provided an overview of the local preference issue as it has been raised in the past. He also commented concerning the current state statute as it pertains to limitations on local preferences and the need to exclude local preferences for state related purchasing guidelines. There was discussion by Council concerning the need or desire to have a local preference that would allow for items under bid to be given to a local vendor if they were within a certain dollar amount or percentage of their competitor. Council concluded that they wanted to have flexibility in dealing with bid issues but at the same time they were comfortable in establishing a 2% differential for local preference. City Administrator Johnson will draft policy language to submit for further consideration and review.

The final item on the agenda was a cell tower agreement review. The City Administrator noted that he had been contacted by the current owner of the cell tower on top of the Clark House and they are asking for an alteration to the current contract with the City of Muscatine. The current contract is a 25 year agreement made up of five five-year renewable contract periods. These are self renewing on July 31st of every fifth year. The first five-year period will expire July 31, 2006. The company inquiring asked the Council to eliminate the current contract and shift to a contract that will allow for a 36 month guaranteed contract at \$7,800. The city currently collects \$1,000 a month. After some discussion the Council directed the

City Administrator to indicate there was no desire by the city at this time to enter into a new agreement.

Under comments, Councilmember Press wished her husband a happy wedding anniversary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A.J. Johnson
City Administrator