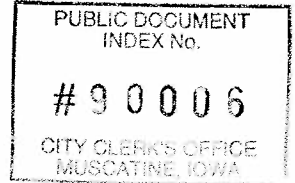



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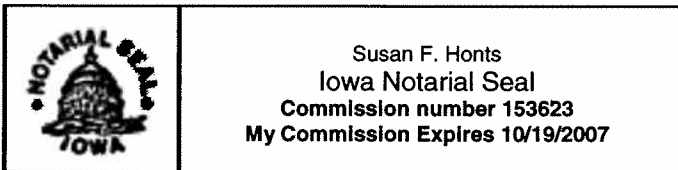


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**STATE OF IOWA  
MUSCATINE COUNTY**

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**CITY OF MUSCATINE  
IN-DEPTH CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m. - January 11, 2007**  
Mayor Richard O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, January 11, 2007, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Day, Bynum, Howard, Fitzgerald, and Press. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Public Works Director Randy Hill, Planning, Zoning & Building Safety Director Steve Boka, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, and IT Manager John Kreuzenstein.  
The first item on the agenda was a presentation of online payment options for city parking tickets. Mr. Kreuzenstein presented a program that will allow for individuals to pay their parking tickets online. He demonstrated the system going over the associated intricacies of the program with Council. Following the direction from Council, this system will be put online and available to the public as soon as possible.  
The next item on the agenda for consideration was a Mad Creek Project update. Mr. Hill presented an overview of the project to City Council and introduced Judy Krieg of EarthView Environmental. Ms. Krieg gave a power point presentation concerning Mad Creek, how it is impacted by the watershed north of the community, and environmental storm water and other activities associated with Mad Creek.  
The next item on the agenda was a lighting policy ordinance review. Mr. Boka provided City Council with a draft ordinance that would incorporate language on unwanted lighting on private property and nuisance violations. There was considerable discussion concerning definitions and the reasonable application of such an ordinance. After the discussion, it was decided to bring this matter back to City Council for discussion and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance at the January 18, 2007 City Council meeting. Dan Clark of Muscatine addressed City Council as did Walter

Throm, 1728 Devitt Avenue. Mr. Throm is the individual who promoted a "dark sky" environment in the city and feels that these changes are a good first step but the city still needs to look at the possibility of a more strenuous ordinance dealing with lighting and associated problems.  
The next item on the agenda for review was a sidewalk policy review. Once again, Mr. Boka presented Council with a draft ordinance that would look at sidewalk requirements for rural road subdivisions in the City of Muscatine and also the option of the city requiring subdivisions within the two mile limit of the city to require sidewalk construction development. This matter was reviewed thoroughly by City Council and it was agreed this matter should be placed on the City Council agenda for the January 18, 2007 meeting.  
The last item on the agenda was a presentation by the Historic Preservation Commission. Jim Nepple, a member of the HPC, provided an overview of the recently accomplished projects associated with the downtown and West Hill historic identification program. He also identified a project that the HPC is currently working on to secure outside funding to continue on with the evaluation and work to submit for additional state or federal funding for designation of historic districts within the City of Muscatine. There is \$14,000 needed for the West Hill area study project and of that amount, \$11,000 has been raised privately. Council thanked Mr. Nepple for the update and wished him well on obtaining the other \$3,000 to initiate this study.  
Under comments, Councilmember Press stated that January 15, 2007 is Martin Luther King Day and urged the public to embrace the diversity of the community and to participate in the program to be held at the Muscatine High School Auditorium at 5 p.m. that evening.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
A.J. Johnson  
City Administrator