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CITY OF MUSCATINE BUDGET REVIEW SESSION Lower Level Conference Room

8:00 a.m. - January 27, 2007

Mayor Richard O'Brien called the budget review session for fiscal year 2007/2008 for Saturday, January 27, 2007, to order at 8 a.m. Councilmembers present were Shihadeh, Day, Fitzgerald, Howard, Press, and Bynum. Councilmember Trent joined the proceedings at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Finance Director Nancy Lueck.

The City Administrator provided an overview of activity leading to the recommendations that were first presented at the General Fund overview meeting held Thursday, January 25, 2007. These items will be discussed over the next several weeks during the budget review sessions. The focus on the discussion at this time was the General Fund and its current condition.

The City Administrator provided a brief overview concerning the "ground rules" for the budget sessions and then proceeded to provide an overview of the General Fund activities and related informational pages within the budget document for future reference. The Council then began a review of the following departments: City Council, Legal Services, City Administrator, Human Resources, Finance and Records, Computer Operations, Risk Management, Police Operations, Animal Control, Joint Communications, Fire Operations, Civil Defense, Library, and Art Center. City Administrator Johnson and Finance Director Lueck addressed operational issues associated with City Council, Legal Services, City

Administrator, and Finance and Records. Also joining Council for discussion were Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, IT Manager John Kreuzenstein, Police Chief Gary Codroni, Fire Chief Steve Dalbey, Acting Library Director Sheila Chaudoin, and Art Center Director Barb Christensen.

During the discussions concerning Police Operations, a number of members from the local police union were present and through their spokesperson, Corporal Tim Hull, they expressed a concern about officer safety and requested Council consider adding additional police officers. There was general discussion concerning this matter. Also representing the Police Department were Captain Mike Scott and Lieutenant Phil Sargent.

Joining Fire Chief Dalbey and his discussion was Assistant Chief Jerry Ewers.

During the discussion for both the Library and Art Center operations, various members of the two boards were present to express their positions on various issues within those operations, particularly within the library operation to request that Council consider the cuts that have been recommended and to recognize that the library has seen significant reductions in their operating budget over the last several years.

Also present during the budget review was Representative Nathan Reichert. Representative Reichert spoke to the Council concerning items of concern and discussion at the legislative level at this time. There were a number of questions from City Council that will be forwarded on to Representative Reichert for his input and possible review.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A.J. Johnson
City Administrator