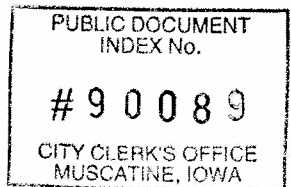


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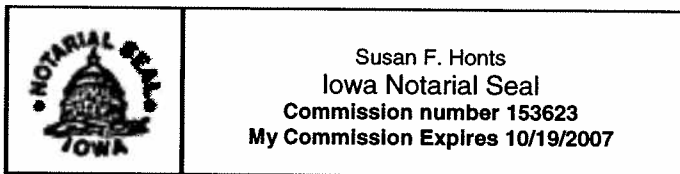


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**STATE OF IOWA  
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CITY OF MUSCATINE  
BUDGET REVIEW  
SESSION  
Lower Level  
Conference Room  
4:30 p.m. - January 29, 2007  
Mayor Richard O'Brien called the budget review session for Monday, January 29, 2007, to order at 4:30 p.m. Councilmembers present were Day, Shihadeh, Trent, Bynum, Howard, Press, and Fitzgerald. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Finance Director Nancy Lueck.  
The first budget for review by City Council was the Planning, Zoning, & Building Safety Operation headed by Steve Boka. Mr. Boka was present to answer questions concerning budget issues. There were several questions concerning inspections, future planning operations, etc. It was noted that half of the Building & Safety Inspector's position will be funded from refuse collection fees. During the discussion, it was suggested that city staff report back to Council at a future in-depth meeting concerning the "Top Ten" houses that need to receive special city attention. This would also include updates on the Whiteway Hotel and the Dunkard Church property. City Council thanked Mr. Boka for his time and hard work. Also during the discussion, the need for a senior level planner's position was emphasized by both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Boka not only for workload but for future succession planning as well.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the Parks & Recreation Operation. This included Parks Administration, maintenance, swimming pools, recreation, soccer, Kent Stein, Wellness, and cemetery operations. Rich Klimes, Parks & Recreation Director, and Les Dennis, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, were present to answer questions concerning these operations.  
Under Parks Administration, there were questions concerning the anticipated integration of the new software programs brochure that is currently being developed. It is hoped this software will be online sometime in the very near future to allow for spring registration of classes. Mr. Klimes also indicated a number of projects that he will be bringing to City Council at future in-depth meetings for updates on recreation-based activities.  
The Council was asked and provided their consensus to increase fees at the swimming pool/aquatic center and for cemetery activities as well.  
There was a question concerning the Alexander Clark site and what was in the vicinity of it and whether the city was responsible for cleaning it up.  
With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
A.J. Johnson  
City Administrator