

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – June 12, 2014

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the In-Depth City Council meeting for Thursday, June 12, 2014, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Community Development Director Steve Boka, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, and Public Works Director Randy Hill.

The first item on the agenda was an update on the Mayor's Muscatine China Initiative. Amy Bakke, who serves on the MMCI, provided a review of activities that have taken place over the past six months starting with the conference held in Washington, D.C. She then talked about the future plans of the MMCI.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the proposed TIF Small Business Program. City Administrator Gregg Mandsager reviewed the parameters of the program which is supported by the Chamber's Economic Development program.

There were questions from City Council, and it was their consensus to move forward with the program.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the Solid Waste Pilot Program. Finance Director Nancy Lueck reviewed information she handed out concerning the transition to an automated refuse collection program and the projected costs to implement the program.

Questions and comments from City Council concerned cost savings, outsourcing garbage pickup, the city's good worker's compensation rate, as well as the benefits of automated recycling for the city's employees and its citizens.

The final item on the agenda was a Mississippi Drive Corridor presentation. City Administrator Mandsager introduced the Mississippi Drive Corridor and Grandview Avenue projects and the proposed plan to utilize \$13 million from the Transfer of Jurisdiction with the State of Iowa.

Public Works Director Randy Hill presented the history of the project, construction elements of the project and the timetable.

Community Development Director Steve Boka reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is scheduled for completion in December 2014. He discussed the comprehensive nature of the project and the opportunity for multiple funding sources.

The presentation was wrapped up with an explanation on how this project is a catalyst for spinoff projects that meet numerous long-term goals, the Council and Management Agenda for 2014-2015, and Capital Projects.

#22872. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator