

City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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WEEKLY UPDATE:

1. Budget: Reminder - Department budget reviews begin on Saturday, February 7th, at 8am in the Lower Level Conference Room. Rep. Carlson and Sen. Brase will be attending and will plan to start at 8am sharp so that they can attend the MCC public forum at 9am.
2. Legislative Day: The following link provides details on the February Legislative Day hosted by the Iowa League of Cities. David Gobin and I will be attending this year's events (and I will be staying for the league board meeting the following day). We have invited our legislators to our February 7th Budget meeting as well. Here is the link to the days activities: <https://www.iowaleague.org/2015LegDay/Pages/default.aspx>.
3. MFPRSI: From Dan Cassady, Deputy Director MFPRSI - "For Your Information: The System was recently asked to file a fiscal note on Senate Study Bill 1126 regarding state appropriations to the retirement fund. Attached is the current draft of Senate Study Bill 1126 and the System's fiscal note." Please note that the 2nd attachment has a breakdown by City of the impact IF the State would fund "their" share. For Muscatine this would mean a savings of \$172,000 the first year and \$185,000 in the 2nd year.
4. PD: Attached is the 2014 annual report for the Muscatine Police Department. This report is the cumulative work of all of the department supervisors and administrators.
5. FD: Attached is the Annual report for the Muscatine Fire Department.
6. P&R: Special Events Schedule - the current list of event is attached for you r information. This provides a good idea of all of the events taking place annually in Muscatine.
7. Outdoor Dining: The draft regulations are attached for review...next steps include legal review and meeting with the participants.
8. Hotel: Staff submitted comments on the application this past week. Her is a good summary of the project from the latest draft of the final application - "The Project's intent is to construct a hotel, convention center and parking facility in downtown Muscatine, Iowa. The Company currently assesses the Project to include a 112-room hotel with amenities including fitness and pool/spa facilities. In addition, The Project will contain 12,732 square feet of premium conference space housed within the hotel. Included in the conference room square footage will be a 6th floor ballroom with reception and a1250 square foot terrace, which will take optimum advantage of the river views. Parking will be accommodated in an estimated 189 spaces, access controlled parking garage/parking lot located next to the hotel. The hotel will be connected to the Pearl Plaza Condominiums (which include 2 restaurants and 1 bar) via a covered walkway system."

9. Iowa League: Per Rep. Carlson's email newsletter, attached is a copy of the report provided to the Local Government Committee. It is an overview of city governments and the regulatory/financial challenges cities across Iowa face.
10. Healthy Living Festival: The date for the Healthy Living Festival has been set for October 3!