

City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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WEEKLY UPDATE:

1. Budget: Attached is the updated budget schedule for City Council Review. Our first Saturday session will be January 31st.
2. Recycling Center and Transfer Station: Please see the attached PDF on the Holiday Hours for the Transfer Station.
3. Small Business Loan: We have received 3 applications to date with the four expected on Monday next week. Two expansions and 2 new stores. I will provide more information as we review the applications.
4. Compost Site: News Release - Muscatine Compost Site Extending the Season for 2014 Contact: Laura Liegois - Solid Waste Manager Due to weather conditions, the Muscatine Compost Site is extending the Season for 2014. The Compost Site will be open Sunday - Monday: Noon- 5:30 pm and Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. The closing for the site will be later in the month or in the event of winter weather conditions, the site may be closed. Please call 563.263.9689 or visit www.muscatineiowa.gov for more information.
5. Greener Side Newsletter: Please see the attached Winter 20124 edition.
6. Fire: Attached are the October and November NFPA Fire Experience surveys.
7. MUSCOM: Attached is the current draft of the MUSCOM agreement. I have submitted information on potential revisions, but this is lining up better with our recent discussions.
8. Bi-State: Please see the attached 12/17 Agenda packet for the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission.
9. Mississippi Drive: Please see the attached draft vision for Mississippi Drive. This is the byproduct of visioning session with community leaders and Dan Burden. Staff is working on the draft RFQ and we hope to bring it forward in January or February.
10. CAT Grant: CIAT and Staff continue towards preparing a CAT (Vision Iowa) Grant application. The application is due on January 15th and presently includes the Art Center HVAC, Deep Lakes Park, Soccer Complex, Trail, and the Bandshell. The application may not include all components when submitted. The Art Center HVAC project is included as it brings to the table the potential for a substantial local match assuming the City Council agrees to fund the project. As presently planned in the draft budget, the funding is as follows: GO Bonds - \$1.2M, Trust Funds \$200,000, and any other outside funds - potential grants or tax credits would reduce the above costs). The Council will be asked at the January 11th meeting to support the final application.
11. Holidays: Attached is the 2015 Holiday schedule.