

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – October 5, 2017

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, October 5, 2017, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Spread, and Harvey.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tyler Jordan, 2019 Crestline Drive, read a petition asking that the City of Muscatine recognize the second Monday of October as “Indigenous Peoples Day” in order to minimize Columbus Day.

Pat Moody, 511 W. 7th Street, explained why he feels the recognition of Columbus Day should be minimized and action taken to recognize “Indigenous Peoples Day”. He then read a statement from Danni Zumwalt, 2011 Solomon Avenue, in support of “Indigenous Peoples Day”.

Roger Roth of the Clark House spoke against the city’s pit bull ordinance.

Ralph Burr, 3015 Allen Street, was present once again concerning sewer issues he has experienced at his home.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the Public Works Department will be taking a look at this issue in November.

Linda Schmarje, 1010 Acorn Lane, asked that City Council make a motion to approve the request to recognize the second Monday of October as “Indigenous Peoples Day”.

City Administrator Mandsager explained that action could not be taken on this request because it was not part of tonight’s agenda.

#23098. Councilmember Saucedo, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – September 21, 2017
- Second reading on a new Class “C” Liquor License and Class “B” Wine Permit for Chicharo’s Mexican Grill, 201 West 2nd Street – Chicharos, LLC (pending inspections and insurance) and renewal of a Class “B” Native Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for A & E Convenience, 4701 South Highway 61 – A & E Convenience, LLC (pending inspections)
- Request from SS Mary Mathias Catholic Church for Use of City Property (Sidewalk Processional) for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Procession on October 13, 2017
- Filing of Communications 12A-E
- Bills for Approval totaling \$5,967,202.10

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a proposed rezoning request for the proposed Oak Park Development Project in the City of Muscatine.

Chris Ales, 1101 W. 9th Street, Davenport, Iowa, stated he was the project manager for this proposed project. He gave a brief overview of the project. He stated he understands that neighbors do not

want this project to move forward; however, he stated this type of housing is needed in the City of Muscatine.

Mr. Ales stated he went door to door and talked with residents that were home. He stated that a meeting was held last Saturday with residents in the area and he felt many of them could support this proposed project.

Denny Jens, 2219 5th Avenue, voiced his objection to the proposed project. He stated that he and many of his neighbors would like to keep the land proposed for rezoning open; however, if the property is developed, their preference would be condominiums and single-family homes.

Jane Daufeldt, 2223 5th Avenue, stated she is an adjacent land owner. Stated she is in favor of the proposed development project and explained why.

Kurt Zimmerman, 2402 Isett Avenue, asked if this proposed project would take care of the drainage issues that occur on his property.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Mr. Ales and by City Planner Andrew Fangman.

#23099. Councilmember Natvig moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a proposed voluntary annexation request from White Distribution and Supply in the 3900 block of Park Avenue West.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed voluntary annexation.

#23100. Councilmember Saucedo moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23101. Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 9, Section 4 to extend the Downtown Parking Zone. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23102. Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance rezoning real estate in the City of Muscatine from R-3 Residential to R-L Large Scale Residential Development for the proposed Oak Park Development Project. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There was discussion by City Council concerning the proposed rezoning request and project development.

City Planner Andrew Fangman clarified that the only action taking place tonight is approval of the first reading of the ordinance for the proposed rezoning.

Max Kaufmann, 1609 Foster Street, stated it was his understanding that the developer may get a tax break for this project. He asked the developer if he would be hiring local contractors as much as absolutely possible for this project.

Mr. Ales stated every effort will be made to hire local contractors for the proposed project.

Mr. Jens once again stated he feels a better use of the property in question would be for the development of condominiums and single-family homes.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23104. Councilmember Harvey moved to authorize the installation of audio upgrades for the City Council Chambers in the amount of \$2,581.81. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Natvig reminded everyone that the Public Safety Building will be holding its open house on Sunday from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if Mr. Zimmerman’s drainage issues will be addressed at the same meeting in November as Mr. Burr’s.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he would be meeting with Mr. Stineman as soon as he returns to his office next week.

Councilmember Saucedo stated leaf pickup will start soon. He stated the route map can be found on the city’s website.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator