

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – December 14, 2017

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, December 14, 2017, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread.

The first item on the agenda was a request to approve the second and final reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 9, Section 2 (E).

#23189. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the ordinance be adopted and directed for its publication as required by law. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, Spread. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve a resolution adopting the “Code of Ordinances” and repealing the Code in effect prior to December 14, 2017.

#23190. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by the City Administrator.

Vote - All ayes: Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, Spread. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the 2nd Street parking limit change.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck stated that at its December 7, 2017 meeting, City Council requested a review of the resolution recently adopted changing the parking time limit changes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. She then outlined the timeline for the implementation of the changes.

Ms. Lueck reviewed the results of a comparison of parking violations affected by this change for the months of October and November. She stated the numbers are not significantly different, and she stated she feels as time progresses, residents will learn the new parking regulations.

Ms. Lueck stated that while the parking meter attendants are not soliciting feedback from downtown businesses, they noted several business owners commented they were seeing more spaces available for their customers.

Jeff Osborn, 970 Lucas Street, offered his opinion regarding the parking issues in the downtown area.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Ms. Lueck and the City Administrator.

The final item on the agenda was a presentation by Community Development Director Dave Gobin.

Mr. Gobin began his presentation by stating that since 2015, the Community Development Department has been adhering to a revised rental housing program that was approved by Council. He stated staff has been trying to work with the existing code and has found many administrative corrections.

Mr. Gobin then gave an overview of the fee schedules for rental properties. He then explained the process and benefits to having both a three-year license at no charge and a one-year registration fee.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Mr. Gobin.

Under comments, Councilmember Saucedo stated he had talked with City Engineer Jim Edmond regarding the flashing stop signs. He stated that one has been placed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and questioned if one would be placed on Cypress as well. It was decided that this would be discussed with Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he had received questions regarding public safety vehicles traveling down the one lane Mississippi Drive and how drivers were to react with no place to pull over.

Councilmember Natvig stated this issue was addressed at the public meetings that were held prior to the project.

Councilmembers were told that more information would be placed on the city's website regarding the Mississippi Drive Corridor.

Councilmember Saucedo asked when the city would move forward with the Notice of Establishment regarding the Quiet Zone.

Mr. Gobin explained what would have to be done before the Notice of Establishment could be sent to the state.

Councilmember Saucedo asked for an update in January on the Quiet Zone progress.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that Public Works Department will be requesting funding for additional LED stop signs during its budget review.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that on December 21, 2017 there would be a recognition for the outgoing councilmembers from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Broderson stated she had a citizen request that the flashing sign on Cypress should be placed on the gas station side of the street.

Mayor Broderson invited everyone to attend a Christmas Dinner at the Jesus Mission on Friday night.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator