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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY BUDGET IS THURSDAY

Busy night for Council with agenda including setting nine public hearings for April

MUSCATINE, Iowa – A public hearing on the proposed City of Muscatine budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and a public hearing on Amendment 1 for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City budget are on the agenda for the Muscatine city Council meeting Thursday (March 17).



A virtual meeting will be held in conjunction with the in-person meeting for those who want to view the proceedings or make a comment but do not feel comfortable in attending in person. Details for joining that meeting are listed below.

The proposed budget for 2022/2023 totals \$62,172,479. This includes \$36,568,089 in governmental fund expenditures and \$25,604,390 in business-type/enterprise fund expenditures. Of the total proposed budget, \$9,940,200 is for capital projects in both governmental and business-type funds. A public hearing on the proposed budget must be held before the Council can address the resolution adopting the budget.



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The City Council recently completed the budget review process for the fiscal year 2022/2023 budget. As part of that review, revised estimate revenue and expenditure amounts for the current year (2021/2022) were also reviewed by City Council. Each year, these revised estimate amounts become Amendment #1 to the current year budget. A Public Hearing must be held prior to the Council considering the resolution to adopt Amendment 1.

The Council will also be asked to set a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would strike Title 6, Chapter 9 of the City Code of Muscatine regarding the keeping of pit bulls. This is the first step of the process. The public hearing would be held on April 7.

Several other public hearings will be set by Council Thursday including five more on April 7 concerning an ordinance establishing vacant and non-residential property maintenance regulations, the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for a Community Needs Assessment, the plans, specifications, and form of contract for the Tipping Floor Resurfacing Project at the Muscatine Transfer Station, on an ordinance change to allow residency outside of Iowa for Civil Service covered employees, and on the plans and specifications to widen a portion of the taxi lane at the Muscatine Municipal Airport.

The Council will be asked to schedule three public hearings on April 21 including one on an ordinance regulating cargo containers in residential areas, one on an ordinance revising weed and vegetation management regulations, on the 2023 Consolidated Funding Application for MuscaBus.

Thursday's City Council meeting is open to the public. Citizens who do not want to attend the in-person meeting can watch and/or participate through the GoToMeeting virtual meeting portal. Information on joining the session and how to make a comment during the meeting is listed below. The session will also be broadcast live on the City of Muscatine [YouTube channel](#) and on Muscatine Power & Water Cable Channel 2.

Information on the presentations and other agenda items can be found by clicking [AGENDA](#) to download the March 17, 2022, City Council agenda and/or attachments.



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Muscatine City Council In Depth Meeting | Thu, Mar. 17, 2022 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

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<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofMuscatine/city-council-meeting>

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