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FOUR PRESENTATIONS ON COUNCILS' IN-DEPTH AGENDA

Survey results, smoking policy, cats, utility vehicle code presentations scheduled

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Four presentations will be given to members of the Muscatine City Council during their May In-Depth Meeting Thursday (May 12) in the Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall, 215 Sycamore Street, Muscatine, Iowa.



There will also be a special meeting called after the in-depth meeting for a public hearing on the Public Housing Annual Plan, a resolution to approve that plan, a resolution setting a public hearing on June 9 on a proposed development agreement with Love's Travel Shop & Country Stores, Inc., and a resolution setting a public hearing on June 9 on Urban Renewal Plan amendments. A closed session of the Council will be held after the special meeting.

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. Both the in-depth and special meetings can be seen on the same virtual meeting link.



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City Administrator Carol Webb will lead the presentation on the results of the 2022 Muscatine Community Survey. The City partnered with NRC/Polco to conduct the survey and provide statistically valid results that are compared with national benchmarks of comparable cities throughout the United States. Click [Survey Results](#) to download a PDF version of the survey results.

Changes to the City of Muscatine smoking policy will be presented to the Council by Human Resource Manager Stephanie Romagnoli and Parks and Recreation Program Manager Kelsey Stafford. A priority of the Muscatine Healthy Hometown committee and part of the Healthiest State initiative, the change would expand restrictions on smoking in public places to include additional areas of the parks.

The third presentation will be by Muscatine Animal Control Officer Courtney Patel on the potential implementation of a Feline Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program to assist with population control of community cats. The purpose of a TNR program is to limit the growth and/or reduce the population of feral/free-roaming cats in the community.

The City has undertaken a study of the potential use of ATV/UTV vehicles on city streets following a request from several citizens in the community. Police Captain Anthony Kies will provide the presentation on results of that study and how the City could regulate the vehicles and operators.

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 City Council agenda and/or attachments.



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The best way for the public to participate virtually is to log on or dial in to the GoToMeeting session, mute your device, watch the session on YouTube or Cable Channel 2. At the appropriate time, you will be able to unmute your device to ask a question or make a comment. The public can also use the “chat” feature on the *GoToMeeting* virtual meeting to pose a question to the Mayor, Council, or staff member.

Please mute your computer or phone while listening to the proceedings (press *6 when using phone or mute button on computer). A chat window is available when you use your computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Those wishing to speak or to ask a question are asked to use the chat box to post a message that will be seen by the Mayor who will address the questions or call on the speaker in turn. Those using their phones must wait until the Mayor asks for additional comments. The Mayor will recognize you prior to you addressing the Council.

Muscatine City Council Meeting | Thursday, May 12, 2022 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (CDT)

Join the meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone by clicking the following link:
<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofMuscatine/city-council-meeting>

You can also use your phone by dialing [+1 \(669\) 224-3412](tel:+16692243412), follow the prompts, and type in Access Code 970-499-597 when prompted.

The link, phone number, and access code are the same for both meetings. You can remain logged on between meetings or exit and re-enter at the appropriate time.

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