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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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Report:

1. Mad Creek: Here is an updated construction schedule for Mad Creek Phase II if you want to share it with City Council. I have a meeting next Tuesday (Jan 31) to go over the schedule with the contractor and USACE. I expect some "tweaking" after that.
2. Iowa League Legislative Day: Please see the attached materials/handouts from the Iowa League's Legislative Day. Property tax, TIF, and ATE legislation are all key items that we are tracking during the legislative session.
3. Parks & Recreation: The department is looking to team with several local restaurants to assist the Muscatine Parks and Recreation department raise funds for our "scholarship" program that will provide local children the opportunity to participate in recreation programs for free or at a reduced rate. These children would not normally be able to participate in the great programs that the department has to offer. As a fund raiser for this new program the Parks and Rec department is looking to host a progressive dinner at the Municipal golf course on February 18th from 6-8pm. This will be an outdoor activity where the participants will walk from station to station sampling food from local restaurants. This will also be the kickoff event for the Cabin Fever week that is being put on by the Muscatine Business Partners. This will be a great opportunity to showcase other activities that will be taking place that week. To make this event a success we need help from local businesses that are willing to donate a little time and product. We are looking for an additional 4-5 restaurants that might be willing to help. If you have any questions please give me a call at the golf course (Dan McGinn) or call Matt Beatty at City Hall in the parks and rec office at (563) 263-0241. Staff will proceed assuming we can get local support in sufficient time to properly advertise for the event.
4. Bridge Lighting Update: I spoke with Musco today and received an update as to the fixtures. Generally, Musco is working with the manufacturer to ensure that the fixtures are as good as they can possibly be prior to acceptance and installation. The original order had some custom modifications that were not included per the order. Those fixtures were returned, but came back with some minor quality issues that will be repaired by a Cedar Rapids company that Musco is confident will provide proper repairs. Once the repairs are made in the next few weeks, installation can occur depending on scheduling and weather.

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**