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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### Report:

1. Moody's: Please see the attached two documents from Moody's – our rating and associated memo and the related median information sited in the memo. Our budget progress has clearly had an impact on our rating!
2. ATE: The City received a payment from GATSO today for ATE fines for the last approx. half of April. This totaled \$44,465, which will be reduced by GATSO's fee of \$15,471 for net City revenues of \$28,994. The updated summary is attached.
3. Golf: Attached are the latest play numbers for the golf course.
4. CEDS/Bi-State: Please see the attached information (spreadsheet), which includes info submitted to Bi-State for planned, underway and completed projects for the 2012 Bi-State Region CEDS Progress Report. The CEDS planning process is a requirement of the U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA) for the region to receive EDA grants.
5. Boat Harbor: Please see the attached memo from P&R on a trial program for boat dock rentals. We will report out how things go this season to determine if we wish to proceed with long-term changes.
6. Economic Development: You may find the following article (link) by Joel Kotkin interesting. It discusses the best cities for jobs in 2012. Here is the site: <http://www.newgeography.com/content/002807-the-best-cities-jobs-2012>.
7. Soccer: Please see the attached proposal for the High School Girls State Soccer Tournament.
8. ED: I attended the Iowa Smart Conference in Des Moines this Thursday (Economic Development Conference hosted by IEDA). Good sessions – TIF, economic gardening, and the featured speaker (Rebecca Ryan) was excellent. Her website is [nextgenerationconsulting.com](http://nextgenerationconsulting.com) - great site, good articles dealing with cities, our futures, what makes cities strong, and the next generation of leaders.
9. Property Taxes: Please see the following link for the most recent update on the legislatures property tax proposal:  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120504/NEWS09/305040035/House-GOP-objects-to-tax-deal?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

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