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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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REPORT:

1. HNI: The first two attachments will provide you with an idea of the improvements that HNI plans to make to their downtown campus. This will include a request to vacate a partial alley. These improvements include the removal of the old gas station and improvements to the alley entrance. We have asked for HNI to make a presentation at the September in-depth session.
2. LOST Estimates: The City received the State's LOST estimate for FY 13. It totals \$2,516,087. This is somewhat lower (\$42,600) than last year's estimate of \$2,558,700. This of course is an estimate and we receive reconciliation amounts each year.
3. Comprehensive Plan: Our Tuesday session at Zion Lutheran had at least 40 participants! We received great participation and numerous comments. Minutes will be posted to the website. We have meetings yet to go scheduled for 8/21, 8/28 and 9/5. Details are available on the website.
4. Soccer Committee: The Soccer Committee has been meeting to move forward the project. Next steps include grant applications (Vision Iowa, Stanley, etc.), meetings with local business organizations (DAA, MBP, Chamber), large business meetings and one-on-one meetings with local small businesses.
5. **Goal Sessions:** I will move forward with setting a goal setting session with City Staff in September. Can Council members please review calendars for October. I'd like to know if you'd prefer to meet on Saturday October 20th from 8-11am or on Thursday, October 25th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm?
6. CA Evaluation: I will plan to send out the form CA evaluation form in September and target a 5:15 Closed Session prior to an upcoming October Council meeting.
7. Bi-State: Please see the attached August Commission packet.
8. Burn Ban: Emergency Management has recommended that the Burn Ban be removed for Muscatine County.
9. Flood Meeting: Please see attached invitation and agenda for upcoming Flood Planning Meeting to be held Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Joint Armed Forces Center.

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