

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – January 14, 2010

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council In-Depth meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2010. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange.

Mayor O'Brien introduced Item No. 2 which was a presentation by Healing Rain Ministries on the proposed Pearl City Lighthouse Research and Resource Center. Robin Phares with Healing Rain Ministries provided a PowerPoint review of the group's plans to develop a local facility to provide support and housing for abused women and children. The group is in its early stages of development and identifying potential locations. Abuse, homelessness, life skills and mentoring are target services for this ministry. Councilmembers noted their appreciation for the group's efforts and desire to learn more as the Healing Rain Ministries progresses in its work.

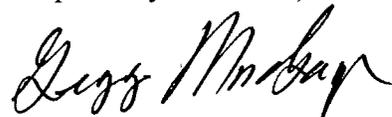
Mayor O'Brien introduced Item No. 3 requesting approval of the City Administrator's 2010 Goals and Measures. City Administrator Mandsager reviewed the revised goals and measures that will be utilized as only part of the City Administrator's performance review in 2010. These goals can and should be reviewed annually or as the need arises or priorities change. No action is required tonight. The City Council will consider City Council goals at the meeting for the General Fund overview on January 28, 2010.

Mayor O'Brien introduced Item No. 4 requesting support of a letter of protest concerning the state's proposed Road Use Tax Fund Transfer (RUTF). A draft letter protesting the potential loss of \$96,689 in RUTF dollars was reviewed with the City Council. City Administrator Mandsager noted he intended to distribute the letter to state officials and to argue the affects that this loss of revenue could have upon the city. It was the consensus of the City Council to move forward.

Mayor O'Brien opened the comment portion of the agenda. Mayor O'Brien noted the recent tragedy in Haiti and urged citizen support for those in need. City Council members concurred with the Mayor's comments. Councilmember Natvig wanted to congratulate the Mayor on his re-election. Council members Roby and Fitzgerald pointed out the recent use of the "reverse" 911 similar system that is in place with MUSCOM and its recent use aiding search efforts for a missing elderly woman. The system may also be used for missing children and other public safety issues. City Councilmember Lange noted his appreciation for the improving winter sidewalk maintenance throughout the local neighborhoods. City Administrator Mandsager noted that photos will be taken for new Councilmembers and the entire group at the January 21, 2010 meeting. He also noted revisions to the Fire Department's federal grant for radios and the activation of the City Administrator's Blog.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregg Mandsager
City Administrator