

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – June 13, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the In-Depth City Council meeting for Thursday, June 13, 2013, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Public Works Director Randy Hill, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor Randy Howell, and Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by HR Manager Stephanie Romagnoli on updates made to the city's employee handbook. She stated there were several changes made with the following being the most significant:

- Addition of an Ethics Policy
- Update of Prohibition Against Partisan Political Activity
- Update of the Drug Testing Policy
- Addition of the Social Media Policy
- Update of Residency Requirement

Ms. Romagnoli stated there are several additional updates and wording changes made to comply with various legal requirements.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Shoemaker & Haaland on the Colorado Street Reconstruction Project.

Public Works Director Randy Hill introduced Bob Tobin of Shoemaker & Haaland who would be making the presentation.

Prior to beginning his presentation, Mr. Tobin provided a brief history of reconstruction that has taken place on Colorado Street through the years. He stated the current proposed project will see the reconstruction of Colorado Street from Park Avenue to 300' west of University Drive and will include a new turn lane, stop island, three-lane urban section, new box culvert, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and private utility relocations. He stated that sidewalks will be installed for pedestrians or lower skilled cyclists and that the three-lane section will allow vehicles to give cyclists on the road more room when passing. He then stated a new paved bus stop will be installed near high density development.

Mr. Tobin then described the various phases of the project as follows:

- Phase 1 – Utility and shoulder grading
- Phase 2 – Construction of box culvert (fall/winter 2013/2014)
- Phase 3 – Roadway reconstruction from Park Avenue to Plaza Place anticipated during Spring 2014
- Phase 4 – Reconstruction from Plaza Place to east of Colorado School to begin once school is out
- Phase 5 – Construction of south half of Colorado Street from east of Colorado School to east end of project anticipated during Summer/Fall 2014
- Phase 6 – Construction of north half of Colorado Street from east of Colorado School to east end of project anticipated during Summer/Fall 2014
- Phase 7 – Construction of stop island at the end of the project

Mr. Tobin stated the anticipated cost of the project is \$2.95 million (contingency not included) and will be comprised of \$1.4 million (city); \$1.2 million (federal aid); and \$320,000 MP&W water main. He stated the

letting is anticipated to take place in September 2013 pending the Iowa Department of Transportation's concurrence.

Councilmember LeRette stated it was his understanding the bend on Colorado Street would be eliminated, and he was told that was correct.

The final item on the agenda was a presentation on the city's Flood Preparedness Plan. Roadway Maintenance Supervisor Randy Howell gave an overview of the city's plan. He stated the city has processes that are followed for the various stages of flooding. He then reviewed what takes place at each flood level.

Under comments, City Administrator Gregg Mandsager handed out information concerning the Iowa League of Cities annual meeting that takes place in September.

City Administrator Mandsager told Council that the river level is currently at 22'. He stated that information concerning the city's Flood Preparedness Plan can be found on the city's website. He then stated that the city's Evacuation Plan will be updated in July.

Councilmember Bynum thanked staff for their work.

#22517. Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator