

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – December 12, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the In-Depth City Council meeting for Thursday, December 12, 2013, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager and Community Development Director Steve Boka.

The first item on the agenda was a request from Heinz asking the city to sponsor an application under the High Quality Jobs Program and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager summarized the request. He stated that the H.J. Heinz Company is transferring production of its Canadian ketchup, Canadian mustard, BBQ sauces, honey, hot sauce, cocktail sauce, and sweet and sour sauces from Ontario, Lea & Perrin sauces from New Jersey, and some ketchup manufacturing from Ohio to the Muscatine facility. He stated the project will include a total investment of \$24,500,000 and will create 106 new jobs. The five-year local match schedule will be 75%, 60%, 45%, 30% and 15%. He further stated that should no increment be created as part of this project, the local match requirement will be waived as well.

#22728. Councilmember Natvig moved the request be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmembers were in agreement that this is a great project for the city.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation on the five-year Airport Capital Improvements Program and pre-application.

Community Development Director Steve Boka gave a presentation on the proposed CIP and the pre-application process. He discussed the results received following the petrographic analysis and touched on other work needed at the airport. He reviewed the budget as it will be laid out in the pre-application and also reviewed funding which is 90/10 for federal funding and 85/15 for state funding.

Councilmember Natvig asked if the Federal Aviation Administration, local board, and engineer agreement with the CIP, and Mr. Boka answered yes.

Councilmember Natvig asked about creating a reserve. Mr. Boka stated that discretionary funding could not be used as a local match.

The final item on the agenda was a review and selection of an option for the Carver Corner (Mississippi Drive Corridor Project).

Community Development Director Boka introduced Jeff Hillegonds from Stanley Consultants who reviewed the three options with City Council. They include Option 1C which calls for the installation of a sweeping curve, Option 1C with a roundabout, and (1D) which would be realigning Grandview Avenue with Green Street.

There was discussion by Council concerning the three options.

#22729. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the selection of Option 1D. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Natvig stated he would be gone next week but wanted to commend Councilmember LeRette for his years of service.

Councilmember Phillips asked when the reception for Councilmember LeRette will be held.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the reception will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013, beginning at 5:45 p.m. It will be held in the lower level conference room of City Hall.

#22730. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator