

City of Muscatine
In-Depth City Council Minutes
Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m. - January 9, 2020

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

WRRF Director John Koch gave an update on the High Strength Waste Project. Mr. Koch started with a timeline presentation on sanitation procedures. Mr. Koch then explained how packaged food waste would be delivered to our facility and turned into fertilizer and renewable energy. Mr. Koch stated that in addition to being the right thing to do for the environment, many states are now making laws regarding disposal of this type of waste. Mr. Koch stated the City will receive revenue from industries bringing in their waste as well as from selling the fuel that will be created from the waste products.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman gave a presentation on the land movement on Miller's Hill and shared several options for stabilizing the land and reopening the road. There was discussion among City Council and a consensus was reached to leave Fletcher Avenue closed while continuing to monitor the land movement and working an option into next years budget for further work.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman presented a proposal that would discontinue clean-up week and offer unlimited bulk curbside collections to citizens throughout the year. This change would save the City money for temp employees that are hired during clean-up week and keep our roadway maintenance workers at their regular jobs. There were comments from the City Council regarding getting the information, process and expectations out to the public as soon as possible. There was a consensus among City Council to cancel spring cleanup for this year and revisit this item next year to see customer reviews, cost analysis and effectiveness.

Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins gave an overview of the proposed process for hiring a new City Administrator to include appointing a search committee, creating an RFP, interviewing search firms, finalizing candidates, meetings with potential candidates, and Council approval. Mr. Jenkins also presented a proposed timeline to complete this process.

Mayor Broderson called for a recess at 8:20 p.m. to prepare for closed session.

Councilmember Brackett moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the

governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 8:26 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 8:34 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Froelich moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 8:34p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resource Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Brackett moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 8:38 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resources Manager

Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Brackett moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 8:49 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to leave closed session at 8:51p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Jindrich moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 8:52 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 8:53 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Hopkins moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.
Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 8:54 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 9:02p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.
Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Gordon moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.
Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 9:02 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, HR Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 9:04 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.
Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Jindrich moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.
Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 9:04 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, HR Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Jindrich moved to leave closed session at 9:06 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Froelich moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 9:07 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to leave closed session at 9:12p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Brackett moved to go into close session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622,10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 9:12 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, and City Attorney Matt Brick Via Telephone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 9:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Councilmember Brackett motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

Gregg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator