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### **PARK AVENUE CONVERSION, CHICKENS ARE ON THE MENU**

*Muscatine City Council to hold public hearing on Park Avenue 4- to 3-Lane Project*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – A public hearing on the Park Avenue 4- to 3-Lane Conversion Project, and a discussion on chickens highlight the Muscatine City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday (May 7). Two Muscatine Police officers will also be recognized for their life saving efforts on Thursday and a proclamation recognizing May 16 as Peace Officers Memorial Day will also be made.

**Officer Recognition** - Officer Whitney Pena will be presented the Life Saving Award and Officer Jolisa Colman will be presented the Medal of Valor during recognition ceremonies during the conference call Thursday.

**Park Avenue 4- to 3-Lane Conversion** - Improving traffic safety without limiting traffic flow is the biggest benefit Muscatine residents and visitors will see from a “road diet”, or a 4- to 3-lane conversion, project that will improve Park Avenue from Harrison Street to the Iowa 92 bridge this year. (Click here to read [press release](#) on project).

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A public hearing on the Park Avenue 4- to 3-Lane Conversion Project will be held during the Muscatine City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday (May 7). See below for details on listening in and commenting during the Council meeting.

The Iowa DOT has provided a [video](#) that explains the benefits of the road diet.

The City of Muscatine has also dedicated a page to the [Park Avenue 4- to 3-Lane Conversion Project](#) with additional information and links to other resources.

More information can also be found on the Iowa DOT website. [4- TO 3-LANE](#).

**Chickens** – Muscatine City Code 10-29-3c states that the keeping of farm the animals, including chickens, medium farm type animals, or large farm type animals is prohibited on parcels under two acres. The topic, placed on the agenda by Council Member Dwayne Hopkins, will be a discussion on the benefits and/or consequences of allowing small farm animals on parcels of less than two acres.

**Peace Officers Memorial Day** – In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Peace Officers Memorial Day honors local, state, and federal peace officers who have died, or who have been disabled, in the line of duty.

Since May 10, 1839, the men and women of the Muscatine Police Department have protected the rights and freedoms of its citizens. Their efforts have come with a heavy price. In the history of the Muscatine Police Department four of its members have been killed in the line of duty. The department continues to honor their memory by furthering the work they began all those years ago. Officer Thomas Moore, Muscatine's first line of duty death, was only the second law enforcement officer killed in Iowa's history. See [FALLEN OFFICERS](#).

### **How to attend, speak at virtual meeting –**

Meetings of the Muscatine City Council have been held by conference call since Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds proclaimed a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency on March 19, 2020. To



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join the conference call by computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone click on the following link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/580392781>. Citizens can also listen to the meeting with their phone by dialing [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212) and use the access code 580-392-781.

Please mute your computer or phone while listening to the proceedings. A chat window is available when you use your computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Those wishing to speak or to ask a question are asked to use the chat box to post a message that will be seen by the Mayor who will address the questions or call on the speaker in turn. Those using their phones must wait until the Mayor asks for additional comments. The Mayor will recognize you prior to you addressing the Council.