

City of Muscatine
In-Depth City Council Minutes
7:00 p.m. – April 8, 2021

This meeting was held electronically due to meeting regulations regarding the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Broderson called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, April 8, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich, Brackett and Hopkins.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0123 establishing a moratorium on portions of Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 6 of the Code of the City of Muscatine. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was an overview by Jodi Royal-Goodwin (Community Development Director) regarding the role of the City of Muscatine in the management of Hershey Manor. Ms. Royal-Goodwin stated information regarding the past and current residency rate that have been affected by the current pandemic. She states that she hopes as the pandemic goes away Hershey Manor will be back at full capacity.

Ms. Royal Goodwin addressed questions from City Council including an update on the water condition, the HVAC System, the refinancing project, responsibilities of the Hershey Manor Board and the financial distribution of funds received from Hershey Manor.

There was discussion among City Council regarding the need to evaluate what the cities best option is moving forward in regards to management of Hershey Manor.

Council asked for more information regarding the distribution of the funds received for Hershey Manor and a proposed marketing strategy. Council agreed to revisit this topic after the HVAC project is completed to reevaluate.

Next on the agenda was a presentation from Public Works Director Brian Stineman, Fire Chief Jerry Ewers and Finance Director Nancy Lueck regarding the proposed Fire Station 3 at the former IDOT site on Lake Park Boulevard.

The presentation focused on the cost of the facility, the options of renovating or building a new station, the current condition of the building, the added storage provided by the current building and the need for the fire station on North East side of town,

City Council had questions regarding the financial impact on the City, the need for flooding mitigation on Lake Park Blvd, how the distribution of Fire Department Staff would be affected, what vehicles would support the fire station addition that were addressed by Mr. Stineman, Mr. Ewers and Ms. Lueck.

There was a consensus from City Council to move forward with the design process of building a new Fire Station.

For: Brockert, Hopkins, Bracket, Gordon and Malcolm

Against: Froelich, Jindrich

Mayor Broderson stated in an update that Miller Hill had slid and that staff was on target with keeping the road closed for the safety of the public. Mayor Broderson asked Brian Stineman to return to Council at the May in-depth meeting for a discussion on the future of Miller Hill.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Webb, City Administrator