

City of Muscatine
In-Depth City Council Minutes
7:00 p.m. – May 13, 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, May 13, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich, Brackett and Hopkins.

Mayor Broderson swore in new Police Officer Nicole Blum.

Solid Waste Manager David Popp shared an overview on the Muscatine Solid Waste Department and the management of each division including the Landfill, Transfer Station, Compost Facility and Curbside Recycling.

There was discussion with City Council members regarding services available to Muscatine County Residents, and discussion regarding ways to inform landlords of the process for bulky waste pick up.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman gave a presentation on the proposed project for a demountable floodwall to be placed along Mississippi Drive. Mr. Stineman says he is hopeful that this would allow for Mississippi Drive and the Railroad to remain open and to protect the Papoose Lift Station in the event of major flooding in the Muscatine area.

City Administrator Carol Webb and Finance Director Nancy Lueck presented on overview of the American Rescue Plan. Ms. Webb gave background information on the ARP and eligible and ineligible uses for the funds. Ms. Lueck shared the overview of the five year proposed road map of the financial status for the City of Muscatine.

There was discussion among City Councilmembers regarding opening the Council Chambers back up to the public and ways to ensure the safety of staff and citizens.

Councilmember Malcolm thanked everyone that contributed to the funding of the City Flag project at the mini pitch soccer field.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would like to see discussion regarding standards for downtown business appearances, signage etc.

Councilmember Froelich stated this would need to start with a code change.

Councilmember Jindrich suggested this also be implemented on Park Avenue and Grandview.

There was a consensus among City Council for staff to move forward with a plan to create a standard for City Businesses, specifically the downtown area.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Webb, City Administrator