

**CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
7:00 p.m. – May 20, 2021**

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday May 20, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Jindrich and Brackett. Councilmember Brockert attended virtually.

The Council meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Brackett, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A-B: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Item 8 A-D Petitions and Communication
- Item 9A From the Mayor
- Items 12 A-B: Receive and File
- Bills for Approval Totaling \$2,403,711.81

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

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a request to vacate and deed over, to the adjoining property owner, a 3.339 sq. ft. portion of the Mulberry Avenue right of way that adjoins 204 Mulberry Avenue.

There were no oral or written comments.

Councilmember Brockert, Seconded by Councilmember Brackett moved the public hearing closed.

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

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

There were no oral or written comments.

Councilmember Hopkins, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon moved the public hearing closed.

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

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a tobacco violation by Rasta Lion LLC.

There were no oral or written comments.

Councilmember Brackett, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon moved the public hearing closed.

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

**From the Mayor**

Mayor Broderson read and presented a proclamation for Asian American Heritage

Month.

Njeri Mungara and Meghan Custis from Celebrate Muscatine were present virtually to say a few words regarding the importance of celebrating all backgrounds of citizens of Muscatine.

### **From the City Administrator**

11A: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2021-0189, vacating and deeding over a portion of the Mulberry Ave Right of way. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11B: Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0190 for amendment#2 to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11C: Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0191, imposing a \$1500 fine on Rasta Lion LLC for a violation of tobacco permit. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 1, (Brockert) Motion carried.

11D: Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0192, approving the write-off of former housing tenant debts. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon. There was discussion on regulations for these tenants to be able to apply for housing in the future.

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

11E. Councilmember Malcolm moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0193, approving assessments to private properties for unpaid nuisance abatement and rental housing fees. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11F. Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0194, supporting a grant application to the Community Heart and Soul Seed Grant Program. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11G. Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request#2021-0195. For a contract with Stanley Consultants for the Engineering Design of the Papoose Platform. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Councilmember Gordon reminded citizens that Almost Friday Fest starts on May 27, 2021.

Councilmember Hopkins stated he would like to discuss opening up Council Chambers to the public.

Councilmember Jindrich complimented City Staff on a nuisance violation that was a tough situation.

Councilmember Brackett – had questions regarding the new laws regarding backfill.

City Administrator Webb stated that the City mask policy would be changed to state non-vaccinated persons are encouraged to wear a mask but are not required to do so. Ms. Webb states this comes after a review of the CDC guidelines, other cities policies, and the fact that the vaccine is available to most citizens.

City Webb stated that in regards to opening Council Chambers up to the public she would be checking to see how other communities are approaching the public in Council Chambers prior to making a decision.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman gave an update on Millers Hill, stating that it is holding now and Public Works will begin the work to clean up, repair and reopen Fletcher Avenue.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

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Carol Webb, City Administrator