

City of Muscatine
In-Depth City Council Minutes
7:00 p.m. February 10, 2022

Mayor Bark called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, February 10, 2022, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Froelich, Jindrich, Osborne, Gordon, Brockert, Lewis and Hopkins.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Assistant Community Development Director, Andrew Fangman gave a presentation regarding Vacant Property and Non-Residential Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Fangman gave an overview of the proposed changes for maintenance regarding exterior walls, building openings, roofs, gutters, downspouts, appurtenances, fences and retaining walls. Mr. Fangman stated this presentation was to receive feedback from City Council regarding directions for moving forward on this issue.

Councilmember Froelich asked that fascia and soffits be added as well.

There was a consensus among Councilmembers to move forward with these changes.

Assistant Community Development Director, Andrew Fangman gave a presentation regarding the placement of cargo containers in residential areas. Mr. Fangman stated two options for City Council: Prohibit in all residential zoned areas or create special regulations for placement of containers on residential sites. Mr. Fangman also stated City Council would need to determine if residents with current containers would be grandfathered in.

City Councilmembers had discussion on the options and the proposed date for enforcement and came to a consensus of no cargo containers, no grandfathering and enforcement date to begin September 1, 2022.

Assistant Community Development Director, Andrew Fangman gave a presentation on proposed regulations regarding weeds and vegetation management. Mr. Fangman stated that currently codes regarding this are spread throughout City Code and this would bring them all together within one section, making understanding the codes and enforcement of the codes easier.

There were comments and questions from City Council regarding citizens that want to use native prairie landscaping, the distances suggested in proposed codes and habitual offenders. There was a consensus to move forward with the option of possible changes at the three readings.

Community Development Director Jodi-Royal Goodwin gave a presentation on Carver Corner Development Options. Ms. Goodwin stated by giving a history of Carver Corner and where they are today on the progress.

There were comments and questions from City Council regarding contacting Merge Developers to determine their continued interest in the property, submitting a new RFP, submission of an RFQ, and the interest of local developers.

There was a consensus to contact Merge to see where they stand and then bring information back to City Council for further review.

Councilmember Hopkins moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Brad Bark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Webb, City Administrator