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**MEMORANDUM**

Equipment Maintenance  
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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary  
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director  
DATE: April 3, 2012  
RE: Rename Harbor Drive to O'Brien Parkway

**INTRODUCTION:**

It is out of respect and admiration that outstanding individuals are often recognized for their contributions and efforts in making their community a better place to live.

**BACKGROUND:**

Requests have been submitted to the City's Traffic Committee to consider renaming "Harbor Drive" to "O'Brien Parkway". These requests have been reviewed and approved unanimously by the City's Parks and Recreation Commission and the Traffic Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

Richard W. O'Brien served as the Mayor of Muscatine, Iowa from January 1, 1996 until December 31, 2011. During his 16 year tenure as the Chief elected official of Muscatine, Mayor O'Brien oversaw significant changes and growth in the community. In particular he championed the developments on the city's riverfront considered by many to be the city's most valuable asset. Through his dedication and hard work he ensured that the riverfront was a "quality of life" to be enjoyed by all of Muscatine's citizens. Mayor O'Brien appointed the Riverfront Implementation Team transitioning to the Pearl of the Mississippi Team and then to the Community Improvement Action Team (CIAT) which became the generator of ideas and instrument of change to promote his dream that "Good Things Are Happening In Muscatine".

It is the recommendation of many that the City Council change the name "Harbor Drive" to "O'Brien Parkway".

**BACKUP INFORMATION:**

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any  
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**