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FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: September 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Agenda – Adopt Resolution / Hazard Mitigation Plan

INTRODUCTION:

We are requesting the City of Muscatine to adopt a resolution for the approval and adoption of the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Cities are required to adopt the plan in order to be eligible for future FEMA funding, according to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last two years, the City of Muscatine has worked with Bi-State Regional Commission, Muscatine County Emergency Manager, and all county emergency services and cities on a Multi-Jurisdiction Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee finished the plan several months ago and FEMA has approved the Hazard Mitigation on the condition that the participating jurisdictions adopt the Plan. The Plan details a total of 17 hazards that may occur in Muscatine County and outlines the City of Muscatine's goals and mitigation actions; however FEMA Region VII has stressed that the City of Muscatine is under no financial obligation to carry out any or all of the mitigation actions. There is no cost to the City of Muscatine in adopting the Plan. Examples of projects funded by FEMA include but are not limited to buyouts of flood-prone properties, elevation of properties in the floodplain, and construction of tornado safe rooms.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

We are requesting that City Council adopts this resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Plan so Muscatine is able to be eligible for and obtain future FEMA funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

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

Resolution Number # _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Muscatine County applied for and was awarded funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) administered by the Federal Emergency Management agency (FEMA) and through the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) for developing a multi-jurisdictional local hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the County contracted with the Bi-State Regional Commission (BSRC) for assistance in preparing the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine, with the assistance from Muscatine County and BSRC has gathered information and prepared the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, the Plan process has been subject to public review and comment during its development; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Muscatine has reviewed the Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Muscatine that the City of Muscatine hereby approves and adopts the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdictions Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan pending FEMA approval of the Plan.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2015 at the meeting of the Mayor and City Council for the City of Muscatine.

_____, Mayor

Attest:

_____, Clerk