

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – November 10, 2016

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, November 10, 2016, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a proposed amendment to the City Code amending Chapter 4 of Title 10, Floodplain Management Regulations.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed amendment.

#23630. Councilmember Spread moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes; motion carried.

#23631. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 4 of Chapter 10, Floodplain Management Regulations. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the HVAC System at the Public Safety Building.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman stated he was not providing an update but rather a request to move forward on the repairs to the HVAC system at the Public Safety Building. He stated it is staff's recommendation to move forward with Option A as provided for in the study which includes all labor and equipment necessary to supply and install a 20 ton air cooled chiller and also includes spare motors and variable speed drives in order to expedite repairs in the event the unit malfunctions. He stated the estimated cost for this option is expected to be in the range of \$41,000 to \$68,000 and that funds are available in the Building & Grounds Deferred Maintenance Budget.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Public Works Director Stineman and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

The next item on the agenda was discussion on the city's Speed Bump Policy.

Public Works Director Stineman stated that speed bumps are a recurring event for the Traffic Committee. He stated it is the opinion of the Committee that the permanent speed bumps are an impediment to roadway maintenance, cause damage to low profile vehicles and snow plows, and are not cost-effective for traffic control. He stated the Committee is recommending the permanent speed bumps be removed from the road surface as soon as practicable.

Public Works Director Stineman stated the city has better methods of addressing speeding which include temporary speed bumps, increased enforcement patrols, and the speed camera trailer. He stated the Committee is recommending the following Speed Bump Policy:

"Permanent speed bumps of any type of construction that adhere directly or incorporate existing street payment of any composition shall not be placed on public streets, and those that are existing shall be removed as soon as practicable. The Street Maintenance Division may, at the request of a resident and with approval of the Traffic Committee, install pre-manufactured, removable, rubberized temporary speed

bumps for a period not to exceed 30 days for the purpose of drawing attention to posted speed limits. The placement of the temporary speed bumps shall not occur during the winter season.”

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Public Works Director Stineman.

It was the consensus of City Council to remove the permanent speed bumps for staff to proceed with the policy.

The next item on the agenda was review of proposals for the Houser Street/Fulliam Avenue intersection.

Public Works Director Stineman stated this intersection was discussed during the Traffic Committee’s November meeting. He stated that traffic is expected to increase at this intersection in the near future making traffic control an issue.

Public Works Director Stineman stated that development is expected in the area west of Houser Street and the main access to that development will be Fulliam Avenue. He stated that currently northbound and southbound traffic on Houser Street are free flowing and eastbound and westbound traffic are controlled by a two-way stop. He stated that traffic turning onto Houser Street from Fulliam Avenue can expect long delays. He gave an overview of the traffic counts performed by the IDOT in 2014.

Public Works Director Stineman stated there are several options that could be considered for traffic control at this intersection including construction of a mini roundabout, a signalized intersection, or a four-way stop. He stated a mini roundabout and traffic signal would both be the most costly.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Public Works Director Stineman and City Administrator Mandsager.

The following residents were present to state their preferences for what should be done at this intersection:

Karen Fisher, 1812 Duncan Drive, stated she preferred a four-way stop and explained why.

Dan Giebel, 1807 Duncan Drive, stated he preferred a four-way stop and explained why.

Brock Duncan, 1808 Duncan Drive, stated he feels a four-way stop would be the right decision and explained why.

Milton Fisher, 1812 Duncan Drive, stated he feels a four-way stop would be the best choice. He stated that he felt posting a “No Outlet” sign would also be a good idea.

Amanda Duncan, 1808 Duncan Drive, speaking in reference to a proposed subdivision, asked when questions could be answered about this issue.

Mayor Broderson asked Ms. Duncan to keep her comments on the current topic being discussed.

City Planner Andrew Fangman stated that for clarification purposes, there is not technically a subdivision just a development plan. He stated the S-3 zoning allows for a broad range of potential uses. He stated the development plan was acted on Tuesday and involves turning the former county building into

a housing complex. He stated that because it is a development plan, it does not require action by City Council.

Melissa Dillon, 1716 Duncan Drive, asked what she should do to discuss this matter with someone.

City Administrator Mandsager recommended she call Community Development at City Hall and ask to talk to Mr. Fangman.

Jean Mosch, 1816 Duncan Drive, stated that anything that is done will be helpful because there is a safety issue at that intersection. She explained why she felt a traffic signal with a flashing turn would be the best choice.

The final item on the agenda was discussion on City Code updates.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

Under comments, Councilmember Saucedo stated he has had discussions with several businesses in the downtown area concerning the conversion of 2nd Street from a one-way to a two-way street. He stated he received a lot of good responses. He stated one business owner had questions about loading zone signs.

Councilmember Saucedo then asked City Engineer Jim Edgmond for an update on the Mulberry Avenue project.

Mr. Edgmond stated there is still a ways to go but it still looks like the project will be completed before Thanksgiving. He stated several residents have complained about the dust issue but the contractor should be taking care of it.

Councilmember Natvig asked if the elevation issues were going to be addressed.

Mr. Edgmond stated there are some issues caused by the need to meet ADA sidewalk requirements.

Councilmember Rehwaldt stated it was his understanding that the engineers for the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project would have the plans done by the end of November. He asked if that was correct.

Mr. Edgmond stated the original plan was to have the plans done for a January bid letting.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked Mr. Edgmond if he would check on where they are with the plans. He stated it was his understanding the plans would be done in November for a January bid letting.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked where the city is with their plans to eliminate the bump outs on 2nd Street.

Mr. Edgmond stated this project is on Public Works list of things to be done but it has not made it to the top of that list. He stated he was not sure of the status but could revisit it.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked him to please do so and bring back an answer at next week's City Council meeting.

Councilmember Natvig thanked the residents of Duncan Drive for coming tonight.

Mr. Fisher, 1812 Duncan Drive, made additional comments concerning the city's refuse collection process, the city's yard waste bag process, and parking on city streets.

Mayor Broderson stated that the next Coffee with the Mayor is on November 19, 2016 at Happy Joes on Lake Park Boulevard beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Broderson stated she would be flying to Denver and that Councilmember Bynum would be acting as Mayor Pro Tem if issues arise.

Mayor Broderson thanked everyone for their prayers during her father's illness.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator