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Date: June 13, 2017
To: Mayor & City Council
From: Dave Gobin, Community Development Director
Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Re: Resolution to Support & Approve Pursuit for MARAD Grant

INTRODUCTION: The City has recently completed a Feasibility Study for the development of an intermodal container port facility in Muscatine. This Study was presented to City Council on June 8th. The US DOT's Maritime Highway Administration (MARAD) has encouraged us to apply for additional federal funding to cover design, engineering and permitting costs.

BACKGROUND: Staff is recommending the Council's support and approval to prepare and submit a MARAD Project Planning Grant for the design, engineering and permitting for a intermodal container port on the Mississippi River on City's Southern border.

The design and engineering consists of site development, connection directly to Highway 61, and the process of beginning the permitting process for a docking facility. We would also have to conduct a voluntary annexation of some property, set up a temporary port committee and raise matching funds.

The Project Planning Grant we intend to pursue is for \$200,000 in federal funds and \$50,000 in private funding. We wish to pursue several other funding vehicles provided by both State and Federal agencies. We will bring those forth before we apply.

RECOMMENDATION: Contingent on raising private matching dollars, staff is requesting that Council approve the attached resolution to support, prepare and submit an application for the next level of funding for the port from the US DOT.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION SEEKING SUPPORT AND
AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE USDOT MARITIME
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine recently completed a Feasibility Study for the development of an intermodal container port facility that was presented to City Council at its June 8, 2017 In-Depth City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT's Maritime Highway Administration (MARAD) has notified the City of Muscatine that federal grant funds are available to cover design, engineering, and permitting costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine is seeking City Council's support and authorization to prepare and submit an application for a MARAD Project Planning Grant for the design, engineering, and permitting for an intermodal container port on the Mississippi River on the city's southern border; and

WHEREAS, the design and engineering consists of site development, connection directly to Highway 61 and the process of beginning the permitting process for a docking facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine will pursue \$200,000 for the MARAD Project Planning Grant which will be contingent upon the city raising private matching dollars totaling \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, does support and authorize the submission of an application for a MARAD Project Planning Grant for the design, engineering, and permitting for an intermodal container port on the Mississippi River on the city's southern border in the amount of \$200,000 contingent upon the city raising matching dollars totaling \$50,000.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

Robert Bynum, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator