

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – January 10, 2019

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, January 10, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Malcolm, Fitzgerald, Brackett, Saucedo, Harvey, Brockert, and Spread.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Art Center Director, Melanie Alexander, regarding a proposed Commission or Advisory Committee for Public Art. Ms. Alexander stated she would like to see a committee formed to plan, promote and encourage programs to further public awareness of opportunities to support and participate in the artistic cultural awareness of Muscatine. She states this committee would make recommendations to City Council on projects and activities, and evaluate proposed gifts of art to be installed on City of Muscatine Property.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he feels this is a great idea and would like to see art place around Muscatine.

Mayor Broderson asked if this was something Ms. Alexander wanted on the next agenda.

Ms. Alexander stated she would like to have a committee in place at the start of the new fiscal year.

Councilmember Malcolm asked if there would be any start up costs.

Ms. Alexander stated at this time she did not see any costs associated with the committee, and stated they could apply for a Community Foundation grant to fund bringing in a consultant if they needed.

City Administrator Mandsager stated an ordinance would have to be brought before council to create a committee. Mr. Mandsager also stated he would like to see more art in the community.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Art Director Melanie Alexander, for a Statement of Support from City Council for the Art Center's Reaccreditation. Ms. Alexander gave a brief overview of the process of reaccreditation and stated that in order to proceed a statement of support was needed from City Council.

There was discussion from Council on what being accredited means to the Art Center that were addressed by Ms. Alexander.

Mayor stated that the Council would support the accreditation and it would be put on a future agenda to be approved.

The next item was a request to approve Supplement #7 for the HSW Project, for the engineering of the new location at the Recycling Center.

There were questions on engineering costs from Council that were addressed by Water Pollution Control Director Jon Koch.

Vote – All Ayes; motion carried.

The last item on the agenda was a presentation by Paul Carroll regarding the use of city funds for the CVB. Mr. Carroll compared several cities comparable to Muscatine and their CVB structure and funding. He stated he feels in order to promote Muscatine and encourage tourist, the CVB needs to have more employees as well as funding. Mr. Carroll encouraged City Council to think about this as they continue through the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilmember Saucedo moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator