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CITY COUNCIL TO MEET THURSDAY WITH CONFERENCE CALL

Four public hearings are scheduled for final regular City Council meeting of April

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Four public hearings will highlight the final regular Muscatine City Council meeting of April when the Council gathers by conference call at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

The first two public hearings were postponed from the March 19 City Council meeting, the first meeting conducted by conference call.

Concerns that members of the public who wanted to comment during the public hearings may have had trouble calling in to the meeting prompted city officials to postpone and reschedule the hearings.

The two postponed hearings concern the City of Muscatine budget with the first on an amendment to the 2019-2020 budget and the second on the 2020-2021 budget. Originally, the 2020-2021 budget needed to be filed with the Muscatine County Auditor by March 30 but the State of Iowa postponed that deadline to the end of April due to the COVID-19 crisis.



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Amendment #1 to the 2019/2020 budget will amend the budget to the Revised Estimate amounts considered by City Council during the 2020/2021 budget review process. This includes amending both the revenues and expenditures to the currently estimated amounts, and reflects updated capital project construction schedules.

The second public hearing concerns the adoption of the budget and certification of City taxes for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, the third concerns the plans, specifications, cost estimate and form of contract for the Municipal Airport Taxiway A construction project, and the fourth concerns the Annual Application for State and Federal Transit Funds that will be applied to the transit's operating expenses. The Federal portion of the transit funding is \$423,143.00 and the state portion is \$256,239.00.

A time for public comment will be available after each public hearing. Those who would like to comment are asked to keep their computer microphones or phones muted until Mayor Diana Broderson asks for public comment. Those wishing to make a comment will be asked to state their name and address before speaking.

Please keep comments under three minutes and be respectful of others who would like to speak too. Mayor Broderson will moderate all public discussion.

Also included in the agenda for Thursday's meeting is a discussion on how the City would be able to provide additional assistance to Muscatine small businesses.

The City Council meeting will be available to the public on GoToMeeting. Those who would like to listen into the meeting or who would like to comment on an agenda item have two options to attend the meeting.

Those with a computer, tablet, or smartphone can go to:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofMuscatine/muscatine-city-council-meeting>.

Those who would like to dial in using their phone can call (571) 317-3112 and use the **Access Code: 255-805-517**.



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The public is asked to mute their phones or microphones once they are in the meeting until public comment is asked for by Mayor Diana Broderson.

The agenda for Thursday's meeting is available under [Agendas & Minutes](#) on the City website.

Information on the City's COVID-19 response can be found on the [city website](#).