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BUDGET SEASON BEGINS FOR MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL

Hybrid virtual sessions are planned to allow public to listen in, make notes, this year

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The final pieces to the puzzle of the City of Muscatine Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget were being put together Wednesday (Jan. 27, 2021) afternoon in preparation for the start of “Budget Season” Thursday.

City Administrator Carol Webb and Finance Director Nancy Lueck have worked with department heads and members of each department’s staff over the past several months preparing the proposed budget for City Council’s consideration.

Lueck will present an overview of the proposed budget to City Council at 4:30 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 28) in the first of a series of budget sessions that will be a hybrid meeting the Council. Each session will be live through a GoToMeeting link and also be shown live on the City of Muscatine YouTube channel.

Council members, Webb, and certain staff members will be present in the City Council chambers for each session but most staff and the public will need to watch the proceedings virtually. Links to the meetings are below.

Public comment during the budget sessions is not permitted with the public asked to make notes of any questions or concerns that they can bring up during the budget’s Public Hearing in March.



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Thursday's meeting will be followed by several weeks of presentations to the City Council by the various departments and outside agencies supported by the City of Muscatine. Most budget discussions will be held in the City Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall with the first session starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30. Sessions will also be held on Feb. 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, and 10. The February 4 session will be virtual only due to a regular city council meeting scheduled for after the budget session has concluded.

A significant change, approved by the Iowa Legislature in 2019, to the annual city budget adoption process will be implemented this year as cities across the state are required to hold an additional public hearing to identify "a total maximum property tax dollars to be derived from certain levies in the budget for the next fiscal year".

The public hearing and the passage of a resolution on the proposed maximum property tax dollars must proceed setting a public hearing on the adoption of the budget.

To help cities meeting the requirements of holding two public hearings, the State of Iowa moved back the deadline to file an approved budget with the county auditor for certification to March 31. The previous deadline was March 15.

A complete schedule of the meetings along with additional information can be found at [2021/2022 Proposed Budget](#) on the Finance & Records page of the City of Muscatine web site.



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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday January 28, 2021	City Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.	General Fund Overview to City Council

Budget Session I
Thu, Jan 28, 2021 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/230200157>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212) Access Code: 230-200-157

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Saturday January 30, 2021	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m.	City Council Budget Review Legal Services City Administrator Human Resources Risk Management Finance Information Technology Community Development Airport/Airport Subsidy Police Operations Animal Control Library Operations Cablevision Art Center Fire Operations Ambulance Housing

Budget Session II
Sat, Jan 30, 2021 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/840437461>

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Tuesday February 2, 2021	City Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.	Parks Administration Park Maintenance Aquatic Center Recreation Soccer Kent Stein Wellness Cemetery Golf Course Boat Harbor Marina Soccer Events

Budget Session III
Tue, Feb 2, 2021 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/796350765>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: [+1 \(312\) 757-3121](tel:+13127573121) Access Code: 796-350-765

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Wednesday February 3, 2021	City Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.	Public Works Administration Engineering Roadway Maintenance Traffic Control Snow and Ice Street Cleaning Building & Grounds Collection & Drainage Equipment Services Equipment Replacement

Budget Session IV
Wed, Feb 3, 2021 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/990325325>

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday February 4, 2021	Virtual Session Only	5:30 p.m.	Chamber CVB Senior Resources Humane Society MCSA

Budget Session V
Thu, Feb 4, 2021 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/959569381>

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United States: [+1 \(312\) 757-3121](tel:+13127573121) Access Code: 959-569-381

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Saturday February 6, 2021	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m.	Iowa Legislatures Transit Parking Refuse Collection Landfill Transfer Station WPCP Storm Water Review & Discussion Begin- General Fund

Budget Session VI
Sat, Feb 6, 2021 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/736154837>

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Tuesday February 9, 2021	City Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.	Capital/Dept/TIF/RUT Local Option Review

Budget Session VII
Tue, Feb 9, 2021 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/585107709>

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United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+1(224)501-3412) Access Code: 585-107-709

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Wednesday February 10, 2021	City Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.	Review & Discussion Decisions for Public Hearing (may continue on 2/13)

Budget Session VIII
Wed, Feb 10, 2021 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/308417901>

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United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+1(571)317-3122) Access Code: 308-417-901

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Saturday February 13, 2021	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m.	Final Decision for Public Hearing (extra meeting if not concluded February 10 th)

Budget Session IX
Sat, Feb 13, 2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/206094381>

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday, February 18, 2021	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Orders Notice of Maximum Property Tax And Set Public hearing #1
Thursday March 4, 2021	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing #1 on Maximum Property Tax and approve Related resolution
Thursday March 4, 2021	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Set Public Hearing #2 for Adoption of Budget
Thursday March 18, 2021	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Hold Public Hearing #2 and Adoption of Budget
March 31, 2021(Latest Day)			Approved Budget filed with County Auditor