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COUNCIL TO HEAR REPORT ON POSSIBLE USE OF ARPA FUNDS

City staff working to create guidelines for use of federal funds earmarked for Muscatine

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Muscatine City Council will be presented an overview on the possible guidelines for and potential uses of funds from the American Rescue Plan during its Thursday (May 13, 2021) in-depth session.



The presentation is one of three on the agenda for Thursday. Also included is an overview of the City of Muscatine Solid Waste Division, and a discussion on a proposed demountable flood wall that would be designed and built along Mississippi Drive.

The meeting will begin, however, with the swearing in of another police officer as Nicole Blum is sworn in as a member of the Muscatine Police Department by Mayor Diana Broderson.



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The Muscatine City Council will meet in Council Chambers at Muscatine City starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday. City staff members with agenda items will be permitted in Council Chambers but public access to the live meeting will not be permitted due to COVID protocols.

With public access to the Council Chambers not permitted, those wanting to watch or participate in the meeting can attend through the virtual GoToMeeting portal. Information on joining the session and how to make a comment during the meeting is listed below. The session will also be broadcast live on the City of Muscatine [YouTube channel](#) and on Muscatine Power & Water Cable Channel 2.

City Administrator Carol Webb and Finance Director Nancy Lueck have worked together since the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law on March 11, 2021, attending webinars and studying available U.S. Department of Treasury information on what the one-time funds can and cannot be used for. The presentation will include the guiding principles established through City staff discussions and possible areas that the funds can be used.

The top priority will be economic recovery and service restoration, however, the temporary nature of the funds should be considered as a limitation for their use. Securing Muscatine's economic future with remaining funds is also a guiding principle. These guiding principles will be used to develop a five-year roadmap for ARPA funds.

Muscatine is scheduled to receive \$3,277,725.43 from the ARPA disbursement with half of the money anticipated to arrive in mid-June 2021 and the other half a year after the first disbursement. All funds must be used by December 31, 2024, with periodic reports sent to the U.S. Department of Treasury.

David Popp, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Muscatine, will present an overview of his department including Muscatine County Sanitary Landfill operations, the City of Muscatine Transfer Station and Compost Facility operations, and Curbside Refuse and Recycling operations.

Brian Stineman, Public Works Director, will also be leading a discussion on the proposed plan to purchase, install, and use a demountable flood wall along Mississippi Drive during periods of



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flooding. The design and construction of a demountable flood wall could be a future project for the City and Stineman will review the steps taken and a possible future schedule for grant application.

Information on the presentations and other agenda items can be found by clicking [AGENDA](#) to download the May 13, 2021, City Council agenda and/or attachments.

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Muscatine City Council In-Depth Meeting | Thu, May 13, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

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