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CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE ON THURSDAY COUNCIL AGENDA

Muscatine Police Code Blue Program, Utility Franchise Fee discussion also on tap

MUSCATINE, Iowa – An update on the various capital projects either completed or ongoing during the 2021 construction season will be presented to the Muscatine City Council Thursday (Sept. 9) along with a discussion of the Muscatine Police Department’s Code Blue Program, and a discussion on the Utility Franchise Fee used by the City of Muscatine.

The Council meets at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Council Chambers of Muscatine City Hall. A virtual meeting will also be held in conjunction with the in-person session for those who want to view the proceedings or make a comment but do not want to attend in person. (Details below).

Public Works Director Brian Stineman will present an overview of current construction projects across the city providing background information on each project along with project highlights. Four major capital projects are currently underway in Muscatine including the Park Avenue 4-to-3 Lane Conversion Project (due to be completed at the end of September) and the 2nd Street Streetscape Project (due to be completed in early October).

Two other capital projects are in the first or two years’ worth of construction activity including the Grandview Avenue Reconstruction Project and Phase 5 of the West Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project.



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Muscatine Police Lieutenant Ryan Buss will open the meeting with a discussion of the Code Blue Program. "Code Blue" is a call to action for fellow MPD officers to provide assistance to a family or individual that has experienced a traumatic event such as an unexpected death or a house fire. Several local restaurants and organizations have partnered with MPD to assist these individuals in their time of need since its inception in 2020.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck will wrap up the evenings presentation with a discussion on the Utility Franchise Fee.

Thursday's City Council meeting in the Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall is open to the public. Citizens attending the meeting are asked to follow current CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommendations for wearing a mask indoors whether vaccinated or not. The City of Muscatine does not require wearing a mask, but does urge the public to follow Public Health and CDC recommendations when possible.

Citizens who do not want to attend the in-person meeting can watch and/or participate through the GoToMeeting virtual meeting 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.

Information on the presentations and other agenda items can be found by clicking [AGENDA](#) to download the September 9, 2021, City Council agenda and/or attachments.

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Muscatine City Council Regular Meeting | Thu, September 9, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

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