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## BUDGET SEASON BEGINS FOR MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL

*Hybrid virtual sessions are planned to allow public to listen in, make notes on budget*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The final pieces to the puzzle of the City of Muscatine Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget were being put together Wednesday (Jan. 26, 2022) afternoon in preparation for the start of “Budget Season” on 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.

Webb will present an overview of the proposed budget to City Council at 6:30 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 27) in the first of a series of budget sessions that will be held in the City Council chambers and virtually through a GoToMeeting link (listed below). Each session will 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. All sessions are 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.



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Public comment during the budget sessions will not be permitted with the public asked to make notes of any questions or concerns that they may have. The public can bring up those questions and concerns during the budget's Public Hearing in March.

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. The first session will start at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Sessions will also be held on Feb. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 12. The February 12 meeting will be held only if discussions are not completed at the February 9 session.

A significant change, approved by the Iowa Legislature in 2019, to the annual city budget adoption process is that municipalities 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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## CITY OF MUSCATINE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET SESSIONS

Virtual Meeting Information:

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<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofMuscatine/city-budget-discussions>

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday January 27, 2022	City Council Chambers	6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	General Fund Overview to City Council

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Saturday January 29, 2022	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.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

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Tuesday	City Council	5:30 p.m.	Parks Administration
February 1, 2022	Chambers	-9:00 p.m.	Park Maintenance
			Aquatic Center
			Recreation
			Soccer
			Kent Stein
			Wellness
			Cemetery
			Golf Course
			Boat Harbor
			Marina
			Soccer Events

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Wednesday	City Council	5:30 p.m.	Public Works Administration
February 2, 2022	Chambers	-9:00 p.m.	Engineering
			Roadway Maintenance
			Traffic Control
			Snow and Ice
			Street Cleaning
			Building & Grounds
			Collection & Drainage
			Equipment Services
			Equipment Replacement

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Thursday	City Council	5:30 p.m.	Chamber of Commerce
February 3, 2021	Chambers	-6:30 p.m.	Marketing & Tourism
			Senior Resources
			Humane Society
			MCSA



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Saturday February 5, 2022	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.	Iowa Legislatures Transit Parking Refuse Collection Landfill Transfer Station WPCP Storm Water Housing Review & Discussion Begin General Fund

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Tuesday February 8, 2022	City Council Chambers	5:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Capital/Dept/TIF/RUT Local Option Review

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Wednesday February 9, 2022	City Council Chambers	5:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Review & Discussion Decisions for Public Hearing (may continue on 2/12)

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Saturday February 12, 2022	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.	Final Decision for Public Hearing (extra meeting if not concluded February 9)

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday, February 17, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Council Orders Notice of Maximum Property Tax And Set Public hearing #1
Thursday March 3, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Public Hearing #1 on Maximum Property Tax and approve Related resolution
Thursday March 3, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Set Public Hearing #2 for Adoption of Budget
Thursday March 17, 2022	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Hold Public Hearing #2 and Adoption of Budget

March 31, 2022 (Latest Day) for approved Budget filed with County Auditor

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