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BUDGET SEASON BEGINS FOR MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL

City Council to discuss budgetary needs with each department starting January 28

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The final pieces to the puzzle of the City of Muscatine Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget were being put together Wednesday (Jan. 25, 2023) 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.

Webb will present an overview of the proposed FY 23-24 budget to the City Council during a special Council session at 6:00 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 26). This is the first of a series of budget sessions that will be held in the City Council chambers over the next several weeks.

Council members, Webb, and City staff members will be present in the City Council chambers for each session. All sessions are open to the public.

Public comment during the budget sessions will not be permitted. The public is urged to make notes of any questions or concerns they may have and bring up those questions and concerns during the Public Hearing for the proposed budget that will be held 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. The first session will start at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Sessions will also be held on Jan. 31, Feb. 1, Feb. 2, Feb. 4, Feb. 7, Feb. 8, and Feb. 11. The February 11 meeting will be held only if discussions are not completed at the February 8 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 meet 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 [2023/2024 Proposed Budget](#) on the Finance & Records page of the City of Muscatine website.



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CITY OF MUSCATINE FY 2023-2024 BUDGET SESSIONS

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday January 26, 2023	City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.	General Fund Overview to City Council

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Saturday January 28, 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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Housing

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Tuesday January 31, 2023	City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Parks Administration Park Maintenance Aquatic Center Recreation Soccer Kent Stein Wellness Cemetery Golf Course Boat Harbor Marina Soccer Events

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Wednesday February 1, 2023	City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Public Works Administration Engineering Roadway Maintenance Traffic Control Snow and Ice Street Cleaning Building & Grounds Collection & Drainage Equipment Services Equipment Replacement



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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday February 2, 2023	City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Chamber of Commerce Marketing & Tourism Senior Resources Humane Society MCSA
	Session to be held following the City Council Regular Meeting		

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Saturday February 4, 2023	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.	Iowa Legislatures Transit Parking Refuse Collection Landfill Transfer Station WPCP Storm Water Review & Discussion Begin General Fund



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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Tuesday February 7, 2023	City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Capital/Dept/TIF/RUT Local Option Review
Wednesday February 8, 2023	City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Review & Discussion Decisions for Public Hearing (session may continue on 2/11)
Saturday February 11, 2022	City Council Chambers	8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.	Final Decision for Public Hearing (extra meeting if not work is not concluded on February 8)

CITY OF MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL SESSIONS

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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday, February 16, 2023	Regular Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.	Council Orders Notice of Maximum Property Tax And Set Public hearing #1



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Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday March 2, 2023	Regular Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.	Public Hearing #1 on Maximum Property Tax and approve Related resolution Set Public Hearing #2 for Adoption of Budget

Date	Location	Time	Department/Agency
Thursday March 16, 2023	Regular Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. -8:00 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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