



AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, IOWA
TO BE HELD AT WASHINGTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
NICOLA-STOUFER MEETING ROOM
115 W. WASHINGTON STREET
AT 6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Agenda for the Special Session to be held at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 23, 2016 to be approved as proposed or amended.

PRESENTATION FROM THE PUBLIC - Please limit comments to 3 Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Consideration of Request from Tourism Committee – Horseless Carriage Group Visit in September.

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Workshop.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting Date for Public Hearing on FY17 Budget-March 8, 2016

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February 19, 2016

Washington City Council
205 W. Main Street
Washington, IA 52353

Dear Washington City Council:

The Washington Chamber's Visitor & Tourism Division has been approached with an exciting opportunity that we hope to receive your support in achieving. The Red Flag Horseless Carriage Tour will be passing through our community on September 22, 2016 and we would like to facilitate their organization hosting a community lunch around the downtown square.



About the Tour...In November of 1896 British motoring changed with the passage of the "Locomotives on the Highway Act" - it raised the speed limit for "light locomotives" from 4 mph to 14 mph and abolished the requirement to be preceded by 'a man on foot with a red flag.' In celebration of the Act being passed, the Emancipation Run was established. The celebration became an annual event as vehicles travelled from London to Brighton, England and is known as the London to Brighton Run. The celebration is symbolized by the burning of the red flag at the tour's start. This tour is celebrated to this day.

And Now...The celebratory tradition continues as "we bring a bit of Olde England to Iowa." The Annual Red Flag Horseless Carriage Tour from New London, Iowa to Brighton, Iowa is a 4-day event for any 1- or 2-cylinder, steam, or electric antique vehicles, including motorcycles up to 1915). A second group of vehicles which includes any vehicle with more than two cylinders up to and including 1927 and any steam or electric vehicle or motorcycle through 1927 has been added.

The Red Flag Horseless Carriage Tour is celebrating their 5th anniversary in 2016 and has requested to spend their lunch in our community on Thursday, September 22nd. Our Visitor & Tourism Committee believes that the best way to showcase our community *and* provide a unique event to our community is to host this luncheon right in the heart of our community – the downtown square.

In order to accommodate the expected 50 vehicles, we would like to request the closure of parking lanes closest to the square from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to be reserved for the antique vehicles. The downtown has an estimated total of 240 spaces, leaving 190 available to the businesses and public.

We appreciate your support and thoughtful consideration in this matter. Please help us welcome this group to Washington and introduce this piece of history to our citizens.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Redlinger".

Michelle Redlinger
Executive Director, Washington Chamber

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