MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, October 7, 2019

Present: Roy Christensen, Sändra Washington, Bennie Shobe, Tammy Ward, Jane Raybould, Richard Meginnis, and James Michael Bowers

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk, Jennifer Brinkman, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office, Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, Brandon Kaufman, Director of Finance, Tom Casady, Interim Director of Transportation and Utilities, Diane Gonzales, Assistant Director of Transportation & Utilities, Jeff Bliemeister, Chief, Lincoln Police Department, Dan Marvin, Director, Urban Development, David Cary, Director, Planning Department, Lynn Johnson, Director, Parks and Recreation, Chad Blahak, Director, Building & Safety, Doug McDaniel, Director Human Resources, Thomas Shafer, Assistant City Engineer, and other City staff present.

Chair, Jane Raybould opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES
Directors’ minutes from September 23, 2019 approved and adopted (7-0)

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
None

III. CITY CLERK
Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.a. and 4.b. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances – 1st Reading – Item 9.i. - Raybould request to move to pending with no date certain. Raybould stated this would allow bids to go out to the contractors. The delay would pertain primarily to allow the bids to go out Friday, October 18th. Bids will take six to eight weeks. Once the bids come back in the numbers can be reviewed at that time. Raybould is concerned the item that was presented would deter some of the general contractors from proceeding forward with their bids with some uncertainty if the project will have the support to move forward. Raybould asked for Thomas Shafer, Assistant City Engineer to come before Council and discuss the CIP at this time. Meginnis inquired if discussion on this matter was going to be had at this time. Raybould responded that if Council members had questions for Thomas concerning the matter or if Council members would rather have the discussion at the dais on the delay of the delay. Meginnis stated that he has hundreds of questions. Shobe indicated he would rather have the discussions at the dais. Raybould advised Council would plan to have discussion on the CIP at the dais and public safety and the amount of investment the City has already put into this project today because she will still make that Motion to put a delay this item on 1st Reading. Shobe stated, opposed to this meeting with is not televised to the public. Washington asked Raybould if her delay was on 1st Reading or on the Public Hearing. Raybould responded the delay is on the 1st Reading until we get the bids back from the general contractors on this project, which is about six to 8 weeks. Bowers inquired, if we don’t vote to delay the 1st Reading, we would still delay it before the Public Hearing? Christensen responded we could still have the Public Hearing and then vote to delay and with public comments again. Kirkpatrick stated, when we talk about delaying the 1st Reading, think about it in terms of delaying the 2nd Reading. The Motion may be to delay with no date certain until you’re sure the bids have come back. Kirkpatrick further stated the 1st Reading is today and there is no purpose in thinking in the terms of delaying the 1st Reading. For the public’s purpose, what they care about is the public hearing which will be either the 21st of October or be delayed until after the bids are received. Raybould stated the whole intent of requesting the delay is so the bids still go out on October 18th. Christensen stated this discussion is more appropriate for the Council meeting, not this meeting. Washington stated she is just trying to understand the mechanics of it at the moment. Washington reintegrated that 1st Reading would happen today? Kirkpatrick responded yes and then I think what the Chair is considering at the end of the meeting today, making her Motion to delay it and then having this discussion and have Thomas Shafer come up and have a vote on that Motion at that time.
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IV. MAYOR’S OFFICE
Mayor Gaylor-Baird advised Council there will a news conference Tuesday, October 8, 2019 on the initiation the Community Health Endowment (CHE) has taken on the Community Mapping Project, health outcomes and how to improve them in our community. The new conference will be at 2:00 p.m. at CHE.
Last Wednesday there was a Climate Resiliency Task Force meeting; this was the first of several that the City will be helping to facilitate the development of a climate action plan for the City.
David Young has re-joined the City staff. He is the new Chief Information Officer and will be helping to lift up new technology to improve efficiency and external outreach on innovation project working with the University and the private sector.
Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at noon Mayor Gaylor-Baird will be attending the Face the Chamber. Discussion will be held on the Lincoln FORD initiative to promote economic development.
The City is working with RDG Planning & Design to complete a plan that combines community input, market studies and data analysis. The process aims to identify opportunities and issues in the housing market to find successful strategies on affordable housing. They will be back next week.
Lincoln was one of 39 cities selected by the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative for a year-long support. Lincoln was selected for data and evidence track. This will provide the Mayor with a dedicated data coach which will involve a team of City staff who will be supported by Bloomberg in developing and amplifying strong data practices in the City.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. DLA – Meginnis, Ward (09.24.19)
Meginnis reported discussion was had on up-coming TIFF projects and BID boundaries. Approval of the annual budget was passed. The remainder of the time was spent on brief discussions regarding scooters.

2. WHJPA – Ward (09.26.19)
Ward reported the information provided in the Pre-Council today was the bulk of what was discussed during the meeting, which that Resolution is on today’s Council Agenda. Approval was made on an expenditure to upgrade the video surveillance equipment at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

3. PRT – Bowers (09.26.19)
Bowers reported no new properties have been added to the list. The PRT continues to monitor properties.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS
At 2:27 p.m. Christensen Motioned to go into Executive Session so Council can be briefed on the LPU Labor Agreement, Meginnis seconded the Motion. Motion was approved by roll-call vote (7-0). At 2:48 p.m. a roll-call vote to come out of Executive Session passed by vote (7-0).

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.