MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, October 21, 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 Kauffman, 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 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
None

III. CITY CLERK
Under Reports of City Officers – Item 1.a. there is a Motion to Amend No. 1 to accept a substitute Resolution. Mr. Pitts has decided he longer wishes to be on the Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Under Public Hearing – Resolutions – Item 5.a. has a Motion to place on pending no date certain. Casady advised Council there is an approval of the 1 in 6 year street improvement plan on the Agenda for today with public hearing. Casady stated we are required, by state statute, to hold the public hearing. There is a Resolution to approve those plans which has to be submitted to the State Department of Transportation by the end of October. This resolution includes the intersection of 14th and Warlick. The proposed Ordinance regarding the 14th and Warlick also on the agenda today with public hearing. Any action taken would require for the plan to be amended next year. Washington inquired if Council doesn’t take the vote before the end of October is there any other project in jeopardy of being delayed other than 14th and Warlick? Casady advised no other projects will be delayed; the Department of Transportation will more than likely send a letter indicating the deadline has been missed. It was decided to delay action until November 4, 2019.

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances – 2nd Reading – Item 6.i. will have a Motion to delay the vote until November 4, 2019. Items 6.a. and 6.b. will be called together. Items 6.c. through 6.e. will be called together and there is a request from the applicant to continue public hearing until November 4, 2019. Items 6.f. through 6.h. will be called together. Item 6.j. has a Motion to Amend No. 1. Raybould addressed Council members on the possibility of delaying the vote on this item until November 4, 2019. It was suggested that another Council member introduce the Motion in Raybould’s absence during the voting session at the October 28, 2019 Council meeting. Christensen advised he too will have a Motion to Amend that will be introduced during the voting session on October 28, 2019.

Under Pending List – Item 10.c. - There has been a request from the applicant to remove from pending and to have action and public hearing on October 28, 2019. Christensen will make this Motion.

IV. MAYOR’S OFFICE
Brinkman advised Council the ACT group met last Thursday. This was their last meeting; departments will begin preparing the CIP Amendment that will implement the sales tax part of the projects. The Mayor attended the opening of the Census office last week. A thank you was extended to Shobe and Raybould for serving on the Complete Count Committee. A request for any additional investment and activities related to the Census may be coming forward.

At the request of Lynn Johnson, Director, Parks and Recreation, discussion on the issuance of a Public Art License will be had at a later time.
V. BOARDs/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. BOH – Bowers (10.08.19)
   Bowers reported there’s an Ordinance that the BOH voted on that will be coming forward (copies of the ordinance were provided). The Ordinance address making a change to the noise control ordinance that essentially says noise caused from emergency generators located at commercial and industrial institutional facilities will be exempt. If a crisis occurs and a generator is needed, there will not be the same limitations that other sounds have with the noise control ordinance. This would apply to law enforcement, ambulance, fire, emergency personnel, and places where electricity needs to be restored and power is essential. The BOH also voted on a vaping Resolution addressing that vaping is a risk to the community. The Community Health Endowment and Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department came out with their “2019 Place Matters Maps” which is data tracking on healthy food access, tobacco use, first trimester care, dental care, and mental health calls.

2. MAC – Shobe (10.08.19)
   Shobe reported a presentation was provided by one of the board members on LBGTQ rights. The Human Rights Commission (HRC) does an evaluation of cities and the scoring and grading of cities, our score was not bad but there is ability for improvement. One item the HRC looks at is Ordinances and protections that cities have for marginalized populations. The presentation included what the City could do to improve their score; such as passing a fairness Ordinance. There are other things the City is currently doing such as identifying facilities and services that are friendly to people of different gender identity and/or the LBGTQ community. Discussion was had on attendance issues and an invitation was extended to all Council members to attend the next MAC meeting. The MAC meets the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s conference room. Raybould asked if they were going to report on steps the City could consider improving our score. Shobe didn’t believe there would be an additional report outside of the presentation that was provided. Washington requested a copy of the minutes from that meeting.

3. PBC – Meginnis, Raybould (10.08.19)
   Meginnis reported discussion was had on the Sheriff’s Hall of Justice remodel, the Finance department’s remodel, security updates, The Lancaster County Health Department received some window replacements, the Sheriff’s Office Investigations area is currently being put on hold. A vote was had and passed on purchasing a vang206t floor scrubber.

4. Tele-Communications – Washington (10.17.19)
   Washington reported she was not able to attend.

5. MPO Officials – Meginnis, Raybould (10.18.19)
   Meginnis reported Raybould was elected as the Chair and Roma Amundson was elected as the Vice-Chair. Raybould added there were a few action items that were reviewed and passed; a review of the Rosa Parks trails network to help make a safer connection. Currently in order to continue on to the trail you have to go through a box culvert, they are looking at an alternative course that is wider and perhaps with additional lighting and safer. The StarTran budget had to be adjusted to reflect the purchase of the four electric busses and that the grant was awarded for the additional 6 busses. Briefed and reviewed the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). An update was anticipated on the Lancaster County Wheel Tax, this was postponed due to continued discussions on the matter are still being had.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.