

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, April 20, 2020
Via Zoom

Present: Sändra Washington, Tammy Ward, Jane Raybould, and James Michael Bowers

Absent: Roy Christensen, Bennie Shobe and Richard Meginnis

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Interim Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Chief of Staff; David Cary, Director, Planning Department

Chair, Jane Raybould opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced that she and each participant of the meeting have copies of the Open Meetings Act.

I. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

II. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2nd Reading - Items 5.c and 5.d. will be called together. Washington advised a Motion to Amend will be brought forward on this item to correct some of the language errors. Items 5.e. and 5.f. will be called together.

III. MAYORS OFFICE

Brinkman advised Council that daily briefings are being provided to the community. Today's briefing will include information on the online dashboard that will provide the public with the latest information on COVID-19 in the community. The information on the dashboard will be updated at least once a day.

Brinkman also advised the Mayor's office continues to monitor city operations including summer operations. The Mayor continues to have discussion with congress regarding funding resources. The US Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities are advocating for cities under a population of 500,000 to receive assistance as there has been a significant drop in sales tax which will have a significant impact on the general fund.

Brinkman stated they are promoting and supporting the 21-day Executive Order by the Governor.

IV. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Cary provided information to Council members related to Items 4.a. and 4.b. regarding the two annexation agreements coming before Council today. Cary stated at this time it is being proposed that the City only approve projects investing \$2.1 million of Lincoln on the Move funds in FY2019-2020 and \$1.6 million in FY 2020-2021. That is a total of \$3.7 million rather than the \$6.5 million originally projected (\$3.25 million annually). Additional projects may be added once we have a better sales tax picture to be conservative.

Overall, eight street projects (5 approved, 2 on April 20th agenda, and 1 pending) are proposed to be approved for Lincoln on the Move funding.

Together, these projects include \$9.1 million in funding over the six year period. The Lincoln on the Move funding by year range from \$645,000 to \$2.1 million in spending rather than the \$3.25 budgeted each year from this funding source. This \$9.1 million will result in over \$20 million in construction as

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developers help upfront a substantial portion of the cost with directed impact fees also helping in the financing.

Overall, it was estimated that collections for New Growth projects would amount to \$3.25 million per year, or \$19.5 million over six years. That is 25% of the overall Lincoln on The Move sales tax fund per year. The projection was a flat line without any gain per year.

Through discussions with the ACT, the growth projects that were agreed accounted for \$17.795 million to leave \$1.7 million for contingency for these projects.

Other projects currently on the list probably won't come before Council for six months to a year depending on the COVID-19 impact.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Public Health Update provided by Pat Lopez, Interim Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Lopez briefed Council on the latest guidance and concerns regarding COVID-19. Stating 21 new cases were reported over the weekend. Six of those cases were related to households with positive cases. Community spread cases have increased, which was to be expected.

Discussions are being had with the Restaurant Association to develop a time-frame on reopening and how to do it safely.

The National Guard is looking to go around the state to provide testing in areas where testing isn't available and in "hot spot" areas. Their testing sites would look like the current testing sites and they would have the ability to complete 50 tests at a time.

There have been some patients transferred to Lincoln hospitals from other areas.

Monitoring of Parks activity and concerns with playground activity continues and is being tracked by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department through calls and the see-click-fix app. Washington suggested wrapping playground equipment in snow or construction fencing.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. **DLA** – Ward, Meginnis (03.24.20) *carry over from April 6, 2020*
Ward reported they have had a series of meetings via Zoom.
2. **PRT** – Bowers (03.26.20) *carry over from April 6, 2020*
Bowers reported they have been meeting virtually; one property has been removed and one has been added to the list of properties being monitored.
3. **Safe & Successful Kids Inter-Local** – Meginnis, Shobe (03.23.20) *carry over from April 6, 2020*
No report available. Carry over to May 4, 2020

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4. **PBC** – Meginnis, Raybould (03.23.20) *carry over from April 6, 2020*
Raybould reported the committee met in March; Raybould was not able to attend the meeting in April. Progress continues on the Hall of Justice remodel; Sheriff's office and Register of Deeds remodels are also moving forward.

5. **BOH** – Bowers (04.14.20)
Bowers reported there were no action items so they opted to meet in small groups virtually, without a quorum, to discuss continued COVID-19 concerns.

6. **NEW AMERICANS TASKFORCE**
Washington advised that she attended the virtual quarterly meeting; discussion was had regarding accommodating new members of the community and how best to meet their needs while concerns of the COVID-19 situation are still effecting our community.

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.