

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2020

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

Absent: Roy Christensen, Bennie Shobe

Others Present: Soulinnee Phan, Deputy City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Interim Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Chief of Staff; and other City Staff present

Chair, Jane Raybould opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

I. MINUTES

Minutes from May 4, 2020 approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Raybould advised that she would like to have discussions regarding the upcoming schedule City/County Commons meeting and future video conferencing.

III. CITY CLERK

Advised there will not be a meeting on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2nd Reading – Items 5.a. and 5.b. will be called together and Items 5.e. and 5.f. will be called together.

A list of testifiers that will be participating via zoom has been sent to each Council member. David Fiala will be present in Chambers to testify on Item 4.c.

IV. MAYORS OFFICE

Brinkman advised Council there are currently sixteen public health nurses working on contact tracing. The Mayor will address details of the information staff have developed to assist in guidance on action to be taken. Staff or currently working on recovery data and the goal is to report those findings this Wednesday.

Discussion followed.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
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 on Saturday 79 positive cases were reported. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has met with the Courts, County Corrections and other County agencies to provide guidance regarding COVID-19. Cultural Center will begin to offer testing. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department continues to assist families from the City Mission placed in temporary housing. Discussions with the Nebraska Department of Corrections are also being had. The new Directed Health Measures go into effect today.

Discussion followed.

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VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. ISPC – Washington (05.07.20)

Washington reported the committee met via zoom and amended and approved software changes and updates. Discussion was had on security awareness training for all City and County employees. Discussion was had on developing policies for working from home.

2. PRT – Bowers (04.30.20) *carry over from May 4, 2020*

Bowers reported cases continue to be monitored.

3. WHJPA – Ward (04.30.20) *carry over from May 4, 2020*

Ward reported the committee met via zoom and offered public participation. A resolution was approved pertaining to the right of entry agreement between the WHJPA and the University.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. City/County Commons meeting

Raybould summarized some of the responses that have been received pertaining to the proposal to reschedule the upcoming City/County Commons meeting. The over-all consensus was to delay the upcoming May meeting and meet in July.

2. Video Conferencing

A brief discussion was had on continuing video conferencing through the end of May. The over-all consensus was with the number of positive cases increasing it would be in the best interest of the City Council and the public to continue video conferencing through the month of May and plan to meeting in person June 1, 2020.

Raybould proposed a roll-call vote to continue video conferencing.

AYES: Meginnis, Washington, Ward, Bowers, and Raybould

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.