MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2020

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

Absent: Jane Raybould

Others Present: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Interim Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Jon Carlson, Mayor’s Administrative Aid; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; David Cary, Director, Planning Department; Pat Leach, Library Director; Lynn Johnson, Director, Parks and Recreation; and other City Staff present

Chair, Richard Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES
Minutes from August 3, 2020, approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK
Under Consent Agenda – Items 1.e. the bill number is prefixed with the letter due to a clerical error in numbering.

Under Public Hearing Liquor Resolutions – Item(s) 4.b. through 4.e. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Resolutions – Item 5.a. will have two Motions, Motion to Amend No. 1 and Motion to Amend No. 2. Motions will be introduced by Raybould. Item(s) 5.c. and 5.d. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Resolutions Action Only – Item 6.a. will possibly have a request to delay for one week.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2nd Reading – Items 7.b. and 7.c. will be called together.

Section 11 includes the Budget Ordinance and Related Resolutions, will have Final Action on August 24, 2020.

Under Ordinances 3rd Reading – Item(s) 8.c. through 8.e. will have a Motion to delay Action for one week.

Discussion followed.

Ward inquired about the public comment (open mic) portion of today’s Council meeting and if Council will allow individuals to comment on budget related items and funding/defunding the Lincoln Police Department.

Discussion followed.

IV. MAYORS OFFICE
Carlson addressed Council members stating he didn’t have anything new to report from the Mayor’s office.

Pat Leach briefed Council on the Library Board appointment process pertaining to the Library Board vacancy. It was noted that 27 applications were received; after thorough review the Library Board recommends Jacqueline Ostrowicki for appointment to the board for a seven-year term.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Public Health Update provided by Pat Lopez, Interim Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD)

Lopez briefed Council on the latest guidance and concerns regarding COVID-19. Lopez reported the COVID-19 test site is up and running at Gateway Mall. Bryan is working on getting another site during the winter months. Test Nebraska continues to test over 400 people per day. There have been approximately 5000 test kits distributed to long-term care facilities. Last week staff from the LCCHD met with a majority of the bars and addressed questions and concerns; LLCHD staff are providing follow-up to a few bars that have requested additional assistance. Work is being done with the Governor in regards to one of the testing sites that had a serious delay in getting results back. Lopez noted that per the COVID-19 dashboard and/or the situational updates; cases are going down. LLCHD continues to meet with Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), schools within Lancaster County, the University of Lincoln (UNL) and the UNL Athletics Department.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.