

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, August 24, 2020

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

Others Present: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Jon Carlson, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; David Cary, Director, Planning Department; Liz Elliott, Director, Transportation & Utilities; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; and other City Staff present

Chair, Richard Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES

Minutes from August 17, 2020, approved and adopted.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

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

Under Resolutions – Action Only – Item(s) 6.a. through 6.o. Council will vote on these Resolutions.

Under Budget Resolutions – Action Only – Item 9.a. will have a Motion to adopt a substitute Resolution.

Under Pending List, Date Certain – Item 12.a. will have a Motion to Amend No. 1 to adopt a substitute Ordinance.

Under Pending List – Item(s) 13.e. through 13.g. may have a Motion to suspend the rules to remove from Pending List, No Date Certain to allow for Action on this item today (8.24.20).

IV. MAYORS OFFICE

Cary advised Council members that the Planning Department will be holding an Open House on Transitional Living to gather public input on the discussion draft tomorrow evening from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The open house will be available via Zoom; participants will need to be registered by noon on August 25th.

Cary also advised the virtual public event on the Comp Plan 2050 closes at the end of this week.

Discussion followed.

Elliott advised Council members that there will be a Scooter's Educational Launch demo this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Haymarket. Representatives from both scooter vendors will be on site and available to answer any questions. Individuals are encouraged to attend and take a test drive on the scooters. Bike Share will also be on site with some of the electric bikes.

Discussion followed.

Carlson briefed Council members on the final Budget Resolution and the Substitute Resolution which

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represents the final reconciliation of the final property tax values and the notion to use any additional revenues there as a general expense or a reserve account for any unforeseen budget challenges in this pandemic year. Some clean-up changes were also made to some of the language that refers to biennial budget as we are doing an annual budget. There was a reference to LB 989. The Bill was passed and is now represented by statute. There is no reason to refer to a Bill anymore as it's a law. The last change was another clean-up change in Section #29 changing the word "sufficient" to "not necessary".

Discussion followed.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Lopez briefed Council on the latest guidance and concerns regarding COVID-19. Lopez reported there are currently a total of a little over 3600 cases, of which 17 were from yesterday, the data for today as not yet been received. In July there were 1317 cases which equates to 36% of all the cases reported to date. In comparison there were 970 cases in May and 530 cases in June. 47% of the positive cases have been reported as recovered. The 20-29 year old age group represents 35% of reported positive cases. For the cases reported for the week ending on Saturday equates to 6.9%. Testing numbers are decreasing; two weeks ago 4000 tests were completed and we are at 2500 from last week. There is now a Test Nebraska site at University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL) and at Nebraska Wesleyan campuses. The LLCHD is currently working with UNL on a COVID-19 dashboard for their website and is expected to be live by Wednesday. Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) has launched their dashboard this past Friday and have reported 4 cases reported and 35 staff in quarantine. Hospital usage remains good; contact tracing is being accomplished with-in 24-hours of receiving a positive case. 344 individuals are currently being monitored. Since the beginning of the pandemic nearly 7000 individuals have been monitored. Last week 33% of cases were related to a known person who also tested positive. Even with the slight up-tick in positive cases this past week the numbers are still 51% lower than the number of cases on July 25th. Over 5000 test kits have been distributed to long-term care facilities. The LLCHD has received a grant from the National Association of City/County Health Officials and will be working on mitigation of communicable disease in long-term care settings.

Discussion followed.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.