

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, November 2, 2020

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

Others Present: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Leirion Gaylor-Baird, Mayor; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; Liz Elliott, Director, Transportation and Utilities; Ronald Caldi, Assistant Director, Transportation and Utilities; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Richard Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES

Minutes from October 19, 2020, approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Consent Agenda – Items(s) 1.a. through 1.e. will be called separately. Item(s) 2.a. through 2.d. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Liquor Resolutions – Item(s) 4.a. and 4.b. will be called together. Item(s) 4.c. and 4.d. will be called together. Item(s) 4.e. and 4.f. will be called together; Applicant is unable to attend today and has requested to delay action two weeks to November 16, 2020. Item(s) 4.g. and 4.h. will be called together and Item(s) 4.j. and 4.k. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Resolutions – Item 5.a. has a Motion to Amend No. 1 to accept a substitute Resolution.

Under Ordinances 3rd Reading – Item 6.a. will have a Motion to move item to Pending List No Date Certain and may possibly have a Motion to Amend. Item 6.b. will have a Motion to move item to Pending List No Date Certain.

Under Pending List – Item 9.d. will need a Motion to remove item from Pending List Date Uncertain to have Final Action on November 23, 2020.

Discussion followed.

IV. MAYORS OFFICE

Mayor Gaylor-Baird briefed Council on the Federal Fund Expenditures and advised the CBDG continues to make rent and utility payments on behalf of individuals who have qualified for assistance. The Mayor also advised a person has been hired in the Commission on Human Rights Office; Emergency grant funding is paying for this position. The Economic Recovery Taskforce continues to meet and discuss the effects of COVID and the Climate Action Plan was released last Thursday.

Liz Elliott provided an introduction of Ronald Caldi as the recent hire for the Assistant Director of Transportation for the Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department.

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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 the following:

136 positive cases have been reported. 30% of the positive cases are related to someone in the household. There have currently been 45 deaths; 46% of the deaths occurred in October alone. Last week the positivity rate was at 18.1%. At this time there hospitals have opted for no overnight elective surgeries; critical electives are still on-going; there are currently 74 patients hospitalized. There have been 495 cases reported in the K-12 schools; At this time there has not been any student to student cases.

Discussion followed.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. **DEC** – Ward (10.20.20)
Ward reported the DEC was updated on customer financing obligations; NSP opted out with the bond increase; replacement of a boiler was approved at \$47,000.
2. **PRT** – Bowers (10.29.20)
Bowers reported properties are being reviewed.
3. **WHJPA** – Ward (10.29.20)
Ward reported work is still being done on the tribute bench and concrete repair work has been approved at Pinnacle Bank Arena.
4. **ILC** – Christensen, Shobe, Washington (10.26.20)
Christensen reported discussion was had on Special Designated Liquor Licenses' and the "Dine out Lincoln" program. The ILC discussed and supports extending the "Dine out Lincoln" program.
5. **DLA** – Meginnis, Ward (10.27.20)
Meginnis reported David Young provided a presentation on communication towers; discussion was had on broadband testing and the strategic downtown plan. Discussion was also had on the twelve-days of Christmas Holiday Lights, this year they may be set up Tower Square.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.