

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, September 23, 2019

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

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk, Jennifer Brinkman, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, Brandon Kauffman, Director of Finance, Miki Esposito, Director of Transportation and Utilities, Jeff Bliemeister, Chief, Lincoln Police Department, Dan Marvin, Director, Urban Development, David Cary, Director, Planning Department, Lynn Johnson, Director, Parks and Recreation, Chad Blahak, Director, Building & Safety, and other City staff present.

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

I. MINUTES

Directors' minutes from September 16, 2019 approved and adopted (7-0)

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

III. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.a. and 4.b. has a request to continue public hearing and action for 1 week.

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances – 2nd Reading – Item 5.d. has a request to delay public hearing to October 21, 2019.

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances – 3rd Reading – Item 6.b. has a Motion to Amend No. 2 to increase the minimum age requirement from 16 years old to 18 years old. Item 6.c. has a Motion to Amend No. 1 to accept a substitute ordinance.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Jennifer Brinkman advised Council the last two open houses for the ACT group will be tomorrow at the Dawes Middle School and Wednesday at the Bennett Martin Library. LTU received a Federal Transit Administration Region VII Award of Excellence for StarTran for the highest percentage of increased ridership of 27%.

Mike Esposito, Director, LTU provided an update on StarTran's Paratransit service expansion Transport Plus has requested to term their contract effective October 31, 2019. LYU recommended that 7 bus operators and 3 minivans be added to allow StarTran to defray the rising costs of contractual services. StarTran has begun advertisement of the additional 7 bus operators, 4 reserve vehicles are ready for paratransit service, a request will be brought forward to amend the CIP to procure an additional 4 ADA-equipped minivans, which will arrive by the end of the year, until the purchased minivans are delivered LTU will rent 4 ADA equipped minivans. Aging Partners has donated a reserve vehicle for StarTran to use. StarTran is also collaborating with Disability Rights Nebraska on a paratransit operator training program. Lastly, StarTran is in the process of hiring a Safety and Training Specialist by the end of the year.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Correctional JPA – Raybould (08.27.19) *carried over from previous meeting*

Raybould reported election of chairs was had; Roma Amundson has been elected chair, Sean Flowerday vice-chair, public hearing was had on the budget and approval of the budget resolution was had.

2. BOH – Bowers (09.10.19) *carried over from previous meeting*

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Bowers reported Elaine Walsh has retired. Animal Control reports there has been an increase in bat calls, it has been confirmed and reported three bats have tested positive for rabies. The Sports Injury task force created some new sports injury prevention and education, the health department presented on the dangers of vaping. The board voted to support testifying on behalf of legislative resolution 184. The Board of Health also sent a letter in support of LR173 regarding the harm in second hand smoke from e-cigarettes. The board continues to work on the strategic plan.

3. **PBC – Meginnis, Raybould (09.17.19)**
Meginnis reported Chris Callahan has filled the vacant public member appointment. Approval was made on the Hall of Justice front security entrance bid.
4. **City Council opening on the Mayor's Arts Advisory Group**
Raybould advised there is an opening on the Mayor's Arts Advisory Group. Christensen stated this is not an official Council appointment; it has become more of a tradition to have a Council member serve. Ward expressed interest in being on the Advisory Group; Washington stated she would serve as a back-up.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. PAC 2018/2019 Directive, City of Lincoln Emerald Ash Borer Response and Recovery Plan
Shobe reported the PAC met in August and reviewed the final report.
2. PAC – 2019/2020 Directive
After a brief discussion on possible topics for the upcoming Directive, it was decided to review the services provided by StarTran including the Paratransit services.
3. Joint Council Luncheon Tuesday, October 15, 2019
A brief discussion was had on the number of topics to be discussed and having an update from the Lobbyists on upcoming legislation. Topics of interest include; the scooter piolet program, housing affordability, street maintenance. Raybould and Meginnis will draft a proposed Agenda.

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.