

MINUTES

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, November 4, 2019

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

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor, Jennifer Brinkman, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, Brandon Kauffman, Director of Finance, Tom Casady, Interim 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, Doug McDaniel, Director Human Resources, and other City staff present.

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

I. MINUTES

Directors' minutes from October 21, 2019 approved and adopted (7-0)

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

III. CITY CLERK

Under Petitions and Communications – Item 2.c. there has been a request by the applicant to move this to November 18, 2019, because they are not able to attend on November 25, 2019.

Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.a. and 4.b. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Resolutions – Item 5.a. has a Motion to Amend, to remove 3701 Prescott Ave from the list.

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances – 2nd Reading – Items 6.b. and 6.c. will be called together, Items 6.d. and 6.e. will be called together, Items 6.f. through 6.i. will be called together, and Items 6.j. through 6.l. will be called together.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Gaylor-Baird advised Council in addition to the Veteran's Day Parade there will be a Veterans event taking place Monday, November 11, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Vet's Memorial Gardens.

The CIP Amendment was approved by the Planning Commission and should be before City Council on November 25, 2019 for Public Hearing.

The Fire Chief hiring process will be kicking off soon with a national search. The Lincoln Transportations and Utilities Director open position will, hopefully, be filled locally.

Parks and Recreation 10 year facilities plan is in draft form, a press release will be going out regarding this. The draft will go before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for discussion and planning on November 14, 2019. This will then be published on-line for input and back before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for Adoption on December 12, 2019, then recommended for approval by the City Council.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. DLA – Meginnis, Ward (10.22.19)

Meginnis reported Dan Marvin provided a presentation on the new entry corridor "O" Street beautification project. The project is expected to start at 28th Street through 8th Street and proceed 1 block north and south. This project will include the removal of Ash trees and decide how to replace them. Discussion was had on adding the Tele-Graph District, now that State law has changed, this can be folded into the existing district.

2. WHJPA – Ward (10.24.19)

Ward reported the JPA approved expenditures including; the Canopy restoration project in the amount of \$160,000, the HVAC system replacement for \$41,552, and the landscaping consistency beautification.

3. Safe and Successful Kids Inter-local – Shobe, Meginnis (10.24.19)

Discussion was had on the evaluation process on the success of the project and School Resource Officer's (SRO). It was noted the current SRO training exceeds State standards. State standards require a minimum of 20 hours of training, the City requires 20 hours of training annually which includes five different components. Washington inquired if data is being tracked on the number of SRO interactions with students that result in criminal activity? Shobe responded the data is being

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tracked but is confidential in nature due to the incidents can too easily identify the student(s) involved. It was noted that the numbers are very low and local statistics do not show a trend. Washington requested a requested a case review on what is happening, where it is happening, what events are leading up to the activity.

4. ILC – Christensen, Shobe, Washington (10.28.19)

Discussion was had on game day Railyard activities. There will not be an ILC meeting in November or December; Lincoln Police Department is expected to report during the January meeting. Discussion was had on allowing 19/20 year olds to be able to do register transaction at convenience stores; Lincoln is the only City in the State that doesn't allow 19/20 years to do register transactions. There will not be a tailgate/bar walk this year; discussion is being had on a spring tour walk to address the current sidewalk café ordinance and determine if changes need to be made to that.

5. PAC – Shobe, Washington, Bowers (10.29.19)

Discussion was had on the new Directive pertaining to StarTran and Handi-Van services. Shobe advised that he attended the recent StarTran Advisory Board meeting and reported six new drivers have been hired, it was also noted in that meeting that adequate Handi-Van service will be provided. Mike Davis, StarTran Transit Manager, is expected to attend and provide information at the next PAC meeting.

Kirkpatrick advised Council the current members of the PAC are of the same political party, the code clearly states that no more than two City Council Committee members shall share the same political registration. A brief discussion was had and it was decided that Christensen will replace Washington's seat on the PAC.

6. PRT – Bowers (09.26.19)

Bowers reported some of the properties had cases closed; one property that had been on the list for ten years has finally been closed. Monitoring of other properties continues.

7. Justice Council – Raybould (11.01.19)

Shobe reported he attended in the absence of Raybould. A presentation was provided on “failure to appear”. It was noted that 12% of the time individuals are not appearing to their court hearings. Phone calls and reminder postcards have been effective in reducing that number to about 9%. Discussion was had on developing technology to create a govtogo application to download on your phone to remind individuals of their upcoming court date. A brief discussion was had regarding the change in the Geneva Youth Center. There are still a number of individuals in County Jail waiting for a bed at Mental Health facilities.

8. Tele- Communications – Washington (10.17.19) carry over from 10.21.19

Washington reported on the announcement of Allo providing services to 75 non-profit agencies. The committee has been working on performance evaluations of the companies with franchise fees; it is currently past the draft phase but has not been made public at this time. It can be said that the evaluation covered companies providing cable television and broadband services; overall city franchise fees were deemed to have significantly better television performance in this evaluation than the evaluation that was completed in 2014, thus showing improved performance. The report should be available to public by next week.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Christensen advised Council of the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade taking place Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The parade will start at Lincoln High School, proceed down “K” Street and end at the State Capital steps.

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.