



## **Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, August 05, 2024**

**Present:** Sändra Washington, Tom Beckius, Justin Carlson, Bennie Shobe, Brodey Weber, Tom Duden

**Others Present:** Soulinnee Phan, Chad Blahak, Michon Morrow, Liz Elliott, Yohance Christie, Randy Jones, Jon Carlson, Peter Hind, Dave Cary, Barb McIntyre, Pat Lopez, Maggie Stuckey Ross, Ryan Wieber, Dave Engler, Steve Hubka, JJ Yost, Margaret Reist, Ben Sobel

Council Chair Washington opened the meeting at 2:00pm and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes from July 29 meeting accepted as posted

### **City Clerk Advisories**

- Meeting will begin with Regular Agenda items addressed as normal, followed by a budget presentation and the Budget Hearing Agenda
- Clerk will remind public of comment process for budget hearing

### **Director Advisories**

- Directors addressing City response to July 31 storm:
  - Liz Elliott, LTU:
    - Wastewater facility lost power, restored in roughly 8 hours
    - Power generally restored by 3pm Thursday
  - Michon Morrow, LPD:
    - 11 p.m. shift crew arrived early to aid in receiving calls
    - LPD received over 800 calls during the hour of the storm, over 1800 between 4pm and midnight total
    - New call center lost power, backup generators successfully averted any loss in function and service
    - High call volume resulted in roughly 175 unanswered 911 calls, however all missed calls were captured and returned
  - Dave Engler, LFR:
    - LFR received nearly 250 storm calls, 153 between 4:45 p.m. and 11 p.m.
    - Medical emergencies and structure fires were prioritized over 50+ reports of downed wires

- J.J. Yost, Parks & Recreation:
  - Received over 11,000 calls
  - Parks employees spent the first 48 hours clearing tree debris
  - Weekend spent inspecting additional reported downed trees, continuing to work on clearing from public spaces
  - Tree debris drop-off sites open through August 19
  - Full severity of storm will take months to determine as tree damage becomes more apparent
- **Peter Hind, Urban Development**
  - Presented updates on Parking Division projects, including:
    - Haymarket Garage renovation completion expected mid-October
    - Q Place Garage elevators operational
    - Parking equipment upgrades for garages slated for September
    - Study underway between 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets downtown to determine potential curb space updates, analyzing pedestrian, private vehicles, and commercial loading zone uses

### **Committee & Commission Updates**

- Councilman Beckius reported on West Haymarket JPA
  - Approved contracts ranging from \$700-\$80,000 for electrical replacements, fire alarms, and other maintenance
- Councilman Shobe reported on the Justice Council's quarterly meeting
  - Jail populations are up, some residents housed outside County facilities
  - Restructuring under consideration to reduce jail populations
  - Community Crisis Center also reports being overfull

Council Chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 2:21pm.