

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on April 3, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1369 25 Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given simultaneously to the Mayor and members of the City Council, with a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt of notice being on file in the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Bulkley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Mayor James Bulkley and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Captain Charles Sherer, Public Works Director Greg McCaffery, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Firefighters Tim Bartholomew and Kyle Lingenfelter, and Account Clerk Robin Efta.
2. **PRAYER:** Bahr led in prayer.
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bulkley invited all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vasicek stated that the following items are considered routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. She pointed out that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The items on the consent agenda were approved as presented with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
 - 4.A. **Minutes of March 20, 2017, City Council meeting.**
 - 4.B. **Reappointment of Rodney Supencheck to Columbus Tree Board for three-year term.**
 - 4.C. **Reappointment of Chris Steinke to Civil Service Commission for five-year term.**
 - 4.D. **Quote from C P Siding and Construction in the amount of \$14,280 to replace roof on tournament headquarters and shelter at Gerrard Park.**

- 4.E. Resolution No. R17-52 approving Consultant Agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District for comprehensive development planning services (Project No. 16-CD-001).** Resolution No. R17-52 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING SERVICES FOR PROJECT NO 16-CD-001, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.
- 4.F. Resolution No. R17-53 approving partial acquisition in the amount of \$24,300 and permanent easement in the amount of \$192 for Donald W. and Barbara A. Schmidt, Trustees of the Schmidt Family Trust in conjunction with Lift Station Replacements 2016.** Resolution No. R17-53 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PARTIAL ACQUISITION CONTRACT-TRUST WITH DONALD W. SCHMIDT AND BARBARA A. SCHMIDT, TRUSTEES OF THE SCHMIDT FAMILY TRUST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,300 WITH RESPECT TO A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE W1/2SE1/4 OF SECTION 15, T17N, R1E OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE S1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 15, T17N, R1E, OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND ASSUMING THE WEST LINE, W1/2, SE1/4 TO HAVE A BEARING OF N00°00'33"W ON SAID WEST LINE, 60 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY NO. 30; THENCE N89°50'19"E ON SAID NORTH LINE, 115.03 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SCHMIDT SUBDIVISION, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N00°02'35"E ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SCHMIDT SUBDIVISION, 60.00 FEET; THENCE N89°50'19"E, 135.00 FEET; THENCE S00°00'00"W 60.00 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY NO. 30; THENCE S89°50'19"W ON SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 135.05 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.19 ACRES MORE OR LESS; APPROVING THE WARRANTY DEED POLITICAL SUBDIVISION-TRUST GIVEN PURSUANT THERETO DATED MARCH 17, 2017; APPROVING THE LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ACQUISITION CONTRACT PERMANENT EASEMENT-INDIVIDUAL WITH DONALD W. SCHMIDT AND BARBARA A. SCHMIDT, TRUSTEES OF THE SCHMIDT FAMILY TRUST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192, WITH RESPECT TO A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR UTILITY PURPOSES LOCATED IN THE SE1/4SW1/4 OF SECTION 15, T17N, R1E OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 15, T17N, R1E OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND ASSUMING THE SOUTH LINE TO HAVE A BEARING OF S89°50'19"W; THENCE S89°50'29"W, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 30; THENCE N89°50'29"W ON SAID NORTH LINE, 13.00 FEET; THENCE N00°09'31"W, 13.42 FEET; THENCE N78°33'49"E, 13.26 FEET; THENCE S00°09'31"E, 16.01 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 191.4 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS; AND APPROVING THE PERMANENT EASEMENT GIVEN PURSUANT THERETO DATED MARCH 17, 2017;THE FOREGOING ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LIFT STATION 5 REPLACEMENT.

- 4.G. Payroll and bills on file.** 4/7/17 Payroll \$514,891.59; ASCAP – 342.46 License; Awards Plus – Uniforms 104.00; Noell Gautier – July Storm 175.00; Sharon K. Kuncf – July Storm 342.11; Nebraska Law Enforcement – Supplies 190.00; Nebraska Title Company – 12 Avenue Viaduct 100,858.50; Mike Proski – July Storm 1,764.00; Jon Rauner – July Storm 456.01; Donald and Barbara Schmidt – Lift Station 24,492.00; Walmart – Supplies 1,020.18. TOTAL \$644,635.85.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Included in Consent Agenda
- 6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
- 6.A. Recognition of Finance Director Anne Kinnison as a Certified Government Financial Manager for the City of Columbus.** Bulkley noted that Governor Ricketts declared March 2017 as Certified Government Financial Manager month and commended Kinnison for all she does for the city as a Certified Government Financial Manager.
- 6.B. Columbus Community Guide for 2016.** David Bell, Loup Power District, and Mary Plettner, Nebraska Public Power District, presented the 2017 Columbus Community Guide. It was noted that Linda Cloeter, City of Columbus; Tami Swanson, Nebraska Public Power District; Sandi Meays, Loup Power District; and staff from the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce worked extensively to compile the information for publication and the Community Guide is a valuable resource for development opportunities. It was further noted that the guide is available on the Loup Power District, Nebraska Public Power District, and City of Columbus' websites.
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None
- 8. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 9. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:**
- 9.A. Status update of Columbus High School traffic evaluation.** Bulkley referred to traffic issues at the new high school, said the issues will settle once everyone establishes their routes, pointed out that the traffic pattern will change again in the fall with relocation of the middle school, and explained that there are plans in place to address the issues. Bulkley pointed out that

the school district has been guiding staff and students on alternative routes in order to alleviate traffic congestion. Bogus explained the events that have transpired to date, said the school hired HDR Engineering, Inc. to conduct a traffic study prior to construction of the new high school, and as a result, 33 Avenue was widened to three lanes from 38 Avenue to Lost Creek Parkway and traffic signals were installed at 33 Avenue and 38 Street as well as 33 Avenue and Lost Creek Parkway. He pointed out that the type of controllers on the new traffic signals will allow for the timing to be adjusted and dedicated turn lanes to be added. Bogus noted that re-evaluation of the traffic pattern has been postponed until the fall of 2017 due to the delay of the opening of the high school and said the re-evaluation will also include changes to the traffic pattern as a result of the middle school relocation. He further noted that the traffic signal at 27 Street and 33 Avenue will also be evaluated.

- 9.B. Report on the Floodplain/Floodway Overlay District ordinance.** Bogus referred to recent media coverage regarding development in floodplain and floodway areas and he explained the difference between floodplains and floodways. He reviewed the city's ordinance that was adopted a few years ago using a model ordinance prepared by the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He said the DNR is currently in the process of updating the model ordinance and anticipates that it will be ready to send to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for approval this summer prior to adoption by the city.

10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

10.A. COMMITTEE OF WHOLE - April 3, 2017

- 10.A.1. Report from Fire Department Organizational Structure Committee regarding full-time paid Fire Chief.** The Committee of the Whole recommended to the mayor and council that the position of a full-time paid Fire Chief be created. Vasicek gave a brief summary of the discussion held during the Committee of the Whole meeting. Bulkley expressed gratitude to those who served on the Fire Department Organizational Structure Committee for their efforts and thorough work in evaluating the organizational structure of the Fire Department. The report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- 13.A. Comments from Mayor and City Council Members.** Bahr referred to the special election on April 11, 2017, for issuance of bonds for the Library/Cultural Arts Center and encouraged everyone to vote.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

- 14.A. Resolution No. R17-54 amending Resolution No. R16-97 (Schedule of Fees) by reducing the Board of Adjustment application fee.** Resolution No. R17-54 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R16-97 (SCHEDULE OF FEES) BY REDUCING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FEE, PURSUANT TO THE ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED HEREIN SCHEDULE; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
- 14.B. Resolution No. R17-55 approving Transportation Plan Program Agreement with State of Nebraska Department of Roads for federal assistance of 80 percent up to a maximum of \$75,000 for Comprehensive Transportation Plan.** Resolution No. R17-55 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ROADS, FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE OF 80 PERCENT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$75,000 FOR PROJECT NO. SPR-1(54) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE PLANNING AND RESEARCH (SPR) FUNDS FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS was adopted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
- 14.C. Resolution No. R17-56 approving Transportation Plan Agreement with Iteris, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$102,035.92 for Comprehensive Transportation Plan.** Resolution No. R17-56 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH ITERIS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,035.92 FOR PROJECT NO. SPR-1(54) TO ACT AS A CONSULTANT FOR THE COLUMBUS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". It was noted that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan is a complex study and Iteris, Inc. has been pre-approved by the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for this project.
- 14.D. Resolution No. R17-57 approving agreement with Kendig Keast Collaborative in an amount not to exceed \$166,495.92 for Comprehensive Plan update and Long Range Transportation Plan and**

Model. Resolution No. R17-57 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH KENDIG KEAST COLLABORATIVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,495.92 FOR CONSULTANT WORK FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND MODEL FOR COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS was adopted with a motion by Lohr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

15. **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:** None
16. **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:** None
17. **ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:** None
18. **CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE:** Included in Consent Agenda
19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
20. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

Presented and approved this 17 day of April, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK