

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on March 26, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1369 25th Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska, the same having been called by Mayor Moser.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram on March 22, 2013, 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.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT: Mayor Moser read the following statement: "In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Legislative Bill 898, Second Session Ninety-Ninth Legislature of Nebraska, a current copy of the Act is available at this meeting".

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Michael Moser and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Ron Bogus, Jim Bulkley, Ron Schilling, Rich Jablonski, John Lohr and Terry Reardon. City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Attorney Mark Sipple, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Works Director Roger Buell and Transfer Station Supervisor Mike Shemek.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SITING OF NEW TRANSFER STATION: Communications that were presented to the January 7, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting with regard to siting for a new Transfer Station were included in the packet for this Special City Council Meeting. Mayor Moser explained the events that have transpired to date and said this special meeting was scheduled to address any unresolved issues in order to proceed with the project. City Administrator Mangiamelli stated that it is imperative to move forward with this project due to the failing condition of the current facility. Mangiamelli listed the criteria that were considered when searching for alternate sites and said the property at East 29 Avenue and four blocks north of 23 Street met the requirements. Mangiamelli displayed a drawing of the proposed facility and said the plan is to exceed buffer requirements. Aerial photos of the current and alternate sites were also presented. In response to Mayor Moser, John Dempsey, HDR Engineering, Inc., explained that the Environmental Protection Agency provides guidelines for the siting of transfer stations and he said designs can be included in the plans for aesthetics as well as litter control. Dempsey stated that litter control is required and all unloading must be conducted inside the facility. In response to Mayor Moser, Dempsey confirmed that liquid discharge is regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality. Moved by Schilling, seconded by Reardon, that the new Transfer Station be located on the site of the property on which the current facility is located and the adjacent acquisition and that staff be

directed to proceed with final design and preparation of applications to be presented to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for approval. In response to Council Member Lohr, Mangiamelli confirmed that there was no dollar limit established when searching for alternate properties. Also in response to Council Member Lohr, Transfer Station Supervisor Shemek explained that refuse is removed daily as the city is not allowed to store the waste. Council Member Lohr referred to issues with truck traffic to the current site and suggested the Traffic Control Device Committee consider installing stop signs along 12 Avenue. Mangiamelli explained that a designated truck route for garbage haulers would not be feasible as their routes vary each day. Mangiamelli stated that the condition of 12 Avenue leading to the transfer station will be monitored and necessary improvements will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Mangiamelli pointed out that construction of a new facility would not result in increased traffic. Catherine Hoops, 1205 1 St, explained that she has lived at this address since 1981 and expressed concerns for safety as truck traffic has increased substantially over the years. Leonard Gabriel, 2914 E. 38 Street, expressed opposition to the alternate site. Jason Mielak, 3919 25 Street, on behalf of the Bierman families, asked the City Council to consider seeking other possible sites. Mielak said he feels this issue should be a community decision as it will have a long term effect. In response to Mayor Moser, City Clerk Kline restated the motion. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Schilling, Jablonski and Reardon voted "Aye" and Lohr voted "Nay." Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARDS TO PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR NEW TRANSFER STATION: No discussion was held and no action was taken with regard to property acquisition for a new Transfer Station.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Schilling, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bogus, Bulkley, Schilling, Jablonski, Lohr and Reardon voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Presented and approved this 1st day of April, 2013.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK