

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on March 3, 2014, at 7:03 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 on February 27, 2014, 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 posted in this meeting room".

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Mayor Michael Moser and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Jim Bulkley, Rich Jablonski, John Lohr, Terry Reardon, and Ron Schilling. Council Member Ron Bogus was absent and excused.

City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Attorney Stephen Hansen, Interim City Engineer Merlin Lindahl, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Public Works Director Roger Buell and Library Director Jill Owens.

**PRAYER:** Mayor Moser asked all to rise and Council President Schilling led in prayer.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Moser asked all to remain standing and join him in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** City Administrator Mangiamelli stated that the following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. He pointed out that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council Member or a citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. Approval of minutes of the February 18, 2014, City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of plans, specifications, and estimate of cost in the amount of \$38,800 for 8th Street Asphalt Project, as submitted by Interim City Engineer Lindahl, and authorizing city staff to advertise for bids.
- C. Approval of award of bids to Dale Johnson for one-year supply of road gravel in the amount of \$10.68 per cubic yard delivered or \$9.25 per cubic yard if picked up by

the city, and to M & L, Inc. for removal of yard waste in the amount of \$9.90 per ton, as submitted by Public Works Director Buell.

- D. Approval of Resolution No. R14-19 approving agreement with American Legion Hartman Post 84 for use of Pawnee Park baseball facilities.
- E. Approval of Resolution No. R14-20 approving agreement with Columbus Area Midget Football Organization for use of Bradshaw Park football facilities.
- F. Approval of Resolution No. R14-21 approving agreement with Columbus Mariners Baseball League for use of Berne (Armory) Park baseball facilities.
- G. Approval of Resolution No. R14-22 approving agreement with Columbus Softball Association for use of Gerrard Park softball facilities.
- H. Approval of Resolution No. R14-23 approving agreement with Columbus Youth Baseball League for use of Centennial Park baseball facilities.
- I. Approval of Resolution No. R14-24 approving agreement with Columbus Youth Softball Association for use of Bradshaw Park softball facilities.
- J. Approval of Resolution No. R14-25 approving agreement with Wilderness Park Operations Committee for use of Wilderness Park soccer facilities.
- K. Approval of payroll and bills on file. 3/14/14 Payroll \$471,847.98 TOTAL \$471,847.98.

Moved by Schilling, seconded by Lohr, the items on the consent agenda, being routine in nature, be approved as presented. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION OF 4-N CORPORATION FOR FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT OF WHITETAIL LAKE 6TH SUBDIVISION (32 AVENUE AND WHITETAIL DRIVE) AND REQUEST FOR WAIVERS:** The Affidavit of Publication and Notice of Hearing were presented on the application of 4-N Corporation for the final plat and subdivision agreement of Whitetail Lake 6th Subdivision, located in part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30 and in part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M., Platte County, Nebraska (32 Avenue and Whitetail Drive) and request for the following waivers: 1) to allow the street width to be less than the standard 33 feet; 2) to allow the cul-de-sac to have a length that exceeds 350 feet; and 3) to allow non-standard street naming. A memorandum was presented from City Engineer David Goedeken submitting detailed information and a staff recommendation to approve the final plat and subdivision agreement with the following stipulations: 1) waiver of subdivision regulations to decrease roadway width; 2) waiver of subdivision regulations to exceed the maximum length of a cul-de-sac; 3) non-

standard street naming to conform with existing street names in the area; 4) proposed storm sewer system for newly paved streets will discharge into perimeter property rather than into lake; and 5) applicant obtains approval from Corps of Engineers or FEMA prior to building roadway on the levee system. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the contingency that Sanitary and Improvement District No. 7 be included as a party in the subdivision agreement. This public hearing was continued from the February 18, 2014, City Council meeting. No one spoke regarding this issue and no one appeared in opposition. Moved by Schilling, seconded by Lohr, the public hearing be closed. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. R14-26 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BAHR.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R14-26**  
**ADOPTED: MARCH 3, 2014**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30 AND THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 31, T17N, R1E OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, WHITETAIL LAKE 3RD SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30 AND THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 31, T17N, R1E OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND ASSUMING THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 32ND AVENUE TO HAVE A BEARING OF N 01°52'37" W; THENCE N 88°07'23" E ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, WHITETAIL LAKE 3RD SUBDIVISION, 150.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE S 01°52'37" E, 136.45 FEET; THENCE N 88°20'20" E, 383.72 FEET; THENCE N 01°39'40" W, 104.64 FEET; THENCE N'LY, E'LY, AND S'LY ON A 200-FOOT RADIUS CURVE, 850.25 FEET; THENCE S 01°39'40" E, 104.64 FEET; THENCE N 88°20'20" E, 377.50 FEET; THENCE S 01°39'40" E, 210.00 FEET; THENCE S 88°20'20" W, 1310.43 FEET; THENCE N 01°52'37" W, 300.92 FEET, TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTH 9TH STREET; THENCE N 88°22'23" E ON SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 60.00 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 32ND AVENUE; THENCE N 01°52'37" W ON SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 45.00 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT CONTAINING 10.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, HEREINAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS "WHITETAIL LAKE 6TH SUBDIVISION;" WAIVING THE CUL-DE-SAC LENGTH LIMITATION; WAIVING THE WIDTH REQUIREMENT FOR WHITETAIL DRIVE; WAIVING THE STANDARD STREET NAME; APPROVING THE PROPOSED WHITETAIL LAKE 6TH SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUBDIVIDER, PLATTE COUNTY SANITARY & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 7 AND THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Moved by Bahr, seconded by Bulkley, Resolution No. R14-26 be passed and adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

The Affidavit of Publication, Posting, and Notice of Hearing were presented on the public hearing held for the purpose of hearing testimony in favor of, opposition to, and to answer questions in relation to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan for the City of Columbus, Nebraska. A memorandum was also presented from City Engineer David Goedeken submitting detailed information and a staff recommendation to approve the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. The following projects are included in the One Year Plan for 2014: 1) Discoverer Addition-41 Avenue from 38 Street to Lost Creek Parkway; 2) Build left turn lane on Lost Creek Parkway at proposed 41 Avenue; 3) Discoverer 2nd Addition-41 Street from 41 Avenue to 300 feet east of 38 Avenue, 38 Avenue from 38 Street to 41 Street, 40 Street from 38 Avenue to 300 feet east; 4) Highway 30/81 Overlay Project-23 Street from East 6 Avenue to 33 Avenue, 33 Avenue from 23 Street to Loup River bridge; 5) Refurbish aging traffic signals and controllers at 27 Avenue and 13 Street, 26 Avenue and 13 Street, 25 Avenue and 13 Street, 23 Avenue and 13 Street, 23 Avenue and 11 Street, 23 Avenue and 14 Street, 25 Avenue and 14 Street, 26 Avenue and 14 Street; 6) 3 Avenue Viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad and 8 Street to 1,000 feet north of Union Pacific Railroad; 7) 18 Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Bridge; 8) Riverside 2nd Addition-17 Street from 49 Avenue to 300 feet west, 49 Avenue from 18 Street to 300 feet south; 9) Deerfield Park 2nd Addition-23 Avenue from north end existing 23 Avenue to 370 feet north unnamed cul-de-sac 400 feet either side of 23 Avenue; and 10) 8 Street-27 Avenue to 1/2 block west of 31 Avenue. Council Member Schilling referred to the refurbish aging traffic signals and controllers project, questioned the necessity of certain signals in the area from 11 to 14 Street between 23 and 27 Avenue as well as a signal at 17 Street and 23 Avenue and said he feels stops signs may be adequate. City Administrator Mangiamelli pointed out that the possibility of a future 23 Avenue viaduct, library/cultural arts center, and relocation of Columbus Middle School would have an effect on the traffic pattern for this area. Interim City Engineer Lindahl referred to a traffic study that was conducted a number of years ago where it was determined that traffic signals were not warranted at certain intersections in this area and said the City Council voted to retain the traffic signals. Mangiamelli noted the deadline for filing the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan, pointed out that the city is not committed to completing the projects identified in the plan, and suggested the plan be submitted as presented. Mangiamelli stated that the issue of whether traffic signals are warranted in certain areas can be presented at a future Traffic Control Device Committee for review. Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Bahr, the public hearing be closed. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. R14-27 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BULKLEY.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R14-27**  
**ADOPTED: MARCH 3, 2014**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING A ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Bahr, Resolution No. R14-27 be passed and adopted. Council Member Bulkley referred to City Administrator Mangiamelli's suggestion at the public hearing on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan and said he feels the issue of whether traffic signals are warranted in certain areas should be presented to the appropriate committee for review and Council President Schilling concurred. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – PRESENTATION BY THE CLARK ENERSEN PARTNERS ON PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR THE LIBRARY/CULTURAL ARTS CENTER:**

The report of the Committee of the Whole was presented with the recommendation that the Steering Committee be authorized to proceed with refinement of the concept plans and initiate the fundraising process. Moved by Bahr, seconded by Schilling, this report be adopted. In response to Council Member Jablonski, City Administrator Mangiamelli stated that the design concept of the prospective library/cultural arts center will be presented to as many people and organizations as possible. Council Member Bulkley pointed out that the design is not final and the concept is for informing the public in order to promote the proposed library/cultural arts center. Mayor Moser explained that the design concept will also be used to solicit donations for the project. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council Member Reardon commended the fire department, volunteer firefighters, Auxiliary, Red Cross and all who were involved with the recent structural fire.

**RESOLUTION NO. R14-28 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER AUGUSTINE-SCHULTE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R14-28**  
**ADOPTED: MARCH 3, 2014**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,500 FOR CRACK AND JOINT SEALING AT THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Moved by Augustine-Schulte, seconded by Schilling, Resolution No. R14-28 be passed and adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Schilling, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Council Member Bogus was absent. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.  
Presented and approved this 17th day of March, 2014.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK