

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on February 2, 2015, 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 on January 29, 2015, 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, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Terry Reardon, and Ron Schilling. City staff members present included City Administrator Joseph Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Attorney Stephen Hansen, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Public Works Director Roger Buell, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Library Director Drew Brookhart, Street Superintendent Jay Nickolite and Transfer Station Supervisor Mike Shemek.

PRAYER: Council President Bahr led in prayer.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Moser asked all to 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 January 19, 2015, City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of application of Hy-Vee, Inc., dba. Hy-Vee Food Store, for Special Designated License to serve wine at Premier Physical Therapy, 3100 23 Street, Suite 15, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., February 23, 2015, for sampling/tasting. (Police Department recommends approval.)
- C. Approval of award of bids for equipment as follows: Truck Center Companies for 5 CY Dump Truck w/trade-in for Street Division in the amount of \$81,843; and

Nebraska Truck Center for Truck-Tractor for Transfer Station in the amount of \$103,445.

- D. Approval of Resolution No. R15-17 approving Subrecipient Agreement and Service/Consultant Agreement for housing management services with NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska Project No. 14-CR-006.
- E. Approval of Resolution No. R15-18 approving agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District on behalf of Columbus Housing Authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 to conduct an environmental review.
- F. Approval of Resolution No. R15-19 approving contract amendment request to Nebraska Department of Economic Development Project No. 11-DTR-106 allowing \$6,000 to be moved from commercial rehabilitation activity to general administrative activity.
- G. Approval of Resolution No. R15-20 approving amended lease agreement with Mid-State Aviation II, Inc. for expansion of loading pad at Columbus Municipal Airport. (Board of Airport Commissioners recommends approval.)
- H. Approval of Resolution No. R15-21 accepting and approving permanent easement from Brian L. and Debra K. Blair and Blair, Inc. for a tract of land in Lot 35, Blair's 5th Addition for maintenance, regrading, removal of debris and sediment, and other action regarding free flow of water out of storm water culvert.
- I. Approval of Resolution No. R15-22 approving appointment of the following: Dean Hefti as Fire Chief; Pat Miller as Assistant Fire Chief; Marc Witte as Safety/Training Officer.
- J. Approval of payroll and bills on file. 02/13/15 Payroll \$497,264.48; Blazer Holdings LLC – Loan 300,000.00; MailFinance – Lease 585.63; Northeast Economic Development – Loan 200,000.00; Riteway Safety and Supply LLC – Supplies 702.00; UNL – Training 15.00; and USDA, APHIS – Service 5,960.64. TOTAL \$1,004,527.75.

Doug Briese, 2817 38 Street, requested Item H, Approval of Resolution No. R15-21 accepting and approving permanent easement from Brian L. and Debra K. Blair and Blair, Inc. for a tract of land in Lot 35, Blair's 5th Addition for maintenance, regrading, removal of debris and sediment, and other action regarding free flow of water out of storm water culvert be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda under Item 14, Resolutions. Moved by Bahr, seconded by Schilling, the items on the consent agenda, with the exception of Item H, being routine in nature, be approved as presented. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." 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 Bogus submitting detailed information and a staff recommendation to approve the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. It was noted that the following projects are included in the One Year Plan for 2015: 1) Discoverer 2nd Subdivision, 41 Avenue from 38 Street to Lost Creek Parkway; 2) Discoverer 3rd Subdivision, 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; 3) 3 Avenue vehicle viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad, 8 Street to 1,000 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad; 4) 18 Avenue pedestrian viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad; 5) 26 Avenue from 14 Street to 22 Street; 6) 26 Avenue from Kummer Drive to 27 Street; 7) 23 Avenue from 17 Street to 22 Street; 8) Discoverer Drive from 33 Avenue, 1,110 feet west; 9) South 14 Avenue from 1 Street south 1,300 feet; 10) 33 Avenue from 38 Street to 39 Street; 11) 33 Avenue and Lost Creek Parkway; 12) Refurbish 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; and 13) Deerfield Park 2nd Addition, 23 Avenue from north end of existing 23 Avenue to 370 feet north, unnamed cul-de-sac 400 feet either side of 23 Avenue. Dennis Hirschbrunner, member of the Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Planning Commission for the City of Columbus, and Arnie Stuthman, Platte Center, spoke on the need for an updated Regional Transportation Study to determine planning needs in order to attract more people and businesses to the area. Hirschbrunner and Stuthman previously met with city staff to suggest the study be included in the six year plan. Currently there is no source of funding available for the study and they suggested it be included with the plans for an updated Comprehensive Plan. Hirschbrunner and Stuthman have received commitments from surrounding counties to assist with the cost of the study. Hirschbrunner said he also feels that a street scaping consultant should be included in the One and Six Year Plan in conjunction with plans for reconstruction of Highway 30. City Administrator Mangiamelli pointed out that both the Transportation Study and Comprehensive Plan are included in the city's long term budget. The city is seeking \$75,000 from the Nebraska Department of Roads for the Comprehensive Plan and once approved, Requests for Proposals for the Comprehensive Plan with an option for a Regional Transportation Study will be sent. Mangiamelli suggested approving this One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan as presented and include an update of the Regional Transportation Study and Comprehensive Plan in the one and six year plan that will be submitted in 2016. Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Bahr, the public hearing be closed. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-23 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER REARDON.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-23

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 2, 2015

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

Moved by Reardon, seconded by Kresha, Resolution No. R15-23 be passed and adopted. City Administrator Mangiamelli requested that the motion to adopt Resolution No. R15-23 be amended to include that an updated Comprehensive Plan and Regional Transportation Study be included in the 2016 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Council Member Reardon, with consent of his second, amended his motion to include that an updated Comprehensive Plan and Regional Transportation Study be included in the 2016 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Roll call on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-23 as amended and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. TO UTILIZE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS:

The affidavit of publication was presented on the public hearing to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Northeast Economic Development, Inc. to agree that all future Community Development Block Grant economic development projects funded through the City of Columbus, Nebraska, will be used for economic development activities as outlined in Northeast Economic Development, Inc.'s 26-county Regional Non-Profit Development Organization Reuse Plan. A memorandum was presented from Jeff Christensen, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Business Loan Specialist, recommending the Memorandum of Understanding be approved. City Administrator Mangiamelli explained that this public hearing on the memorandum of understanding is in conjunction with the following public hearing on the application of Distar Industries, LLC for Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Funds. Mangiamelli further explained that Distar Industries, LLC originally submitted an application to the Citizens Advisory Review Committee to utilize Economic Development 840 funds and following review of the application, city staff felt that utilizing the revolving loan funds would be a better option for the applicant. Mangiamelli said this loan would be repaid in six years and then could be available for reuse toward a new project in the city. Christensen explained the purpose and process for utilizing revolving loan funds. Moved by Jablonski, seconded by Augustine-Schulte, the public hearing be closed. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-24 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JABLONSKI.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-24
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 2, 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND THE NON-PROFIT

DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND REUSE PLAN, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Moved by Jablonski, seconded by Reardon, Resolution No. R15-24 be passed and adopted. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION OF DISTAR INDUSTRIES, LLC FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: The affidavit of publication was presented on the public hearing to consider the application of Distar Industries, LLC for Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Funds in the amount of \$200,000 for equipment purchase. A memorandum was presented from Jeff Christensen, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Business Loan Specialist, recommending the Community Development Block Grant loan to Distar Industries, LLC be approved. Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Bahr, the public hearing be closed and the application be approved. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

REQUEST OF ANGELA JANSSEN FOR LOTTERY SALES OUTLET LOCATION AT AVENUE BAR, 1061 26 AVENUE: A communication was presented from Angela Janssen requesting permission for a lottery sales outlet location at Avenue Bar, 1061 26 Avenue. A memorandum was also presented from City Clerk Kline submitting detailed information and a staff recommendation that Avenue Bar be approved as a lottery sales outlet location. Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Schilling, the lottery sales outlet location be approved. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

AWARD OF QUOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BATTING CAGES AT CENTENNIAL PARK AND ARMORY FIELD: A memorandum was presented from Public Property Director Moore recommending the quotes for construction of batting cages at Centennial Park and Armory Field be awarded as follows: NoSwett Fencing in the amount of \$38,500 for fencing; Johnson Floor Coverings in the amount of \$10,400 for turf; and Mid-Nebraska Repair and Construction in the amount of \$9,517 for concrete work. Moved by Augustine-Schulte, seconded by Bahr, the quotes be awarded. Moore explained that the each association is purchasing equipment for the batting cage and the city is responsible for the cage and concrete. Moore further explained that the estimated costs for this project was based on bids received for the one at Bradshaw Park as well as preliminary estimates from contractors during budget preparation. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council Member Jablonski invited the public to attend an open house on February 3, 2015, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers for information regarding the Columbus Downtown Traffic Signal Study Project. Mayor Moser invited the public to attend a free concert by the Air Force Band, Vortex, at 7 p.m. on February 13, 2015, at the American Legion.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-25 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOHR.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-25
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 2, 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH BLAZER HOLDINGS, LLC AND BLAZER, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR STARTUP ASSISTANCE IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE FORMER BLAZER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., USING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT "840" FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZENS ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE WITH REPAYMENT TERMS AS DETAILED IN THE AGREEMENT.

Moved by Lohr, seconded by Bulkley, Resolution No. R15-25 be passed and adopted. Brent Ogle stated that he and Kirk Diers are purchasing Blazer Manufacturing and look forward to operating and growing the company in Columbus. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-21 WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BAHR.

RESOLUTION NO. R15-21
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 2, 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE PERMANENT EASEMENT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, FROM BRIAN BLAIR, DEBRA BLAIR AND BLAIR, INC., COVERING A TRACT OF LAND IN LOT 35, BLAIR'S 5TH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FOR THE MAINTENANCE, REGRADING, REMOVAL OF DEBRIS AND SEDIMENT AND OTHER ACTION REGARDING THE FREE FLOW OF WATER OUT OF A STORM WATER CULVERT; AND REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Moved by Lohr, seconded by Bulkley, Resolution No. R15-25 be passed and adopted. Doug Briese, 2817 38 Street, expressed concerns with water flow in this area. City Engineer Bogus explained the terms of this easement. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried.

Moved by Bulkley, seconded by Schilling, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call and Council Members Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay." Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Presented and approved this 17 day of February, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK