

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on August 17, 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, 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 Moser announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. 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 Attorney Mark Sipple, City Administrator Joe Mangiamelli, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Police Chief William Gumm, Human Resources Director Mike Oglevie, Library Director Drew Brookhart, and Fire Chief Dean Hefti.
2. **PRAYER:** Bahr led in prayer.
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Moser invited all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** 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 citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Moser requested that Item 4C, Award of quote to AVI Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$38,143 for audio and video upgrades to the City Council Chambers, be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda under Item 13, New Business. The items on the consent agenda, with the exception of Item 4C, were approved as presented with a motion by Bahr and a second by Bulkley. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
  - 4.A. **Minutes of August 3, 2015, City Council meeting.**
  - 4.B. **Award of bid to Logan Contractors Supply in the amount of \$50,485 for trailer-mounted generator for the Sewer Department.**

- 4.D. Award of quote to FireGuard, Inc. in the amount of \$13,888.28 for self-contained breathing apparatus equipment for Fire Department.**
- 4.E. Award of quote to Heiman Fire Equipment in the amount of \$49,650 for fire gear for Fire Department.**
- 4.F. Reappointment of Chuck Whitney as delegate to the Nebraska Cooperative Government Commission for one-year term.**
- 4.G. Reappointment of Ray Hajek and Larry Mares to the Board of Appeals for three-year terms.**
- 4.H. Resolution No. R15-99 continuing Columbus/Platte County Enhanced 911 service surcharge of \$1 per month on each local exchange access line physically terminating in the City of Columbus, Nebraska, 911 service area.**
- 4.I. Resolution No. R15-100 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.**
- 4.J. Resolution No. R15-101 accepting and approving acquisition contract and temporary easement with Jerome and Janet Kneifel in the amount of \$6,040 and acquisition contract and permanent easement in the amount of \$1,980 in conjunction with 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.**
- 4.K. Resolution No. R15-102 accepting and approving acquisition contract and leasehold interest with Raymond Bloyd in the amount of \$100 in conjunction with the 3 Avenue and 18 Avenue viaducts.**
- 4.L. Finance Department reports.**
- 4.M. Payroll and bills on file. 08/28/15 Payroll \$501,435.97; A & D Technical Supply – Supplies 150.97; A & J Guns – Supplies 354.91; A to Z Messaging – Service 95.00; Ace Hardware & Garden Center – Supplies 1,507.72; Donald D Adkisson – Pension 609.00; Advance Auto Parts – Supplies 9.69; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services – Wilderness Waterline Survey/Airport Legal Boundary Survey 11,750.00; Alamar Uniforms – Supplies 705.74; Alfa Laval, Inc. – Supplies 403.53; Amazon – Supplies 4,937.59; American Legal Publishing Corporation – Service 633.00; American Red Cross – Training 420.00; Anderson Auto Body & Sales – Service 2,205.00; Aqua-Chem, Inc. – Chemicals 4,693.38; Aqua-Pure, Inc. – Chemicals 8,610.20; Aquafix, Inc. – Chemicals 2,802.30; AS Central Services – Service 704.00; Asphalt & Concrete Materials – Supplies 7,496.08; AT&T – Utilities 13.94; Auto Quality Sales & Service – Service 38.92; Awards & Engraving – Supplies 13.15; B & C Electrical Services LLC – Service 487.00; B-D Construction, Inc. – 2015 Concrete Paving Improvements 65,727.94; Beard-Warren Heating & Air Conditioning – Service 857.48; Behlen Towing LLC – Service 515.00; Big Red Sanitation, Inc. – Service 220.00; Carroll A**

Bisson – Pension 716.51; Black Hills Energy – Utilities 1,386.83; Frank J Blahak Jr – Pension 762.00; Raymond Bloyd – Easement 100.00; BOK Financial – Bond Payment 211,733.75; Bomgaars – Supplies 1,963.03; Bound Tree Medical LLC – Supplies 1,389.17; Brown Traffic Products, Inc. – Supplies 394.00; California Contractors Supply – Supplies 239.70; Cat’s Pro Mow – Service 250.00; Center Point Large Print – Supplies 84.48; Central Community College – Training 110.00; Central Parts & Machine – Supplies 755.27; Central Valley Ag Cooperative – Supplies 100.00; Century Link – Utilities 1,026.95; Jay Cerny Landscaping – Service 162.36; City of Columbus – Utilities 113.72; Clark Enersen Partners – Golf Cart Storage 10,083.70; Club Prophet Systems – Service 90.00; Colin Electric Motor Service, Inc. – Supplies 351.85; Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce – Supplies 1,300.00; Columbus Community Hospital – Service/Supplies 1,677.07; Columbus Family Resource Center – Lease Payment 6,800.00; Columbus Plumbing Co. – Aquatic Center Shower Stall/Service 4,253.85; Columbus Screen Printing – Supplies 452.00; Columbus Telegram – Publications 2,297.79; Columbus Tire & Service – Service 687.44; Community Internet – Service 210.00; Connecting Point/Radio Shack - Supplies 1.97; Consolidated Water Solutions – Chemicals 9,400.01; Cornhusker Public Power District – Utilities 949.24; Cross Dillon Tire – Service 602.60; Culligan of Columbus – Supplies 227.08; Danko Emergency Equipment – Supplies 6,220.01; Danko Emergency Equipment – Thermal Imaging Cameras 21,867.00; Diamond Vogel Paint Center – Supplies 247.15; Dignity – Advertising 698.01; Downtown Business Association – Advertising 60.00; Douglas Dunbar – Contract 5,391.00; Douglas Dunbar – Commissions 5,945.94; Douglas Dunbar – Expenses 3,671.63; DXP Enterprises – Supplies 1,618.63; Eakes Office Solutions – Supplies 3,632.21; Eakes Office Solutions – Copier 19,601.00; Earl May Seed & Nursery Center – Supplies 45.98; Robin Efta – Expenses 66.36; El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant – Meals 278.00; Electrical Engineering & Equipment Co. – Supplies 595.96; Electrical Specialists, Inc. – Service 194.96; Electronic Engineering – Service/Supplies 1,815.74; Electronic Engineering – EC911 Equipment 313,991.52; Eletech, Inc. – Service 578.06; Elliott Equipment Co. – Supplies 1,029.14; Enterprise Electric CO/CED – Supplies 210.68; Eriksen Construction Co., Inc. – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements 356,597.39; Fastenal Company – Supplies 345.22; Felsburg Holt & Ullevig – Service 992.07; Fireguard, Inc. – Service 1,187.41; First National Bank & Trust Company – Service 234.14; First National Bank Omaha – Expenses 10,514.75; S A Foster Lumber Company – Supplies 145.34; Frontier – Utilities 4,115.23; Frontier Communications – Utilities 229.49; Gaeth Pest Control Services, Inc. – Service 257.00; Gale – Supplies 647.01; Galls – Supplies 3,261.84; Gaver Tire & Auto Center, Inc. – Service 33.45; Gehring Construction & Ready-Mix Company – Discoverer Addition Infrastructure 53,562.15; Gehring Construction & Ready-Mix Company – Discoverer Site Improvements 165,705.41; Gerhold Concrete Company – Supplies 2,139.35; Gilmore & Associates – Discoverer Addition Infrastructure 4,200.00; Gilmore & Associates – 2015 Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Renovations 16,000.00; Godfather’s Pizza – Meals 220.92; Jill Goedeken – Supplies 64.49; Grainger – Supplies 227.52; Great Plains Communications –

Service 320.00; Greenkeeper Co., Inc. – Chemicals 1,065.00; Hach Company – Supplies 1,018.43; Hadley-Braithwait Company – Supplies 1,184.19; Brad Hansen – Expenses 9.54; Hawkins, Inc. – Chemicals 4,669.30; HD Supply Waterworks LTD – Supplies 2,718.35; HDR Engineering, Inc. – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements 54,692.37; Heartland Natural Gas – Utilities 2,105.04; Dean Hefti – Expenses 54.80; Hobby Lobby – Supplies 38.87; Holiday Inn of Kearney – Lodging 189.90; Hometown Leasing – Supplies 225.07; Mark S Howerter MD – Contract 524.00; Hy-Vee, Inc. – Supplies 565.81; Hydro Tech, Inc. – Supplies 51.00; Identi-Kit Solutions – Supplies 204.00; Impact Telecom – Utilities 51.60; Indoff Incorporated – Supplies 762.48; Ingram Library Services, Inc. – Supplies 7,117.98; Intelliride – Service 800.00; Jackson Services, Inc. – Supplies 4,111.31; John Deere Financial – Supplies 1,277.71; John Deere Landscapes, Inc. – Supplies 985.10, John G Neihardt Foundation – Membership 25.00; Dale Johnson Trucking – Supplies 2,830.79; Joy's Uniforms N More – Service 30.00; K-C Auto Supply, Inc. – Supplies 63.89; Kelly Supply Company – Supplies 1,700.06; Kimball Midwest – Supplies 82.78; Jerome J & Janet M Kneifel – Easements 8,020.00; KOLN – Advertising 5,170.00; Michael Kratochvil – Expenses 39.66; Lakeview Small Engine, Inc. – Supplies 41.46; Lamar Companies – Advertising 450.00; LARM – Insurance 231.27; LaRue Distributing, Inc. – Supplies 211.74; Patty Laska – Expenses 99.06; Layne Christensen Company – Well Maintenance 23,313.60; Richard Leffers – Expenses 3.99; Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. – Chemicals 4,875.60; Lincoln Winwater Works – Supplies 2,757.80; John F Lohr – Expenses 56.92; Loseke Lake Stop LLC – Supplies 14.95; Loup Power District – Utilities 126,299.56; Randy Lucht – Expenses 31.00; M & L, Inc. – Contract 4,826.35; M & O Door Products – Service 3,274.97; Mail Prep, Etc. – Postage 249.08; The Mailbox – Postage 55.26; Mailfinance – Postage Meter Lease 32.04; Marley's Electric, Inc. – Service 470.36; Matheson-Linweld – Supplies 198.63; Greg McCaffery – Expenses 239.20; Mellen & Associates, Inc. – Supplies 3,959.46; Menards – Supplies 2,258.82; Metron-Farnier LLC – Meter & Radio Supplies 10,701.20; Mid Con Systems, Inc. – Supplies 273.52; Mid-American Research Chemical – Supplies/Chemicals 4,403.75; Midwest Laboratories, Inc. – Service 2,333.70; Midwest Machine & Tool, Inc. – Supplies 825.00; Midwest Mini Melts – Supplies 2,013.75; Midwest Right of Way Services – Viaducts 2,862.50; Midwest Service & Sales Co. – Supplies 130.00; Midwest Tape LLC – Supplies 1,149.67; Midwest Turf & Irrigation – Supplies 609.14; Mike's Towing – Service 1,246.46; Motion Industries, Inc. – Supplies 241.59; Mountain View LLC – Service 663.75; Shane Mueller – Service 146.50; Municipal Pipe Services, Inc. – Service 7,815.00; Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality-Fiscal Services – License 150.00; Nebraska Department of Labor/Finance Office of Elevator Safety – Elevator Inspection 280.00; Nebraska Environmental Products – Supplies 5,340.86; Nebraska Golf & Turf, Inc. – Golf Cart Rentals 2,000.00; Nebraska Library Commission – Service 3,268.10; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory – Service 2,349.00; Nebraska Public Power District – Viaducts 139,982.10; Nebraska-Iowa Industrial Fasteners Corp. – Supplies 98.63; Neighborworks Northeast Nebraska – Grants 35,175.00; Marvin O Nelson – Pension 502.50; Niemann's Port-A-Pot LLC – Service 40.00;

Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition – Landfill Disposal 52,279.02; NoSwett Fencing, Inc. – Service 200.00; Novicki Fire Prevention Services – Service 22.00; O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. – Supplies 257.48; Occupational Health Services – Service 1,882.30; OCLC, Inc. – Service 2,004.63; Officenet – Supplies 93.83; Omaha World Herald – Advertising 215.70; One Call Concepts, Inc. – Service 274.40; Overturf Electric Motors – Service 485.00; Raymond Palik Jr – Refund 611.10; Paragon Consulting Services – Service 575.00; The Parts Bin – Supplies 434.11; Lynn Peavy Co. – Supplies 535.00; Penworthy Company – Supplies 2,796.08; Pepsi Bottling Group – Supplies 3,022.71; Petty Cash – Expenses 99.48; Platte County – Contract 2,833.00; Platte County Highway Department – Service 405.28; Precision Appraisals, Inc. – Library/Cultural Arts Center 2,500.00; Preferred Plumbing & Heating, Inc. – Service 136.76; Presto-X-Company – Service 207.89; Radio Time Billing – Advertising 203.00; Rainbow Printing – Supplies 825.00; RDO Truck Centers – Supplies 857.97; Recorded Books LLC – Supplies 721.41; Recreation Supply Company – Supplies 1,058.90; Redstone Veterinary Clinic – Service 516.00; Rhomar Industries, Inc. – Supplies 442.46; S & S Services – Service 75.00; S & S Willers, Inc. – Supplies 579.33; Sackett Electric – Aquatic Center Light Fixtures 4,500.00; Sackett Electric – Service 802.65; Sapp Bros Columbus, Inc. – Fuel 430.92; Sapp Bros Petroleum, Inc. – Fuel 7,925.81; Melissa Sargent – Expenses 50.29; Schmader Electric Construction Co., Inc. – Service 850.00; Schneider's O K Tire Company – Lease Payment 35.00; Servicemaster By Shevlin – Service 2,080.26; Sherwin-Williams Co. – Supplies 174.57; Shevlin Supply – Supplies 1,094.89; Robert Shively Estate – Cemetery Spaces 1,200.00; Silver Pressure Service LLC – Supplies 135.00; Sipple, Hansen, Emerson & Schumacher – Service 3,120.06; Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc. – Server Virtualization Project 15,742.10; Chuck Sliva – Expenses 123.05; Kay Sprunk – Expenses 54.85; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance, Inc. – Supplies 14.25; State of Nebraska Department of Revenue – Sales Tax 54,908.28; Gene Steffy Ford – Service 422.85; Gene Steffy Ford – Pickup 22,892.00; Stericycle, Inc. – Service 871.83; Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. – Supplies 14.37; Sunset Law Enforcement – Supplies 593.50; Barbara Swedenburg – Expenses 100.48; Swimming Pool Supply Co. – Supplies 260.00; Sysco Lincoln – Supplies 9,692.63; T & L Services – Service 525.00; T-Bone Fuel Delivery – Fuel 11,350.40; Todd Thalken – Expenses 35.00; Thomson Reuters-West – Subscription 3,037.00; Tighton Fastener & Supply, Inc. – Supplies 1,705.37; Time Warner Cable – Service 359.70; Tire Outlet, Inc. – Service 981.59; TM Cleaning – Service 250.00; Totalfunds by Hasler – Postage 766.77; Tractor Supply Credit Plan – Supplies 377.10; Truck Center Companies – Service 2,474.75; Turfwerks – Supplies 3,438.55; Tweet's Sport Shop – Supplies 169.99; Tworek Welding & Repair – Service 268.00; Typhoon Wash – Service 24.01; U & I Sanitation – Service 91.25; U S Bank – Expenses 3,073.54; Ultra Graphics – Supplies 59.40; Union Pacific Railroad Co. – Refund 48.40; United Healthcare Services, Inc. – Refund 812.50; United States Post Office – Postage 2,243.93; USA Blue Book – Supplies 211.93; Van Wall Equipment, Inc. – Supplies 500.98; Verizon Wireless – Utilities 2,384.46; Volunteer Fire Department – Expenses 95.68; Walmart Community – Supplies 1,002.73;

Waste Connections of Nebraska – Service 314.89; Water’s Edge Aquatic Design LLC – Pawnee Plunge Expansion 10,549.32; Wellness Council of America – Supplies 15.20; Wemhoff Refrigeration, Inc. – Service 689.91; West Point Implement of Columbus – Supplies 39.60; David Wiggins – Expenses 92.97; Willco, Inc. – Supplies 475.00; Wingate by Wyndham – Lodging 189.90; Wunderlich’s Catering – Meals 599.25; Zee Medical Service – Supplies 692.45; Zoll Medical Corporation – Supplies 428.48. TOTAL \$2,643,380.39.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Included in Consent Agenda

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

6.A. **Instructional videos on use of roundabouts and flashing yellow turning arrows.** Mangiamelli noted that the city's first roundabout located at 41 Avenue between 38 Street and Lost Creek Parkway will open once the new street lights are installed and the city's first flashing yellow turning arrow signal has been installed at 33 Avenue and 38 Street. Instructional videos on how to use the roundabout and flashing yellow turning arrow signal were shown.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

7.A. **Application of Jim Hellbusch for final plat and subdivision agreement of Hellbusch 6th Addition located in the Northwest 1/4, Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M., Platte County, Nebraska (Lost Creek Parkway and 33 Avenue). (Planning Commission recommends approval.)**

and

7.A.1. **Determine whether Hellbusch 6th Addition should be included within corporate city limits. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** A communication from Tom Maul, on behalf of Jim Hellbusch, requesting these items be removed from the agenda was presented. The public hearings on the final plat, subdivision agreement and bringing addition into corporate city limits were removed from the agenda with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.B. **Application of Wayne Henke for a special use permit to allow a hunting and sporting goods retail store in an "ML/C-1" (Light Industrial District) zone located on Lot 1, Settgest Subdivision of part of Lot 17, Westside Industrial Park Subdivision, part of the NE 1/4 and SE 1/4, Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Platte County, Nebraska (2583 53 Avenue). (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** Susan Nelson, 5335 W. Meadow Drive, spoke in opposition to the

special use permit due to concerns with the potential for increased traffic on 53 Avenue, issues with safety in the remote neighborhood, as well as who will be responsible for law enforcement, as part of the area is under the county's jurisdiction and part is under the city's jurisdiction. Sipple explained that state statute dictates that a petition containing signatures from at least 20 percent of the property owners within 300 feet would require a supermajority vote to be approved. Bogus said the petition received included signatures from three percent of the property owners within 300 feet. Wayne Henke, applicant and owner of Guns N Things, addressed Nelson's concerns and said most sales will be conducted through the internet as well as at gun shows. He also pointed out that a security system has been installed on the property. Henke noted that he initially plans to have the retail store open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays and said there is parking available for approximately 25 vehicles at this location. Jacque Tessendorf, on behalf of the applicant, gave a brief history of the applicant and his wife in the community and pointed out that they have taken proactive measures in order to assure safety in the neighborhood. The public hearing was closed with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

- 7.B.1. Ordinance No. 15-14 approving special use permit.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 15-14 was read by number only with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Ordinance No. 15-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO ISSUE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A SPORTING EQUIPMENT RETAIL STORE LOCATED ON THE FRONT/WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 500 SQUARE FEET, ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN A "ML/C-1" (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) ZONE, TO WIT: LOT 1, SETTGAST SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 17, WESTSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, PART OF THE NE1/4 AND SE1/4, SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE passed with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and Augustine-Schulte and Kresha voted "Nay".

**8. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None

Mangiamelli requested that Items 10 and 15 be considered at this time in order to allow the citizens who were in attendance for these items to be dismissed earlier if they so wish.

**10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:****10.A. PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, AND WORKS COMMITTEE - August 10, 2015.****10.A.1. Request from William H. Soulliere to vacate a 20 foot alley lying south of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 4, Stengers Subdivision of Outlot 3 to the City of Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska (vicinity of 6 Street and 32 Avenue).**

The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended to the Mayor and City Council to vacate a 20 foot alley lying south of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 4, Stengers Subdivision of Outlot 3 to the City (vicinity of 6 Street and 32 Avenue) with the applicant to be responsible for any costs associated with this transaction. The committee report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**10.A.2. Request from Bob Soulliere to vacate 32 Avenue south of 6 Street located between Stengers Subdivision, Blocks 4 and 5, to the north property line of Pawnee Plaza Subdivision, Blocks 2 and 3.**

The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended to the Mayor and City Council to vacate 32 Avenue south of 6 Street located between Stengers Subdivision, Blocks 4 and 5, to the north property line of Pawnee Plaza Subdivision, Blocks 2 and 3 with the applicant to be responsible for any costs associated with this transaction. The committee report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**10.A.3. Request from Granville Custom Homes, Inc. to vacate a 10 foot utility easement three feet to the west to abut the lot line on Lot 3, Henry's Subdivision (vicinity of 41 Street and 53 Avenue).**

The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended to the Mayor and City Council to vacate a 10 foot utility easement three feet to the west to abut the lot line on Lot 3, Henry's Subdivision (vicinity of 41 Street and 53 Avenue) with the applicant to be responsible for any costs associated with this transaction. The committee report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**10.A.4. Amendment to City Code regarding intersection crossings for Utility Type Vehicles.**

The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended to the Mayor and City Council to direct city staff to draft an ordinance to amend the City Code to allow UTV's to cross controlled-access highways at the following locations: 23 Street at East 11 Avenue; 23 Street at East 3 Avenue; 23 Street at 3 Avenue; 23 Street at 18 Avenue; 23 Street at 44 Avenue; 23 Street at 48 Avenue; 33 Avenue at 8 Street; 33 Avenue at 13 Street; and 33 Avenue at 14 Street. The committee report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Bulkley. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley,



Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**10.A.5. Options for sidewalk intersection improvements in the downtown area.** The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended to the Mayor and City Council that staff be directed to draft a report consisting of a typical layout and estimated costs to present to the City Council. The committee report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**10.A.6. Minutes of the June 1, July 6, and August 3, 2015, Traffic Control Device Committee meetings.** The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended to the Mayor and City Council to accept the minutes of the June 1, July 6, and August 3, 2015, Traffic Control Device Committee meetings as presented. The committee report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

**15.A. Ordinance No. 15-15 providing for the vacation of a 20 foot alley lying south of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 4, Stengers Subdivision of Outlot 3, to the City of Columbus, Nebraska.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 15-15 was read by title only with a motion by Reardon and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Ordinance No. 15-15 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF THE 20 FOOT ALLEY LYING SOUTH OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 4, STENGERS SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOT 3 TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH passed with a motion by Reardon and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**15.B. Ordinance No. 15-16 providing for the vacation of 32 Avenue lying south of 6 Street between Block 4 and 5, Stengers Subdivision, to the north property line of Blocks 2 and 3, Pawnee Plaza Subdivision.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 15-16 was read by title only with a motion by Schilling and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Ordinance No. 15-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF ALL OF 32ND AVENUE LYING SOUTH OF 6TH STREET IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS; AND PROVIDING

FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH passed with a motion by Schilling and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**15.C. Ordinance No. 15-17 providing for vacation of a ten foot utility easement three feet to the west to abut the lot line on Lot 3, Henry's Subdivision.**

The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 15-17 was read by title only with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Ordinance No. 15-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE VACATION OF THE FOLLOWING UTILITY EASEMENTS: THE UTILITY EASEMENT TEN FEET IN WIDTH RUNNING ALONG AND EXTENDING FIVE FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 10 AND 11, MEADOW RIDGE SECOND SUBDIVISION, COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID EASEMENT NOW LOCATED COMPLETELY ON LOT 3 HENRY'S SUBDIVISION, AN ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10 & 11, MEADOW RIDGE SECOND SUBDIVISION, COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH passed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**9. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:**

**9.A. Budget update.** Mangiamelli referred to the July 20, 2015, Committee of the Whole meeting as well as questions regarding the proposed budget that were received following the meeting and he and Oglevie presented the following information: sixty percent of full-time employees are at the top of the pay scale; Columbus has fewer employees per capita than comparable cities; all city department heads and supervisors have been trained on a program that utilizes effective disciplinary/corrective action; wage increases are not automatic; in the past year, one employee received a delayed wage increase after receiving employment counseling; five employees were dismissed for cause; eight employees were in the process of receiving employment counseling when they chose to either retire or resign; the overall employee wages for the city are seven percent below comparable cities; the position of Police Chief is four percent below comparable cities; all employees have an opportunity to meet annually with Dr. Robert Ottemann, Associate Professor of Management for University of Nebraska at Omaha, to review their job descriptions and placement on the pay scale; the Public Works Director is a highly professional position that is responsible for a broad range of projects and must have the knowledge and skills to coordinate with professional engineers and regulatory agencies; the irrigation system at Van Berg Golf

Course needs to be replaced; closing Van Berg Golf Course would require a referendum; the hiring of an additional Community Service Technician (CST) was not included in the proposed budget; the lengthy process for handling nuisance complaints is set by state statutes. Gumm reported on the duties of a CST and said he feels an additional CST is needed. Bulkley requested that the hiring of an additional CST be part of discussion at the September 8, 2015, public hearing. Mangiamelli asked the council to submit any other budget questions to him as soon as possible in order to finalize the budget for the September 8 meeting.

11. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

12. **REPORTS ON LEGISLATION:** None

13. **NEW BUSINESS:**

13.A. **Comments from Mayor and City Council Members.** Jablonski praised city staff for their assistance with the Columbus Days event. Bulkley commended the Aquatics staff for modifying schedules in order to keep Pawnee Plunge open on the weekends after school started and he also noted that the hot weather this past weekend resulted in high attendance at the water park. Augustine-Schulte expressed appreciation to citizens who participated in the Columbus Days activities and for their patience while driving around closed streets with a large volume of people in the downtown area.

4.C. **Award of quote to AVI Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$38,143 for audio and video upgrades to the City Council Chambers.** Moser expressed concerns with the cost of wireless microphones, said desk microphones are less expensive, have a mute switch, and last longer. He requested that this item be delayed until further information on an alternate quote can be gathered. Mangiamelli pointed out that timing is critical for ordering equipment as the upgrades are tentatively scheduled for November when there is a three week period between council meetings. He explained that city staff feels wireless microphones would be more efficient and less cumbersome than hardwiring individual microphones as the upgrades include tables with front panels as a temporary option until the council chambers is relocated. The quote from AVI Systems, Inc. for audio and video upgrades to the City Council Chambers, less the cost of microphones, was approved with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

14. **RESOLUTIONS:** None

16. **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:** None

17. **ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:** None

18. **CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE:** Payroll and all other bills included in Consent Agenda
- 18.A. **ARL Credit Services and Reardon Lawn & Garden, Inc.** ARL Credit Services - Service \$867.62; Reardon Lawn & Garden, Inc. - Service \$170.94. TOTAL \$1,038.56. Jablonski and Reardon were allowed to abstain from voting on this agenda item due to conflicts of interest and the rules requiring them to leave the Council Chambers during discussion and vote were suspended with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Kresha, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Jablonski and Reardon abstained from voting. The bills were approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Kresha, Lohr, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Jablonski and Reardon abstained from voting.
19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
20. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with a motion by Bulkley and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Bulkley, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Reardon, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

Presented and approved this 8 day of September, 2015.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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