

**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Monday, June 7, 2021**

**Present:** Sändra Washington, Tom Beckius, Tammy Ward, Bennie Shobe, Richard Meginnis, Jane Raybould, and James Michael Bowers

**Others Present:** Soulinnee Phan, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor; City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Randy Jones, Director, Aging Partners; David Cary, Director, Planning Department; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Bowers opened the meeting at 2:05p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes from May 17, 2021, approved and adopted

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

Under Public Hearing Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.a. through 4.d. will need introduction; Items 4.a. and 4.b. will be called together and Items 4.c. and 4.d. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Resolutions – Item 5.b. has a Motion to Amend No. 1.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Items 6.c. through 6.e. will be called together.

**IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE**

Mayor Baird thanked Council members for their continued efforts in the fight against the pandemic.

Baird advised Council the city recycling contract, coming before Council, had four bids which is an increase from the previous request for bids.

Baird requested that Council members continue to encourage people to get vaccinated.

Baird advised Council members that rent and utility assistance is still available; residence can apply for assistance at [lincoln.ne.gov/rent](http://lincoln.ne.gov/rent).

Baird briefed Council members on the Police Chief search, stating that four finalist have been announced. A public forum with each finalist will be held the week of June 21<sup>st</sup> and encouraged Council members to share any feedback they receive from the public.

Discussion followed.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. Public Health Update provided by Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD)

Lopez reported the total number of cases in Lancaster County to date is 31,401 (1 additional case yesterday, 06/06). The total number of cases reported last week ending June 5th was 44 which is 18.5%

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lower than the week ending May 29th which was 54. We are having this weekly case rate of around 58 cases per week for the past 4 weeks. To date in May, we had 403 cases compared to 1310 cases in April. The positivity rate is in a downward trend averaging around 2.3% in the last 4 weeks. Last week ending 06/05, positivity rate was at 2.3% compared to 2.2% a week earlier. In Lancaster County, we have 29,590 or 94.2% of all the positive cases are recovered.

We have 238 deaths due to COVID19 in Lancaster County. In March, we had 6 deaths. 74 deaths were just in December or 45% of all our deaths and another 34 COVID19 deaths in November. 119 deaths or 57% of all deaths in Lancaster County are reported in December and January. In January, we had 45 deaths. In February, we had 23 deaths. In April, we had 5 deaths. In May, we have 4 deaths, in June we had 1 death.

As of yesterday, we administered 309,432 doses of vaccine to Lancaster County residents. Of these doses, 196,762 individuals received 1 dose and 139,670 received 2nd doses of either Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. In all, 151,968 or 61.8% of the 16+ age group individuals completed their vaccinations. Since the approval for 12-15 age group, we vaccinated 29.6% of that age group with the first dose, and 0.5% complete their two doses. We are holding multiple neighborhood clinics throughout the week. In Lancaster County Hospitals as of last night, 9 individuals have been hospitalized due to COVID. 5 of these individuals are Lancaster County Residents and 4 are from out of the county.

Discussion followed.

Jones advised Council members that Aging Partners will be open to the public with full service beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cary advised Council members there is an updated summary report regarding item number 6.b.

**VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Shobe reminded Council members the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) meets monthly the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and extended an invite to all Council members to attend.

1. RTSD – Raybould, Beckius, Bowers (06.07.21)

Raybould reported the RTSD re-elected officers; Rick Vest, Chair; James Michael Bowers, Vice-chair; and Roma Amundson, Secretary.

The RTSD voted to request a levy increase. The increase would be from the current amount of 1.417 to 2.2217 and would help with the expenses of the 33<sup>rd</sup> and Cornhusker project.

Discussion was had regarding the southeast Lincoln quiet zone study. The study will involve members from several entities and a report is expected by the end of the year.

Chair, Bowers adjourned the meeting 2:32 p.m.