

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, September 20, 2021
555 S. 10th Street
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Bennie Shobe, James Michael Bowers, Tammy Ward, Richard Meginnis, Sandra Washington, Tom Beckius, City Clerk, Soulinnee Phan, Assistant Chief Brian Jackson, Jon Carlson, Director Lynn Johnson, Director David Carey, Director Pat Lopez, City Attorney Yohance Christie, Director Liz Elliot,

Meeting opened at 2:02 PM

I. MINUTES

1. Approval of Directors' Minutes

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

City Clerk stated that the Council will start off with the Mayor's Award of Excellence. City Clerk stated she will call 6a through 6e together, that she will call items 6h, 6i, 6j together. City Clerk stated that item 7g will have a motion to amend. Councilwoman Washington asked that staff address the Council when item 7g comes up.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Jon Carlson with the Mayor's office stated that Director Lynn Johnson had an update. Director Johnson stated that there was an update to the facilities plan. Director Johnson stated that this happens every two years and helps guide the capital improvement program. This allows the community to be involved. Director Johnson stated that comments be completed by Friday October 8th. Director Johnson stated the document is available on the city's website and that printed copies are available. Councilman Meginnis asked for clarification on the process because the Council has already approved the CIP for Parks and Rec. Councilman Meginnis asked if the Council will need to amend the the CIP. Director Johnson stated that their would not be a change to the projects for the current year. Director Johnson stated that this would provide an opportunity for the department to evaluate park facilities to prepare the upcoming CIP for the next budget cycle.

Director David Carey stated that there will be upcoming public meetings for the comprehensive plan. Director Carey stated the draft plan was launched last week and they are currently in the public input section. Director Carey stated that there are three in person meetings coming up. Director Carey stated that there will also be a virtual meeting option. Director Carey stated that they will meet with any groups that are interested in receiving a presentation.

Director Pat Lopez provided an update on covid in our community. Director Lopez stated that today the community has had 37,726 cases of covid. This past weekend there were 766 cases which is slightly down from the week before. Director Lopez stated that they are primarily seeing the delta variant. The department is averaging 108 cases per day. There have been 280 deaths so far in Lancaster County. Director Lopez stated that hospitals are primarily seeing unvaccinated individuals in the ICU. Director Lopez stated that they are continuing to work in the community. Director Lopez stated that they have been working with F street rec center, the Light House, Mt. Zion, and more to provide vaccinations.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation – Washington (09.09.21)

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Councilwoman Washington provided an update from the Parks and Rec advisory board. Councilwoman Washington stated they had a good conversation about accessible playgrounds. Councilwoman Washington stated they spent about 20 minutes looking at playgrounds across the city. Councilwoman Washington stated that some community members have shared concerns about current playground equipment and locations. Councilwoman Washington stated that it will take a few months to complete planning for accessible playgrounds.

Meeting was closed at 2:18 PM