

Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6th, 2023



Present: Council Vice Chair Tom Beckius, Council Members: Bennie Shobe, Michelle Suarez, and Sandra Washington. **Absent:** City Council Chair Tammy Ward, James Michael Bowers, and Richard Meginnis.

Others Present: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, City Attorney Yohance Christie, City Council Office Manager JaMel Ways, City Clerk Soulinnee Phan; and various City Directors and Staff.

Council Vice Chair Beckius opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. announcing the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. Approval of Directors Meeting from February 13th, 2023.

II. City Council Agenda & City Clerk Advisories

- Mayor's Award of Excellence to be awarded to Michael Fallon & Lorri Grueber from Parks & Recreation, and Loren Roberts from Urban Development.
- Public Comments will be held on March 13th.
- Public Hearing – Ordinances 2nd Reading & Related Resolutions
 - Items 5.d. – 5.f. to be called together.

III. Mayoral Office Advisories

- **Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird** – Was excited about Lincoln Girls' basketball being in the finals. Advised that Finance won the highest form of recognition for the 39th year in a row! Discussed the Haymarket and State Department of Economic Development. 3 grants were submitted concerning South Haymarket Park and all 3 grants were approved.
- **Pat Lopez, Health Director** – Numbers have gone up with new variant. We are still averaging 45 hospitalizations. Wastewater testing is down, and clarification is still pending on the Public Health Emergency Declaration. It could be April until she is able to finalize anything.

IV. City Council Member Boards, Committees, & Commissions Reports

- **Bennie Shobe – Safe and Successful Kids.** Committee meets 3 times a year and recently Nola Bennet gave a presentation on CLC. Advised that studies show that children who participate in CLC, test 4 – 5% higher than kids who don't.

Council Vice Chair Beckius adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.