

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, December 14, 2020

Present: Sändra Washington, Roy Christensen, Tammy Ward, Bennie Shobe, Richard Meginnis, and Jane Raybould

Absent: James Michael Bowers

Others Present: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Richard Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:36 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES

Raybould stated there was a correction made to the minutes to reflect clarification on the term “support individuals” to mean; legal counsel, interpreter, or specific individual(s) directly involved to the related item being discussed.

Minutes from December 7, 2020, approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing – Consent Agenda – Item 1.e. will have a Motion to Amend to Amend to accept a Substitute Resolution. Item 1.f. has a clerical note to change the date to October 31, 2020.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2nd Reading – Item(s) 5.a. and 5.b. will be called together. Item(s) 5.c. through 5.e. will be called together. Item(s) 5.f. and 5.g. will be called together. Item 5.f. has a clerical note; on the last line of the blurb on the agenda should read: “2.76.385 as hitherto existing”. Item(s) 5.j. through 5.l. will be called together.

Under Ordinances 3rd Reading – Item 6.a. tabled until December 14, 2020, will need a Motion to remove from being tabled. Will also have two separate Motions to Amend; MTA No. 1 to accept a substitute ordinance, MTA No. 2 to accept a substitute ordinance.

A brief discussion was had regarding the specific changes to the MTA No. 1 and No. 2.

Christie advised Council there has been a request, by the developer, to vote on item(s) 5.j. and 5.k. today.

Discussion followed.

IV. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Lopez briefed Council on the latest guidance and concerns regarding COVID-19.
Lopez reported the following:

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Case Data:

The Total Number of Cases in Lancaster County to date is 20,043 (281 additional cases Yesterday, 12/13). The total number of cases reported last week ending December 12th is 1,432, which is the first time we have seen declining total in weekly case counts in 5 weeks. Our previous highest weekly total was a week earlier at 2,116 cases in the week ending 12/5. We had an average of 1,675 a week in November compared to 693 cases a week in October. In November, we had 7,161 cases compared to 3,129 cases in October an increase of 128%.

In Lancaster County, Long Term Care Facilities that include Assisted Living and Nursing Homes, we have 272 cases among residents of these facilities within the last 4 weeks; which is 63% of all cases among the residents reported so far in the last 9 months. Major outbreaks are being reported in at least 5 different facilities. So far, we are able to identify 22 deaths attributed to Long Term Care facilities since the beginning of December, which is 55% of all deaths reported in December. We have more deaths reported in the first 13 days of December than all November which is our highest month, at 34 deaths. Last week ending Saturday, the Positivity rate was 27.4%. It is slightly lower than 34% reported a week earlier. Though we are encouraged decrease in positivity rate, we have lot of work to do, to decrease it to below 15% first and then even lower.

In Lancaster County, we have 5,788 or 28% of all the positive cases are confirmed recovered.

We have 115 deaths due to COVID19 in Lancaster County. 36 Deaths were just in December. We had 37 COVID19 deaths in November.

Hospital Usage

In Lancaster County Hospitals as of midnight yesterday, 118 individuals are hospitalized due to COVID. 72 of these individuals are Lancaster County Residents and 46 are from out of the county. 3 out of 14 individuals on ventilators are Lancaster County Residents. It is a concern for us that out county residents are hospitalized at a higher rate than those from outside the county. Until end of October, it used to be the other way around.

Lopez reported that vaccines have arrived in our community and will begin being distributed to frontline healthcare workers and EMT's. Discussion has been had on utilizing the Lancaster County Event Center as a location to distribute vaccines in mass quantity to the general public.

Discussion followed.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.