

**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Monday, March 8, 2021**

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

**Absent:** Roy Christensen

**Others Present:** Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; James Davidsaver, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency management; Dan Marvin, Director, Urban Development; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Richard Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes from March 1, 2021, approved and adopted

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

Under Public Hearing Liquor Resolutions – Item 4.a. carried over from last week, the applicant does not intend to submit this application. Items 4.b. and 4.c. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Items 6.a. and 6.b. will be called together.

Under Pending – Items 10.d. through 10.f, the plan amendment did move through the Planning Commission, Urban Development is requesting that these items be moved from Pending to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on April 5, 2021.

**IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE**

Christie advised Council on the process of the Emergency Declaration, which is outlined in Lincoln Municipal Code 2.06.040; authorizing the Mayor to issue an Emergency Declaration for no longer than 72 hours unless extended by the City Council (reference Lincoln Municipal Code 2.06.070). City Council can extend the Emergency Declaration for however long the Council wishes to have it in effect. Lincoln Municipal Code 2.06.050 lays out the emergency powers that are afforded to the Mayor under an Emergency Declaration. Directed Health Measures exist independently of a State of Emergency. Directed Health Measures are outlined in State Statute 71-501; sub-section 1 highlights requirements for Health Departments. State Statute 71-1630; sub-section 4 is specific to the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department. State Statute 71-1631 talks about other Health Departments in the State. Directed Health Measures are outlined in Lincoln Municipal Code 8.18 and 8.18.140 highlights the Directed Health Measures that can be instituted by the Director of the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department. Lincoln Municipal Code 8.18 outlines the procedure, the authority that is afforded to the Director of the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department, and the procedure if someone wishes to contest Directed Health Measures.

Christie advised Council the Resolution that passed March of last year extended the State of Emergency. Ordinances related to the Emergency Declaration/Pandemic include the Annual Budget Ordinances passed by Council related to the pandemic include: delaying the expiration date of current certificates of

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compliance, curtailing excessive retail prices, rules were put in place in relation to special events to allow for more flexibility of businesses, excluding special events during home football games, setting a cap on third-party food delivery fees, temporary delay/suspension of occupation taxes, temporary suspension of the 21-day-in-advance application requirement related to Special Designated Liquor License.

Davidsaver reiterated the signed authority, submitted by the Mayor, declares the emergency. In the situation related to Covid-19, this is the first time, we have experienced the need to have the Emergency Declaration remain in effect for an open-ended period of time. The City of Lincoln is still actively responding to the emergency created by Covid-19 and as such we are best served by having that Emergency Declaration in place.

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).

Case Data:

The Total Number of Cases in Lancaster County to date is 28,522(40 additional cases Yesterday, 03/07). The total number of cases reported last week ending March 6th was 324 which is lower than week ending Feb 27th which is 339. The past 7-day average of cases is 48 and the positivity rate for last week was 18% which is lower than the week before at 22%.

There have not been any reported deaths, in the community, for the past nine days.

Reports of the variant have been confirmed in the State and Lancaster County.

Last week, testing increased to 1800 which is a slight increase from the week before.

Vaccinations

As of yesterday, we administered 97,494 doses of vaccine to Lancaster County Residents. Of these doses, 60,253 individuals received 1 dose and 37,241 received 2nd doses. Last week, we vaccinated over 5000 of the second doses for 75+ populations and on Wednesday, 2000 in 70+ population 1<sup>st</sup> doses. Today we are vaccinating 8000 people in 65+ age group, for their first dose; this is the biggest Mass clinic to date. We have also begun to vaccinate the educators throughout the community with 2000 vaccines provided. We received 3000 doses of Johnson& Johnson last week that will be used for the educators.

Hospital Usage

In Lancaster County Hospitals as of midnight 03/07, 37 individuals are hospitalized due to COVID. 21 of these individuals are Lancaster County Residents and 16 are from out of the county.

Discussion followed.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting 2:21 p.m.