

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, July 12, 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; Lynn Johnson, Director, Parks and Recreation; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Bowers opened the meeting at 2:03p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES

Minutes from June 14, 2021 approved and adopted
Minutes from June 21, 2021 approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.c. and 4.d. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Resolutions – Items 5.a. and 5.b. will be called together.

Item 5.a. will have a Motion to Amend No. 1 to Bill No. 21R-235, requested by Ward.

Item 5.b. will have a Motion to Amend No. 1 to Bill No. 21R-236, requested by Ward.

Item 5.e. will have a Motion to Amend No. 1 to Bill No. 21R-272, requested by Finance.

Under Ordinances 1st Reading – Item 9.d. will have a Motion to Amend No. 1 to Bill No. 21-70, requested by Beckius.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor Gaylor Baird briefed Council members on the progress that is being on getting members of the community vaccinated. Mayor reported that we are currently sitting at just a little over 66% of community member's age 16 years old and up are fully vaccinated. Vaccination clinics continue throughout the community at locations that are easy and convenient for residents to access. Vaccinations are free, easy, and safe; the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department is doing vaccinations at their location, times can be acquired by visiting the Health Department website. Local pharmacies are also offering vaccinations. To locate a vaccination site near you, text your zip code to 438829 to get more information.

Mayor Gaylor Baird provided an update regarding the Lincoln Police Chief, Teresa Ewins is slated to be on the City Council Agenda with Public Hearing on July 19, 2021, in anticipation with her August 30, 2021 start date.

Mayor Gaylor Baird provided an update regarding rent and utilities Dan Marvin and his team have been doing incredible work in conjunction with local non-profits to create multiple pathways for people access support for rent and utilities assistance. Nearly 1200 households have been helped through this program and approximately 5.3 million dollars have been distributed. Funds are still available and residents are encouraged to apply for the assistance, more information can be found at lincoln.ne.gov/rent.

Mayor Gaylor Baird thanked Council members for their continued collaboration with the budget process

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and the priorities for the community. Mayor advised Council members that staff are available to answer questions at any time, not just during the formal budget meetings.

Johnson provided Council members with an update on the storm that came through late Friday evening and into Saturday morning: Most of the damage seems to be isolated in the Havelock area and the lettered street(s) between 13th and 15th street(s) in the southeast quadrant of the City. Crews were dispatched around 1:30 a.m. early Saturday morning and worked throughout the day; at the end of the day, there were three street(s) that were blocked with debris, which were cleaned up this morning. There were approximately 50 calls for service received by the Parks and Recreation department. The Parks and Recreation department issued a news release advising residents how to report damage to street trees and which included information on disposal of debris. Due to the back-to-back storms that occurred last year, Community Forestry crews are carrying a significant backlog of routine street tree work into this year. The good news is progress is being made.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. DLA – Ward, Meginnis (06.22.21)
Ward reported discussion was had on the downtown systems response team that has been meeting for the homelessness population. City updates were provided by Dallas McGee. A report was also provided regarding two-way traffic on 11th, 13th, and 14th street(s) and it is not coming as quickly at the general public thinks it is. Discussion also included the Lincoln Journal Star building and the Golds building updates. Discussion was also had in relation to the 2021/22 DLA budget and board nominations.
2. PRT – Beckius (06.24.21)
No report provided
3. PAC – Shobe, Beckius, Meginnis (06.29.21)
Shobe reported discussion was on in relation to the ongoing directive related to StarTran and Handy-Van services, the final draft report should be done by the end of July and will be presented to Council members in August. The committee is currently discussing ideas for the next audit directive. Committee member Don Herz served the committee well for approximately four years and his term has expired. The mayor has nominated Michael Justus, from the University, to fill the vacant seat which will be becoming before Council for approval.
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) – Washington (07.08.21)
Washington reported the committee met last Thursday in a joint meeting between the PRAB and the Parks Foundation. This joint meeting is held once a year. The two groups initially met at the Lincoln Fire and Rescue training tower, they had an opportunity to look at and go through the old railcars that are next to the tower and heard some interesting plans to reuse the railcars in the south area of Haymarket Park. The group then went to Pioneers Park, to a new building that was set up near the bison area. It is the replacement building for the building that had burned down at Wilderness Park. Discussion was had in relation to the projects the Parks Foundation would be putting their attention toward in the next few years. The projects list was a very long list of interesting capital projects. As the list gets refined and priorities get set by Parks Foundation more information and updates will be coming forward. Washington stated there are a lot of interesting things happening in Lincoln and the

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Parks Foundation is really interested in doing what they can to raise the money to make these projects possible.

Chair, Bowers adjourned the meeting 2:19 p.m.