

Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2023
Chambers – City Hall Lincoln, NE



Present: Council Chair Tom Beckius; Council Vice Chair Sandra Washington; Council Members: James Michael, Bowers Justin Carlson, Tom Duden, Bennie Shobe, and Brodey Weber.

Others Present: City Attorney Yohance Christie, City Council Office Manager JaMel Ways, City Clerk Assistant Brandi Lehl; and various City Directors and Staff.

Council Chair Beckius opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. announcing the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. City Clerk Advisories:

- There will be a Mayors Award of Excellence presented at today's meeting
- Public Hearing – Resolutions
 - 4.a. – Will have a Motion to Delay for 1 week however, public hearing will still take place.
- Public Hearing – Ordinances 2nd Reading & Related Resolutions
 - 5.b. & 5.c. – Will be called together. There will also be a Motion to Delay for 1 week with public hearing still taking place.

II. Mayor's Advisories

- None to Report.

III. Director Presentations and Advisories

- Elizabeth Elliott – Director of Transportation and Utilities – Advised that snow crews are currently out continuing to clear the streets of snow and slush. There are no individual contractors out currently. She will continue to monitor streets at this time. Residential areas are being worked on through requests submitted on Uplink. Right now, the focus for clearing streets are on arterial and emergency roads.

Uplink requests are typically completed within 48 hours after submission. If there is severe weather, requests could take up to 72 hours to complete. When there are winter weather warnings that are close to each, Uplink requests are cleared out and Uplink is disabled. Once the storm passes, Uplink is enabled again. Liz reminds the public to zoom in on areas to see tracks where plows have been. A new addition to the City website is that each page on the website has a "snow emergency" banner that runs when in effect.

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

- Council Chair Sandra Washington – Advised that the MLK Jr. Youth Rally was held in the Chambers on Friday 1.19.24. it was a wonderful program as always and she mentioned that the youths put everyone on notice that next year, marks the 30th anniversary for the MLK Jr. Youth Rally so they will be doing something big!
- Councilman Tom Duden – Took the opportunity to experience an 8-hour shift with the Fire Department at Station 1. He advised the Fire Fighters were very professional, but he was taken aback by how outdated the materials were inside the building. He said it was interesting to see how much equipment they take on calls no matter the size of calls they answer. Kudos to Fire Chief Engler!

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

Next Directors Meeting to be held on February 5th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.