

Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024
Luxford Studio – City Hall Lincoln, NE



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

Others Present: City Attorney Tim Sieh, City Council Office Manager JaMel Ways, City Clerk Soulinnee Phan; 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:

- **Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions**
 - 4.a. and 4.b. to be called together.
 - 4.c. through 4.e. to be called together.
 - 4.f. and 4.g. to be called together.
 - 4.g., 4.h. and 4.i. to be called together.
 - 4.j. and 4.k. to be called together.
- **Ordinances – 3rd Reading and Related Resolutions**
 - 6.f. has a Motion to Amend #1. The motion was published last month, and the amendments are due to clerical corrections updated.

II. Mayor's Advisories

- None to Report.

III. Director Presentations and Advisories

- **Pat Lopez, Director of the Health Department** – Advised Council of ARPA funding set aside for future needs. \$858k of the 1.5M budget, has been spent on transit plans. Spending has also been made on encrypted programs for radios and communications. Part of the budget has also been spent on Covid vaccines for Long Term Care individuals, Assisted Living, and Childhood care programs. People reported that employers were no longer covering vaccines. Currently the Covid vaccines have been low among those areas so there has been assistance with providing Covid vaccines from the ARPA funding as well. It was reported that less than ½ of the patients were able to receive vaccines. Funding has also been given for restaurant staffing for food handlers permits, online assistance for Spanish speaking individuals, and budgets spent on supplies for aide and in-home care.

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

- **Councilman Bennie Shobe – Justice Committee**– Advised that discussions continued over the jail population and how to make the community safer. Region V gave a presentation on possible collaborations with the city regarding the jail population. Currently the jail population is down a little bit. Discussions were had about Warrant Amnesty day and how violent offenders should not be able to benefit from such programs. As it stands, it costs \$42K a year per inmate to house, and the cost for an inmate on a parole program is \$3k a year.
- **Council Chair Tom Beckius** – Advised the West Haymarket Committee discussed and approved purchases for materials that need to be updated at the Pinnacle Bank Arena due to its standing of 10 years now.

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

Next Directors Meeting to be held on February 12th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.