



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Council Session

Item G-11

#2016-63 - Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2016 State Fair Marathons

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Meeting: March 22, 2016

Subject: Consideration of Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2016 State Fair Marathons

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

The YMCA in cooperation with the State Fair has expanded the Bill Seymour one half marathon into several marathons. The YMCA is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the routes.

Discussion

The Marathons will be held the morning of Saturday, August 27, 2016. The Marathon routes will require the use of City streets and bike trails, as well as crossing US Highway 34 and running in one lane of US Highway 30. Please see the attached maps for the various routes.

State Statute 39-1359 requires the City Council to approve the route and for the City to then inform the Nebraska Department of Roads that the route has approval if it closes or blocks any part of a State highway. This is a requirement for any race, parade or march that would create some closure of the highway. This action then makes the City responsible for the liability of using a State highway for the event.

The Marathon planners from the YMCA and State Fair have met with public safety, public works and the county highway department and other affected departments in planning for the event. The routes being presented to the Council for approval have been agreed upon as the best identified and have previously been used for such event.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

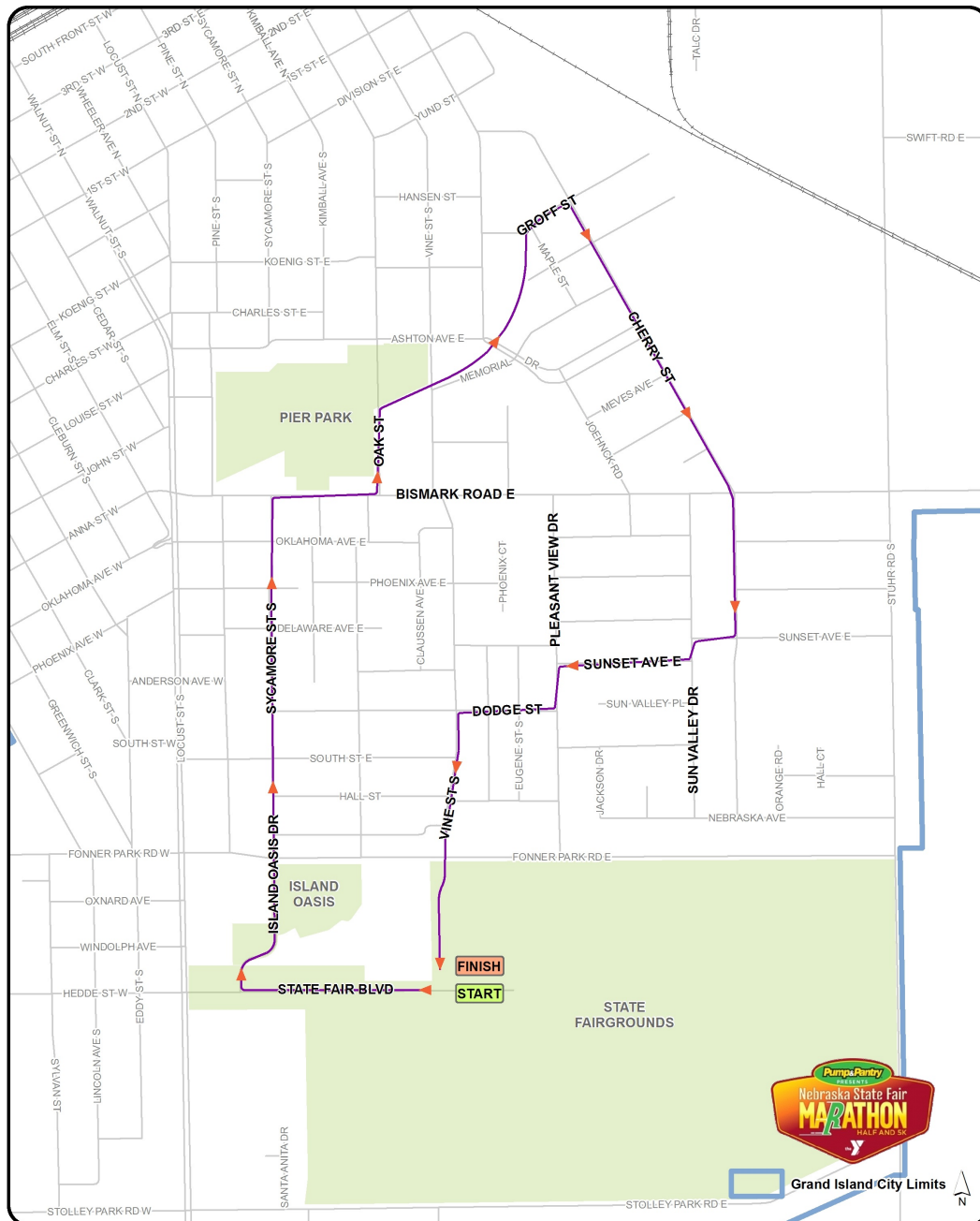
1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

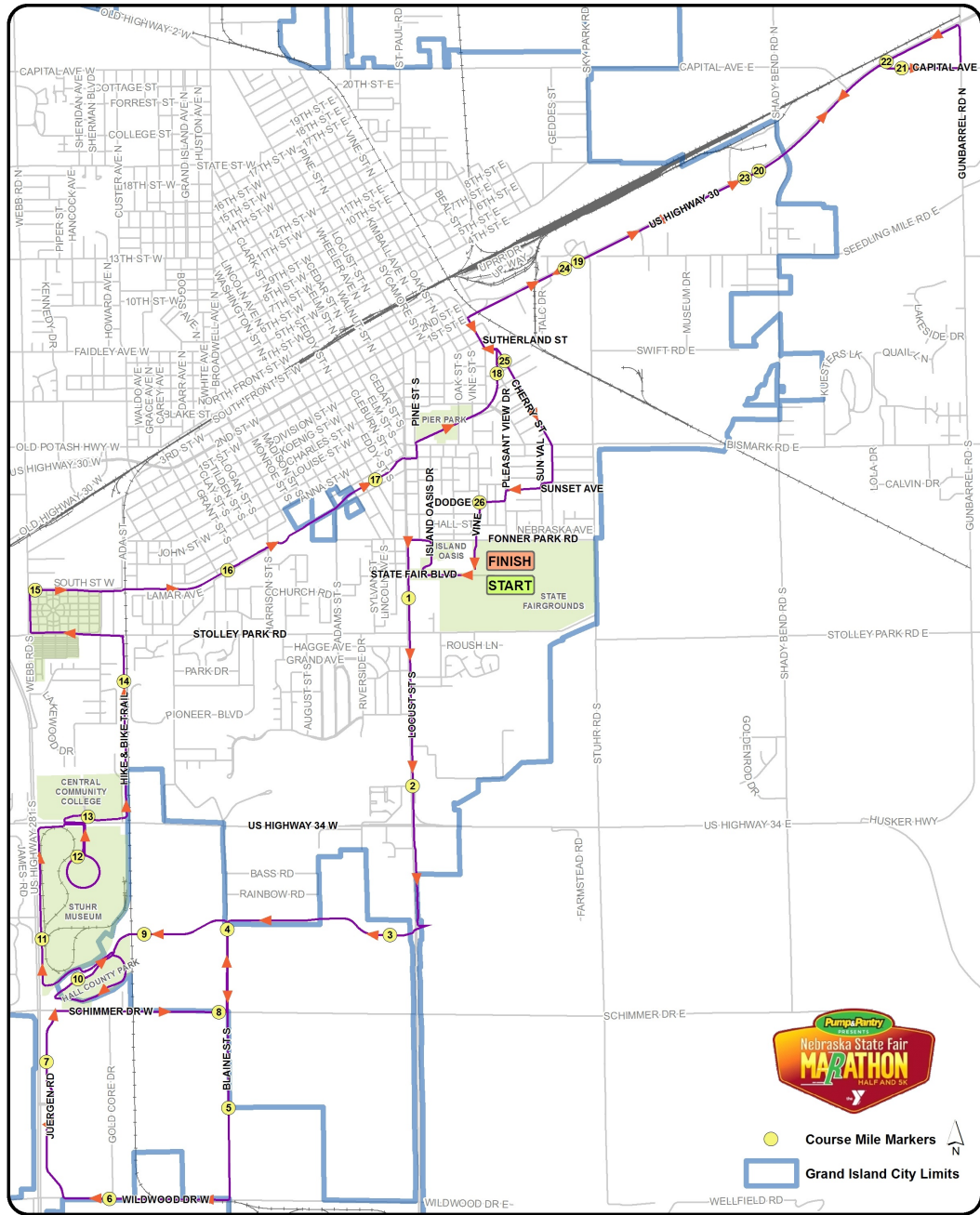
City Administration recommends that the Council approve the YMCA's presented routes for the 2016 State Fair Marathons and direct that the Nebraska Department of Roads be notified of this action.

Sample Motion

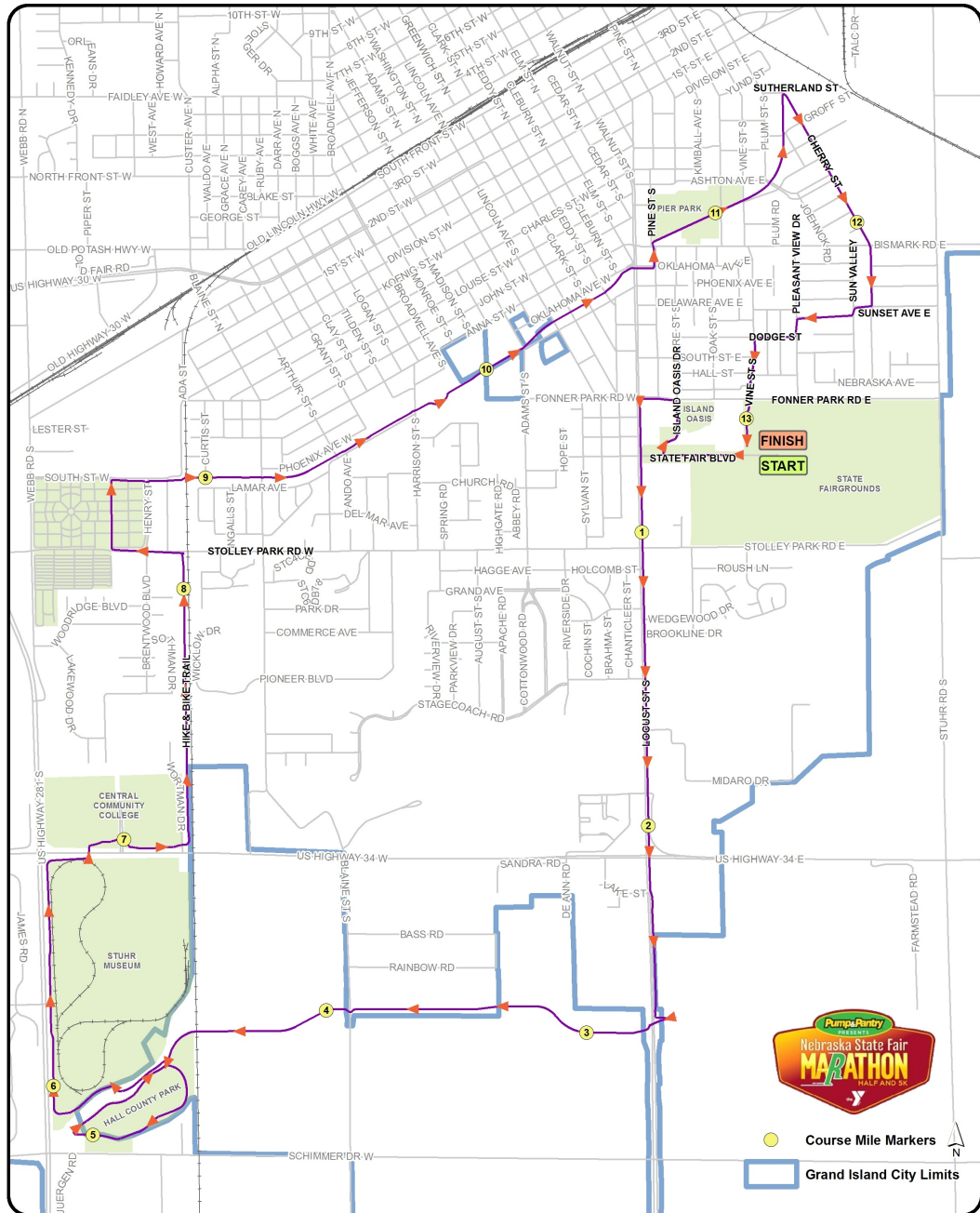
Move to approve the resolution.



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RESOLUTION 2016-63

WHEREAS, the YMCA and State Fair have expanded the Bill Seymour half marathon into several marathons; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA has worked with City and County departments in planning the marathon race routes and developed acceptable routes; and

WHEREAS, specific wording is required by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat §39-1359, and

WHEREAS, the City accepts the duties set out in neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1359, and that if a claim is made against the State, the City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise as a result of the special event, more specifically defined as the 2015 State Fair Marathons to be held on August 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the route for the special event necessitates the usage of US Highway 34; Wortman Drive to US Highway 281, and US Highway 30; Gunbarrel Road to 1st Street, Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the special event will be held on August 27, 2016, with the control of US Highway 34 and US Highway 30 being assumed by the City at 6:30 am on August 27, 2016 and ending at 12:30 pm on August 27, 2016, at which time control of US Highway 34; Wortman Drive to US Highway 281, and US Highway 30; Gunbarrel Road to 1st Street, shall revert to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Notice of Use of City Streets and State Highways to accommodate the 2016 State Fair Marathons to be held on August 27, 2016 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Department of Roads shall be notified of the approved route and this Notice.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 22, 2016.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 18, 2016	☐ City Attorney