

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 Council Session

Item G-10

#2018-81 - Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2018 Nebraska State Fair Marathons

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

Council Agenda Memo

From: Keith Kurz PE, Assistant Public Works Director

Meeting: March 27, 2018

Subject: Consideration of Approving Request from the YMCA for

Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2018 Nebraska State Fair

Marathons

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

Background

The YMCA is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the routes involved in the Nebraska State Fair Marathons.

Discussion

The 2018 Nebraska State Fair Marathon is proposed for the morning of Saturday, August 25, 2018. The Marathon routes will require the use of City streets and bike trails, crossing US Highway 34 and running in one lane of US Highway 30. Please see the attached maps for the 1 mile, 5K, half marathon, and full marathon routes.

State Statute 39-1359 requires the City Council to approve the route and for the City to then inform the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) 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 Nebraska State Fair have met with Public Safety, Public Works, County Highway Department, and other affected agencies in planning for the event. The routes being presented to the Council for approval have been agreed upon as the best identified, with changes made to the routes for this year.

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 2018 Nebraska State Fair Marathons and direct that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) be notified of this action.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2018-81

WHEREAS, the YMCA and Nebraska State Fair have proposed routes for the 2018 Nebraska State Fair 1 mile, 5K, half marathon and full marathon routes; 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 Transportation (NDOT) 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 2018 Nebraska State Fair Marathon to be held on August 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the route for the special event necessitates the usage of US Highway 34; crossing at Locust Street and Suhr Museum Entrance, and US Highway 30; Plum Street to Seedling Mile Access Road, Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the special event will be held on August 25, 2018, with the control of US Highway 34 and US Highway 30 being assumed by the City at 6:00 am on August 25, 2018 and ending at 1:30 pm on August 25, 2018, at which time control of US Highway 34; crossing at Locust Street and Suhr Museum Entrance, and US Highway 30; Plum Street to Seedling Mile Access Road, 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 2018 Nebraska State Fair Marathon to be held on August 25, 2018 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) shall be notified of the approved route and this Notice.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 27, 2018.

Attest:	Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor
RaNae Edwards, City Clerk	







