



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item H-4

Consideration of Approving Referral of Second Street Business Improvement District 2013 to the Regional Planning Commission

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

Meeting: June 25, 2013

Subject: Referral of Second Street Business Improvement District 2013 to the Regional Planning Commission

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Presenter(s): Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

Background

The Mayor and Council appointed an initial Board of Directors to Second Street Business Improvement District 2013 (BID) with resolution 2013-181. After being appointed, the BID Board submits recommendations to the City Council. Prior to acting on those recommendations, the Council refers the matter to the Regional Planning Commission for its recommendations. The immediate step is to refer the Second Street Business District 2013 formation and proposal to the Regional Planning Commission for review and recommendation according to law.

Discussion

Pursuant to the authority given in Neb Rev Stats 19-4015 through 19-4038, cities may create Business Improvement Districts to facilitate improvements and to develop and promote a variety of beneficial activities. The appointed BID Board has submitted an initial proposed budget for activities, improvements and boundaries for the District. This Council must refer the matter to the Regional Planning Commission for recommendation before the next step may be taken. After receiving the Planning Commission's recommendations, the Council will be asked to adopt a resolution of intent to establish the district. That resolution will be more comprehensive and will: contain a description of the boundaries; describe in detail the proposed improvements and purposes of the district; estimate the costs of projects; set forth the opportunity to protest, the Council will be asked to pass an ordinance to formally establish the district in a manner of raising revenue and assessments; and set a time for a hearing on the establishment of the district.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to refer the matter to the Regional Planning Commission
2. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council refer the Second Street Business Improvement District 2013 proposal to the Regional Planning Commission.

Sample Motion

Move to refer the Second Street Business Improvement District 2013 formation and proposal to the Regional Planning Commission.