



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

**Council Session**

## **Item I-3**

**#2103-337 – Consideration of Approving Appointments to the  
Citizens Advisory Review Committee**

**Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Jay Vavricek, Mayor

**Meeting:** October 8, 2013

**Subject:** Consideration of Approving Seven Member Citizen Advisory Review Committee as Called for by the City of Grand Island Economic Development Plan

**Item #s:** I-3

**Presenter(s):** Jay Vavricek, Mayor

## **Background**

The City of Grand Island on May 22, 2012, in Resolution 2012-138 approved a ten year renewal of its Economic Development Program. Pursuant to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, a proposed Economic Development Program was prepared for the voters of the City of Grand Island for their approval. The general election took place on November 6, 2012, at which time the voters of the City of Grand Island approved new guidelines to administer a ten year renewal of the Economic Development Program. Included in the Program under Section I are two paragraphs addressing the Citizen Advisory Review Committee (Committee). These two paragraphs read as follows:

The core of the process involves the formulation of a proposed plan for a local economic development program. The program forms the foundation for the expenditure of local revenues for economic development. As outlined in the legislation, a Citizen Advisory Review Committee appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council was created to advise, review and recommend proposals. This committee would continue in place with the new plan. The Committee will be comprised of seven members. All members must be registered voters in the City of Grand Island. It is recommended that professionals in the fields of accounting, banking and finance, business owners and business professionals be included on the Citizen Advisory Review Committee. At least one member of the Committee shall have expertise or experience in business, finance and accounting. Members may be removed in the same manner as appointed, subject to City Council approval. The term of four members will end in even numbered years and the term of the remaining three members will end in odd numbered years. Eligibility to continue service beyond the initial term is based on City Council approval. No member shall be an elected or appointed City

Official, an employee of the City, a participant in a decision making position regarding expenditures of program funds, an official or employee of any qualifying business receiving financial assistance under the Program or an official or employee of any financial institution participating directly in the Program. Both the City Council President and the City Administrator or designee will serve as Liaison to the Citizen Advisory Review Committee. All Citizen Advisory Review Committee meetings are subject to open meeting laws. A quorum of four members is needed to officially hold a meeting.

The Citizen Advisory Review Committee (Section 18-2715) shall: (a) review the economic development program's function and progress at quarterly meetings and advise the City Council with regard to the program; and (b) report to the City Council on its findings and suggestions at a public hearing called for that purpose, at least once in every six-month period after the effective date of the ordinance.

## **Discussion**

Terms for the existing seven Committee members ended on September 30, 2013 concurrent with the expiration of the original Economic Development Program. The City issued a press release indicating citizens interested in serving on the Committee should apply. The Mayor also reached out to existing Committee members to determine their willingness to continue serving.

Based on an interview process including Mayor Jay Vavricek, Program Administrator Mary Lou Brown and EDC President Randy Gard, a slate of prospective Committee members is being provided to Council for its consideration. The final selection was based on four criteria: 1) registered within the City of Grand Island as a voter; 2) background or experience in the fields of accounting, banking and finance or business owners and business professionals; 3) willingness to serve; and 4) skill set added to the diversity of the Committee.

The proposed seven Committee members for Council consideration and their corresponding terms are:

Bruce Lux	9/30/2014
Ray O'Connor	9/30/2014
Dehn Renter	9/30/2015
Mark Stelk	9/30/2014
Craig Vincent	9/30/2015
Tim White	9/30/2015
Lisa Willman	9/30/2014

## **Alternatives**

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

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

## **Recommendation**

City Administration, along with GIAEDC President Randy Gard, recommend Council approve the proposed seven Committee members for appointment to the Citizen Advisory Review Committee.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution approving the proposed seven Committee members for appointment to the Citizen Advisory Review Committee.

RESOLUTION 2013-337

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Grand Island approved an Economic Development Program on November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Program requires that a Citizen Advisory Review Committee be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council to advise, review and recommend proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Program states the Citizen Advisory Review Committee will be comprised of seven members, all of whom must be registered voters in the City of Grand Island and should be professionals in the fields of accounting, banking and finance, business owners and business professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Program states the term of four members will end in even numbered years and the term of the remaining three members will end in odd numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the public was invited to apply, an interview process was completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the following seven citizens of the City of Grand Island be appointed to serve as the Citizen Advisory Review Committee for the indicated term of service:

Bruce Lux	9/30/2014
Ray O'Connor	9/30/2014
Dehn Renter	9/30/2015
Mark Stelk	9/30/2014
Craig Vincent	9/30/2015
Tim White	9/30/2015
Lisa Willman	9/30/2014

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 8, 2013.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 4, 2013	☐ City Attorney