



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Council Session

Item G-7

#2014-366 - Approving Request from the GRACE Foundation for Permission to Use City Streets and State Highway for a 10K Race and 2-Mile Family Fun Run

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

Council Agenda Memo

From: John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Meeting: December 9, 2014

Subject: Consideration of Approving Request from the GRACE Foundation for Permission to Use City Streets and State Highway for a 10K Race and 2-Mile Family Fun Run

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

Background

The GRACE Foundation was established in 2008 to assist local cancer patients, survivors and their families.

The 4th Annual Race for GRACE event was held in April 2014, with the foundation raising just over \$31,000 to assist individuals and their families affected by cancer right here in our local community. There were over 2,000 runners last year, which was an increase of 500 participants from the previous year.

Discussion

The GRACE Foundation is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads for their 5th annual Race for GRACE in downtown Grand Island on April 11, 2015.

The race route will require the use of City streets, as well as 2nd Street (Lincoln Highway). Please see the attached map of the route.

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.

In planning for the event and to achieve the best identified route the request has been reviewed by public safety and public works.

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 5th Annual Race for GRACE and direct that the Nebraska Department of Roads be notified of this action.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014-366

WHEREAS, the GRACE Foundation is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads for their 5th Annual Race for GRACE in downtown Grand Island on April 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the GRACE Foundation has worked with the City in planning & developing an acceptable race route; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 39-1359 requires cities to obtain Council approval and proper notification of the Nebraska Department of Roads when any event is going to require the closure or partial closure of a State highway; and

WHEREAS, the race route involves a stretch of 2nd Street (Lincoln Highway) from Cleburn Street to Oak Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the use of City streets and State highway to accommodate the 5th Annual Race for GRACE on April 11, 2015 is hereby approved.

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

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 9, 2014.

Jeremy Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
December 5, 2014	☐ City Attorney