



City of Grand Island

Saturday, January 22, 2011

Council Retreat

Item -1

City Council Special Study Session Retreat

Staff Contact: Mary Lou Brown

Council Agenda Memo

From: Mary Lou Brown, Interim City Administrator
Meeting: January 22, 2011
Subject: Council Retreat, January 22, 2011

Background

An annual winter retreat has typically been held by the Mayor, Council and Department Directors. Topics vary from year to year; however, the focus has usually been on issues impacting the current fiscal year and a preliminary discussion regarding the upcoming budget preparation. The retreat also has served as a way in which to introduce new Council members to Council operations, i.e., communications, Roberts Rules of Order.

Discussion

The 2011 retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2011 at City Hall. The theme of this year's retreat is "Taking Flight". The primary purpose of the day is a discussion of items that will assist the Council in setting a strategic direction for the City and a framework within which to make strategic decisions.

We find that more of the items brought forth to Council are of a multi-year nature. Since one Council is potentially making decisions that impact future Councils, it is necessary that the policies that Council sets be able to stand the test of time. Without a better understanding of some of the City's broad environmental factors, it is difficult, if not impossible, to have decisions seem reasonable in future years.

The day will focus on high level issues and not daily operations. We will plan to have a second retreat, most likely in early March; that retreat will focus on a financial discussion and planning for the fiscal year 2011/2012.

Copies of the presentations will not be provided in advance. We are taking this approach because we will be visiting each topic at a 30,000 foot level and several of the topics will be followed up with specific study sessions. A notebook with the presentations and additional resource information will be provided Saturday morning.

We challenge you to take this strategic flight with us and to keep that flight imagery in your mind as the day progresses. Internally, we have engaged in some very meaningful and controversial discussions as we have prepared for Saturday; we trust that you will find the presentations thought provoking and insightful.

We thank everyone for their participation at the Retreat – whether in person at the meeting or all citizens at home.

**City Council Special Study Session Retreat
Taking Flight
Saturday, January 22, 2011
7:47 AM
Council Chambers**

Agenda

FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS/BOARDING

Introduction Mary Lou Brown 7:47 AM

Opening Comments Mayor Jay Vavricek 7:57 AM
2011 Goals

FLIGHT #2015

Strategic Planning
Capital Plans 8:30 - 10:00 AM
Process for federally funded projects Terry Brown, Scott G
1 in 6 plan (streets, drainage, trails) Gary Mader
Other Public Works and Utilities Gary Mader
Break 10:00 - 10:15 AM
Stewardship of City owned property Craig Lewis, Steve P 10:15 - 10:45 AM
Privatization Brenda Sutherland 10:45 - 11:15 AM
Annexation Chad Nabity 11:15 - 11:45 AM
Technology Mary Lou Brown 11:45 - 12:00 PM

REFUELING

Lunch with Hall County Board 12:00 - 1:00 PM
State Fair Overview and Update Joseph McDermott
Emergency Management Strategic Planning Jon Rosenlund

CONTINUATION OF FLIGHT #2015

Barnstorming Mary Lou Brown 1:15 - 1:45 PM

CONNECTING FLIGHT #2011

Council Rules of Engagement 1:45 - 3:30 PM
Roberts Rules of Order Sandy Olson
Break
Role of Council Jason Eley
Open meeting law Jason Eley
Executive sessions - confidentiality Jason Eley
Conflict of interest Jason Eley
Census redistricting Jason Eley
Committee liaisons Mayor Jay Vavricek
Council/staff communications Mayor Jay Vavricek
Study sessions/Council meetings
General requests

DISEMBARKATION

Summarization 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Concluding Comments Mary Lou Brown
Mayor Jay Vavricek