



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Council Session

Item G14

#2004-303 - Approving Funding for Relocation of Utilities at the Heartland Events Center

Staff Contact: David Springer

Council Agenda Memo

From: Dave Springer, Finance Director

Meeting: November 23, 2004

Subject: Approving funding for Relocation of Utilities at Heartland Events Center

Item #'s: G-14

Presenter(s): Dave Springer, Finance Director

Background

Pursuant to the Lease Purchase Agreement with the Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, the City will become the owner of the facility and will have title to the property upon fulfillment of its bond obligations. Existing electric, water, and sewer utilities need to be relocated and brought up to the requirements needed to serve the facility. The City has estimated these costs to total approximately \$440,000.

Discussion

All the City's utilities operations are Enterprise Funds and need to be reimbursed for their project costs. As the Events Center will become an asset of the City, it is reasonable that the costs for utilities infrastructure be capitalized as part of the facility. No line item was specifically budgeted for this work, but \$3.8 million was budgeted in the Capital Improvement Fund, Account No. 40015025, to be used as the progress of various projects dictated.

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 funding of utilities relocation and service needs for the Events Center from the Capital Projects Fund.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the funding of utilities relocation and service for the Heartland Events Center from the Capital Projects Fund.

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WHEREAS, existing electric, water, and sewer utilities currently serving Fonner Park must be relocated in preparation for the construction of the Heartland Events Center; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such utility relocations is estimated at \$440,000; and

WHEREAS, as the City will become the owner of the Heartland Events Center upon the fulfillment of the bond obligations, this cost will be paid by the City; and

WHEREAS, since the facility will become an asset of the City, it is reasonable that the costs for utilities infrastructure be capitalized as part of the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the costs of \$440,000 for the relocation of utilities infrastructure at the Heartland Events Center facility be authorized through the Capital Projects fund of the current budget.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 23, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk