

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 09, 2005 Council Session

Item G18

#2005-229 - Approving Number of Board Members for Business Improvement District #3 and Appointing Bill Lowrey and Jeff Reed

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Council Agenda Memo

From:	Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney
Meeting:	August 9, 2005
Subject:	Expanding Membership of the Board of Business Improvement District No. 3
Item #'s:	G-18
Presenter(s):	Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Background

The City of Grand Island established Business Improvement District No. 3, which has been operating with a board that has five members. The BID Board has requested that the number of members for that Board be expanded to a seven member board. <u>Neb. Rev.</u> <u>Stat.</u>, §19-4022 states that the Business Improvement District Board shall consist of five or more members to serve such terms as the City Council by resolution would determine. This matter is being brought forward for the City Council to consider changing the number of board members from five to seven by resolution.

Discussion

The Board of Business Improvement District No. 3 has requested that the number of board members be increased from five to seven. A larger number of board members will broaden representation on the board and make it easier to have a quorum at each meeting. The Nebraska statutes would permit an increase and the ordinance establishing BID No. 3 does not specify the number of board members, therefore, a resolution establishing the number of board members at seven would be appropriate. The resolution will also authorize the appointment of Jeff Reed and Bill Lowrey to fill these additional positions on the Board of BID No. 3.

Alternatives

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

- 1. Move to approve expanding the number of members on the Business Improvement District Board to seven.
- 2. Not approve the resolution expanding the number of members.
- 3. Postpone the issue to future date.
- 4. Take no action on the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution establishing the number of members of the Business Improvement District No. 3 Board at seven.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the resolution establishing a seven member board for Business Improvement District No. 3.

RESOLUTION 2005-229

WHEREAS, Business Improvement District Number 3 was established by the City Council to become active on March 8, 1999 for a period of ten years; and

WHEREAS, five board members were selected by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the Board of Business Improvement District Number 3 when it was established; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §19-4022 permits the board of a business improvement district to have five or more members; and

WHEREAS, the Board for Business Improvement District Number 3 has requested that the number of board members be increased to seven; and

WHEREAS, two additional persons will need to be appointed to fill the additional positions on the Business Improvement District Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the number of board members for Business Improvement District Number 3 shall be seven members.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Jeff Reed and Bill Lowrey be appointed to the Board of Business Improvement District No. 3 until the ten year period of the board is concluded.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 9, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form¤August 4, 2005¤City Attorney