



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Council Session

Item E3

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Real Estate for Library Building
Addition from the Library Facilities Corporation**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Meeting: September 27, 2005

Subject: Public Hearing on Acquisition of Real Estate for Library Building Addition from the Grand Island Facilities Corporation

Item #'s: E-3 & G-20

Presenter(s): Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Background

Nebraska State Statutes require that the acquisition of real property must be approved by the City Council. A public hearing for the acquisition of this property is being done to meet the requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat., §18-1755 and Neb. Rev. Stat., §25-2505. Subsequent to the public hearing, item G-23 will be for approval of a resolution authorizing the acquisition of this property.

Discussion

The Grand Island Facilities Corporation has entered into a contract for the construction of an addition to the Edith Abbott Memorial Library. This addition to the library is to be built on land owned by the city that is west of the current library building. The city has entered into a lease purchase agreement to acquire the addition to the city library building from the Facilities Corporation and this building is considered real estate for statutory purposes. It is therefore necessary for the City Council to hold a public hearing on the acquisition of the building from the Facilities Corporation and approve a resolution authorizing the city to acquire this real property.

Alternatives

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

1. Pass a resolution approving the acquisition of the building addition to the city library.

2. Do not pass a resolution approving the acquisition of the building addition to the city library.
3. Postpone the issue to future date.
4. Take no action on the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution for the acquisition of the building addition to the city library as set forth above.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the acquisition of the building addition to the city library building.