



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Council Session

Item I3

**#2008-135 - Consideration of Intent to Offer Support of the
Relocation of the Nebraska State Fair**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney
David Springer, Finance Director

Meeting: May 13, 2008

Subject: Resolution of Intent to Offer Support of the Relocation of the Nebraska State Fair

Item #'s: I-3

Presenter(s): Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney

Background

On May 6, 2008, the City Council had a study session where it considered the impact of LB 1116 involving the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair to the City of Grand Island, Hall County Nebraska with the location to be at Fonner Park. The study session outlined that agreements would be necessary if the City were to be involved in the project as well as the need for revenue in addition to the current sources of revenue available to the City with the exploration of an occupancy tax of food and beverage services to be considered.

Discussion

In order to move forward with the relocation of the State Fair project, the City if it is to be a participant, needs to have representatives negotiate with the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, the County of Hall, and any other appropriate entity the agreements necessary under LB 1116 and any other agreements pertaining thereto, which agreements would then need to be brought back to council for review and ratification. Furthermore, the financing of the State Fair project needs to be pursued which will involve negotiations with other entities and possibly with Hall County, Nebraska and authority to conduct those negotiations is also needed. Other actions necessary by the City will include but not be limited to, the explorations of total cost of infrastructure to support facilities under consideration under LB 1116 and their cost, timing and impact to the City of Grand Island.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve resolution in attempt to support the relocation.
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 move to approve Resolution #2008-135 in support of the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Resolution #2008-135.

R E S O L U T I O N 2008-135

WHEREAS, the City Council, at its study session of May 6, 2008, considered the impact and options available under Legislative Bill 1116 concerning the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair to the City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska, and;

WHEREAS, the City intends to support the relocation efforts of the fair and in order to do so recognizes the need to be a party to negotiate the agreements anticipated by Legislative Bill 1116 and any other necessary agreements in relation thereto concerning facilities use, management, ownership and other items contained with Legislative Bill 1116, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to consider additional funding sources for the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair pursuant to the funding requirements set out in Legislative Bill 1116 including the exploration of bonding and the financing of any such bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Grand Island to designate a negotiating team to pursue agreements between the parties necessary for the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair to the City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska, and to bring to Council appropriate agreements for review and ratification.

2. Be it further resolved that the City in order to finance its share of the financial commitments, pursue seeking additional revenue for the general fund for the City of Grand Island and to obtain information necessary to present to Council at a later date including further exploration of an occupation tax on Food and Beverage Service businesses. The bonding that would be required as well as revenue needed and sources for the revenue for such bonds in relation to the Nebraska State Fair relocation as well as the anticipated costs and funding necessary for the projects impact to the general fund, utilities and other City budgets shall be brought back to Council for its review and ratification.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 13, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> _____ May 9, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney
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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk