



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Council Session

Item G2

Approving Minutes of June 16, 2009 City Council Study Session

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

June 16, 2009

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Study Session of the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska was conducted in the Community Meeting Room of City Hall, 100 East First Street, on June 16, 2009. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on June 10, 2009.

Mayor Margaret Hornady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Councilmember's were present: Gericke, Nickerson, Ramsey, Dugan, Carney, Gilbert, Niemann, and Meyer. Councilmember's Haase and Zapata were absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Jeff Pederson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Attorney Dale Shotkoski, Public Works Director Steve Riehle, and Finance Director David Springer.

INVOCATION was given by Mayor Margaret Hornady followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further Discussion of Master Plan for Veterans Home Athletic Complex. Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director reported since the initial presentation of the Veterans Home Athletic Complex, staff had met with interested parties who would potentially use the facility. Presented were the Master Plans and costs for providing an Athletic Complex facility to be located on Veterans Home property that would accommodate the majority of potential user recommendations.

Phase 1 which would replace the Fonner Park ball fields was estimated at \$1.5 million. Future phase costs at current dollars were \$4,482,185.00 with future phase cost in 7 years at 3% inflation at \$5,529,671.63.

Discussion was held concerning time frame, contractor's vs City labor to relocate the current fields, traffic issues, and playground area. Mr. Paustian stated the City would reuse chain link fences, irrigation, etc. from the Fonner complex. City Administrator Jeff Pederson commented on the continued financing/funding of this project and stated projected debt repayment from the occupation tax, if amended would be used towards this project.

David Stoltz, 3131 North Shady Bend Road spoke in support and mentioned the future demands of soccer fields. Currently all fields were full and status quo for the new fields would not be enough. Lewis Kent, 624 East Meves Avenue mentioned concerns of the cost.

Review of 2009/2010 Fee Schedule. David Springer, Finance Director gave an overview of the budget process and what had been accomplished so far. With capital costs and payroll cost the 2009-2010 budget would be very tight. Cash balances were estimated at \$3.1 to \$3.2 million.

Police Chief Steve Lamken answered questions regarding the Reserved Daily Parking fee change. Rental fee vs metered fee was explained. Mr. Springer stated projected number of increased fees for 2009-2010 would be a modest increase.

Review of 2009/2010 Full Time Equivalent's (FTE) Requests. David Springer, Finance Director explained the FTE requests. (See attached summary of FTE requests). Discussion was held concerning the importance of FTE's for public safety. Mayor Hornady commented on the sustainability of these new employees after the grant funds run out.

Fire Chief Troy Hughes presented a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions about the need and sustainability for the new FTE's. Police Chief Steve Lamken commented on changes in his department and what had been done to make it more efficient. Grant funding for the FTE's requested were questionable. The Police Department does not have the revenue stream as do some other departments within the City.

Comments were made by Council whether the requested Fire and Police FTE's would be enough. Emergency Management Director Jon Rosenlund answered questions concerning the County's match for the requested FTE.

Review of 2009/2010 Outside Agencies Funding Requests. David Springer, Finance Director reported Outside Agencies were contacted to submit their requests for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. (See attached summary of Outside Agency's requests).

The following people reported on the services provided to the City of Grand Island:

- Melissa Delay, 610 West Division – Hope Harbor
- Shelly Pointer, 4071 Zola Lane – Crisis Center
- Teresa Engelhardt, 304 East Third Street – Senior Citizens Industries, Inc.
- Anita Pinon, 2004 North Wheeler Apt. 8 – Multi Cultural Coalition
- John Meister, 1417 North Piper – Izaak Walton Kids Fishing Derby
- Larry Seifert, 1211 4th Avenue, Dannebrog – Izaak Walton Kids Fishing Derby
- Gerooge Solt, 3523 East Seedling Mile Road – Izaak Walton Kids Fishing Derby
- Teresa Anderson, 2922 Lake Park Lane, Hastings, Central Nebraska Health Department
- Ryan King, 3416 Graham Avenue – Central Nebraska Health Department
- Richard Fruehling, 5604 South Blaine Street - Central Nebraska Health Department
- Betty Curtis, 3221 Ramada Road - Clean Community Systems

Discussion was held by Council whether or not funding of the outside agencies should be continued and/or decreased. Several Councilmember's commented on the importance of the Health Department funding. Statutory requirements were discussed with regards to public funds and how they could be used. City Attorney Dale Shotkoski explained the Interlocal Agreement in place with the Central District Health Department.

Finance Director David Springer stated the Fee Schedule, FTE's and Outside Agencies would be brought back to the June 23, 2009 Council meeting for final approval.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED FTE'S, FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

(Five Year Financial Impact)

Dept No. ment Name	PERSONAL COST					
	FTE Requested	Changes	2009-10 Estimate	2010-11 Estimate	2011-12 Estimate	2012-13 Estimate
PUBLIC SAFETY						
221 Fire Services						
GRANT FUNDED - 4 Years						
Firefighter/Paramedic	3.0	\$154,560	\$159,197	\$163,973	\$168,892	\$173,959
Firefighter/EMT	3.0	\$142,848	\$147,133	\$151,547	\$156,094	\$160,777
Total Fire Services	6.0	\$297,408	\$306,330	\$315,520	\$324,986	\$334,735
223 Police						
GRANT FUNDED - 3 Years						
Police Officer	4.0	\$220,700	\$227,321	\$234,141	\$241,165	\$248,400
Total Police Services	4.0	\$220,700	\$227,321	\$234,141	\$241,165	\$248,400
226 Emergency Management						
Communications Specialist	1.0	\$38,778	\$39,941	\$41,140	\$42,374	\$43,645
PUBLIC WORKS						
335 Streets						
Maintenance Worker	(1.0)	(\$61,229)	(\$63,066)	(\$64,958)	(\$66,907)	(\$68,914)
Traffic Signal Technician	1.0	\$63,714	\$65,625	\$67,594	\$69,622	\$71,711
Total Streets	0.0	\$2,485	\$2,560	\$2,636	\$2,715	\$2,797
PROPERTY TAX REQUIREMENT						
PUBLIC SAFETY	11.0	\$556,886	\$573,593	\$590,800	\$608,524	\$626,780
GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX REQUIREMENT	11.0	\$556,886	\$573,593	\$590,800	\$608,524	\$626,780
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ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
520 Electric Utility						
GIS Coordinator	1.0	\$58,107	\$59,850	\$61,646	\$63,495	\$65,400
GIS Technician	(1.0)	(\$58,107)	(\$59,850)	(\$61,646)	(\$63,495)	(\$65,400)
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CITY	11.0	\$556,886	\$573,593	\$590,800	\$608,524	\$626,780

OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>2006 FUNDED</u>	<u>2007 FUNDED</u>	<u>2008 FUNDED</u>	<u>2009 FUNDED</u>	<u>2010 REQUESTED</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION</u>
Hope Harbor	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,600
Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Council for International Visitors	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 800
Crisis Center	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,600
G. I. Dive and Rescue Team - Trailer	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Note:	\$ 0
Senior Citizens Industries, Inc.	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000
Multicultural Coalition	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Izaak Walton Kids Fishing Derby	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
Grand Island Sports Council					\$ 100,000	\$ 0
Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival (Temporary office space and postage)		\$ 198	\$ 212	\$ 450	\$ 300	\$ 300
Totals	\$ 66,500	\$ 66,500	\$ 64,712	\$ 64,950	\$ 160,800	\$ 46,300

Note: The RSVP Program closed on March 31, 2009 and returned \$6,667 in unspent grant monies to the City.

AGENCIES WITH WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>2006 FUNDED</u>	<u>2007 FUNDED</u>	<u>2008 FUNDED</u>	<u>2008 FUNDED</u>	<u>2009 REQUESTED</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION</u>
Central Nebraska Health Department	\$ 135,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 0
Clean Community Systems	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Totals	\$ 155,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 20,000
TOTAL OUTSIDE AGENCIES	\$ 221,500	\$ 211,500	\$ 204,712	\$ 204,950	\$ 300,800	\$ 66,300