



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Council Session

## Item G-9

**#2015-77 - Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2015 State Fair Marathon/Half Marathon/Marathon Relay/5K Race/Kids 1 Mile**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** John Collins PE, Public Works Director

**Meeting:** March 24, 2015

**Subject:** Consideration of Approving Request from the YMCA for Permission to Use City Streets, Hike/Bike Trail, and State Highway for the 2015 State Fair Marathon/Half Marathon/Marathon Relay/5K Race/Kids 1 Mile

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**Presenter(s):** John Collins PE, Public Works Director

## Background

The YMCA in cooperation with the State Fair has expanded the Bill Seymour one half marathon into several marathons. The YMCA is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the routes.

## Discussion

The Marathons will be held the morning of Saturday, August 29, 2015. The Marathon routes will require the use of City streets and bike trails, as well as crossing US Highway 34 and running in on lane of US Highway 30. Please see the attached maps for the various routes.

State Statute 39-1359 requires the City Council to approve the route and for the City to then inform the Nebraska Department of Roads that the route has approval if it closes or blocks any part of a State highway. This is a requirement for any race, parade or march that would create some closure of the highway. This action then makes the City responsible for the liability of using a State highway for the event.

The Marathon planners from the YMCA and State Fair have met with public safety, public works and the county highway department and other affected departments in planning for the event. The routes being presented to the Council for approval have been agreed upon as the best identified.

For information purposes, any future such event will need to be presented to the Council if the event crosses or uses part of a State highway.

## **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

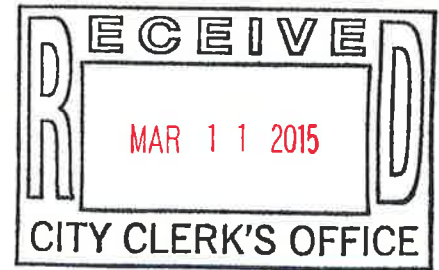
## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the YMCA's presented routes for the 2015 State Fair Marathons and direct that the Nebraska Department of Roads be notified of this action.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution.

March 8, 2015



ReNae Edwards  
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Dear City Council:

Many of you are probably well aware of the State Fair Marathon Race Series is held annually in Grand Island. This year will be the 2nd annual.

This year the race is scheduled for Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I am writing to request permission for the race participants to run in the streets of Grand Island, as well as the bike path on that day. The Race will start this year same as last year at the State Fair. The race will consist of a Full Marathon, Half Marathon, Marathon Relay, 5K and Kids 1 Mile. We will have many volunteers throughout the course for the safety of the runners and the support of the police department.


Again we will be starting the race for the Full, Half and Relay Marathons at 6:30 am. The 5K and kid's mile start at approximately 7:20 am.

We have discussed the route and are in constant contact and cooperation with Captain Falldorf and the police department as well as the Hall County Sherriff's department. We are also working with the City Streets Dept. and Hall County Dept. of Roads. I have included maps of all the races and streets affected.

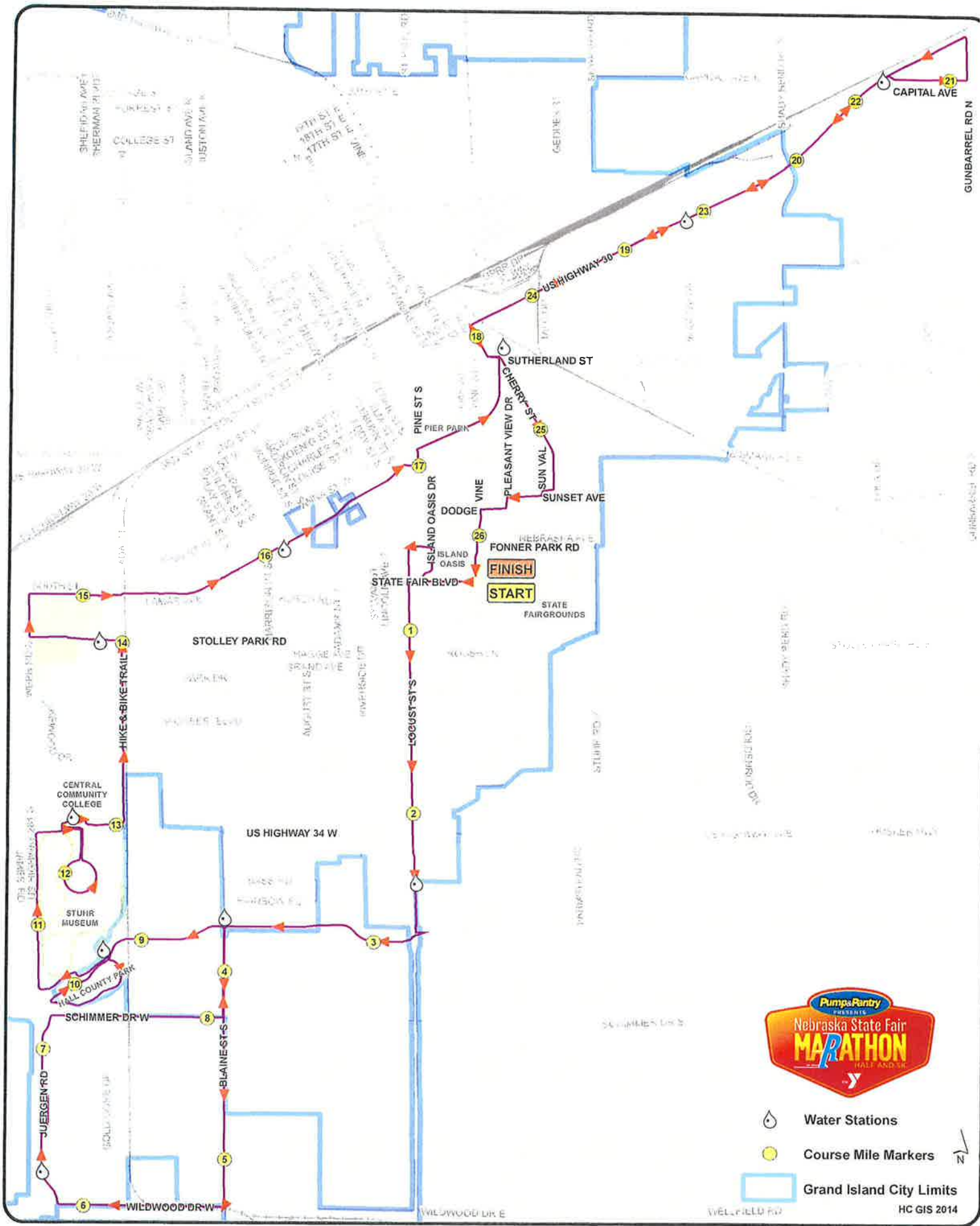
With your continued support, the YMCA will be able to carry on the tradition of building a strong and healthy community.

If there are any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the YMCA, 395-9622.

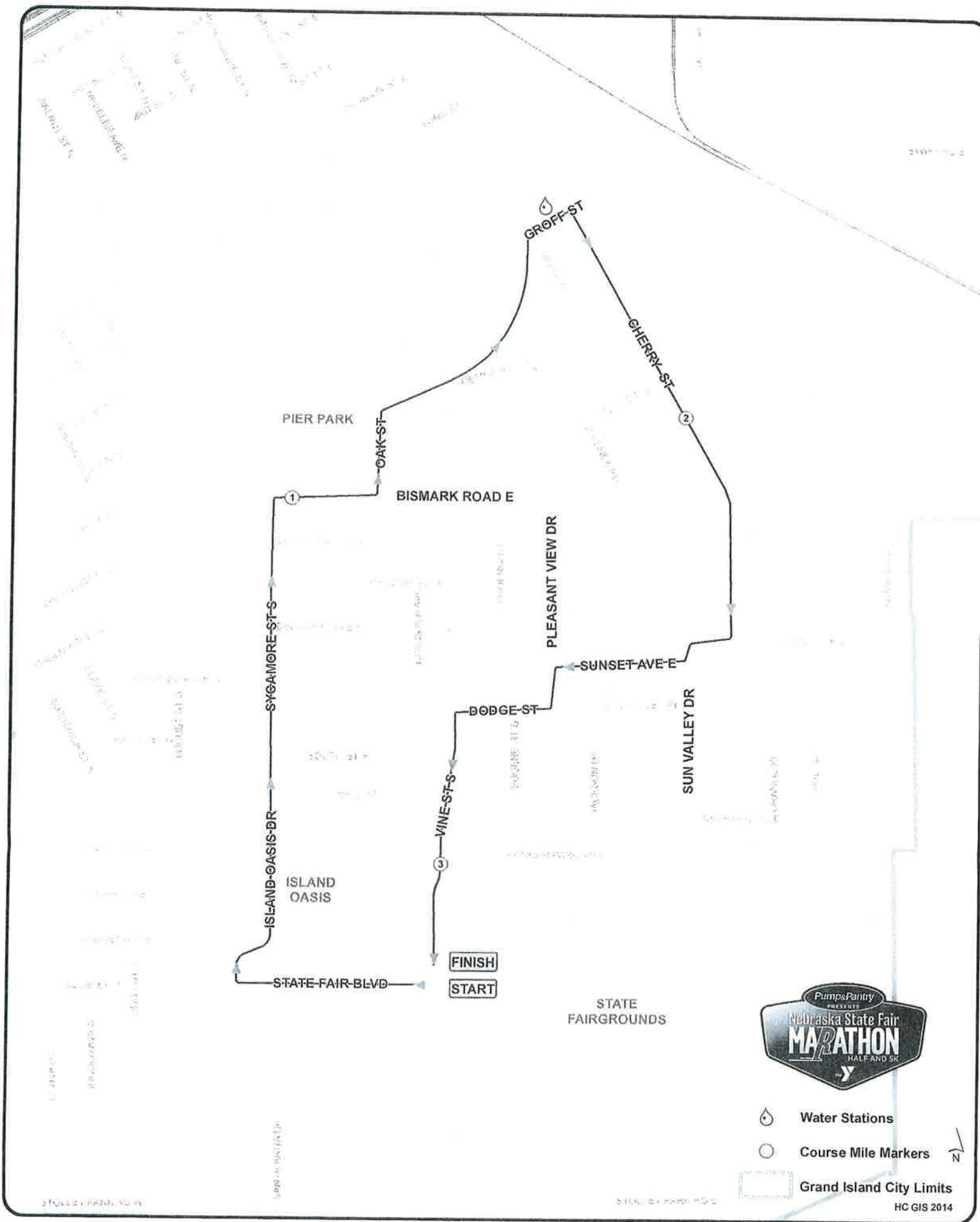
In Spirit, Mind, and Body



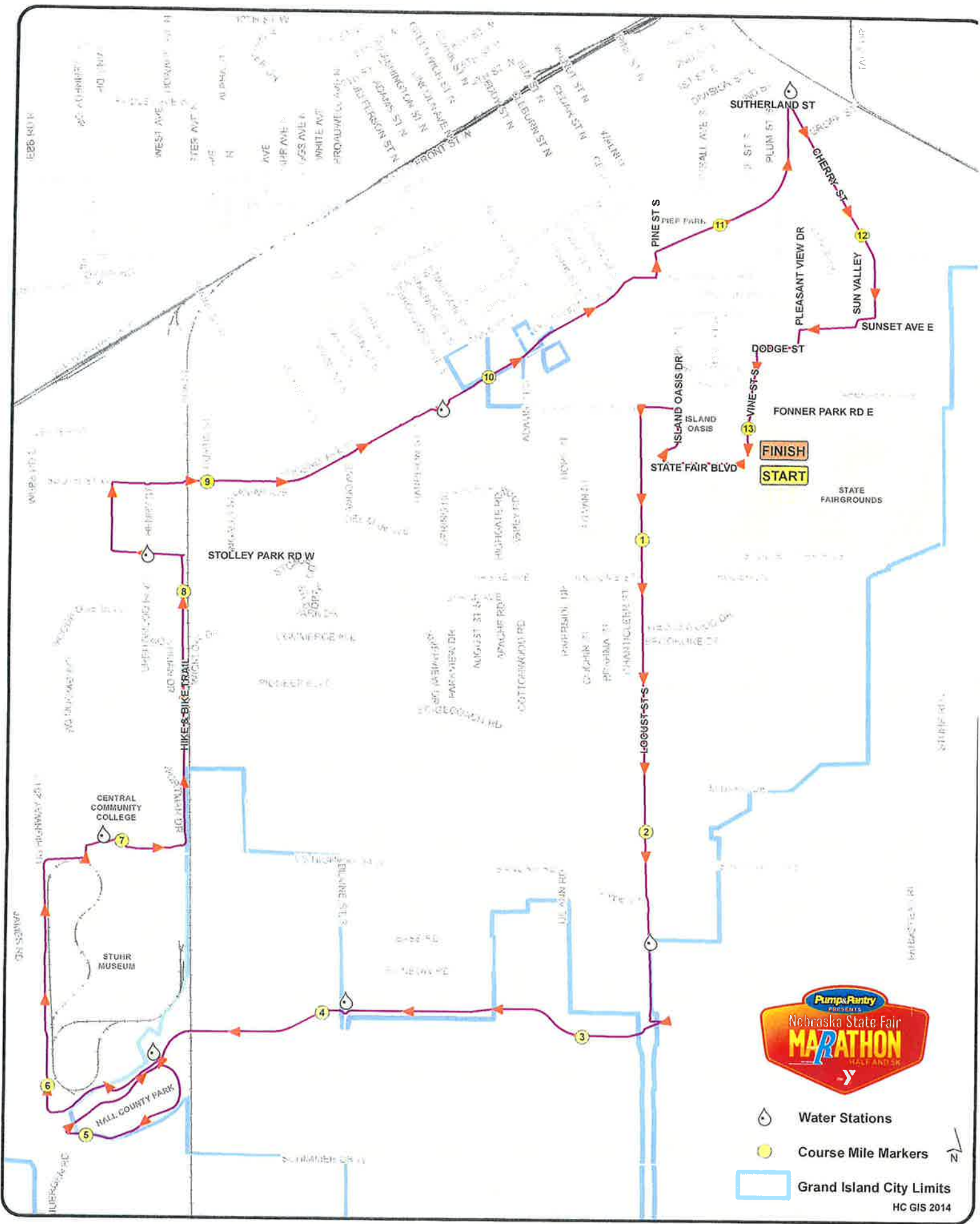
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*Fall Marathon*



*5K course*



-  Water Stations
-  Course Mile Markers
-  Grand Island City Limits

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*H. H. Marathon*

RESOLUTION 2015-77

WHEREAS, the YMCA and State Fair have expanded the Bill Seymour half marathon into several marathons; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA has worked with City and County departments in planning the marathon race routes and developed acceptable routes; and

WHEREAS, specific wording is required by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat §39-1359, and

WHEREAS, the City accepts the duties set out in neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1359, and that if a claim is made against the State, the City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise as a result of the special event, more specifically defined as the 2015 State Fair Marathon/Half Marathon/Marathon Relay/5K Race/Kids 1 Mile to be held on August 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the route for the special event necessitates the usage of US Highway 34; Wortman Drive to US Highway 281, and US Highway 30; Gunbarrel Road to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the special event will be held on August 29, 2015, with the control of US Highway 34 and US Highway 30 being assumed by the City at 6:00 am on August 29, 2015 and ending at 1:00 pm on August 29, 2015, at which time control of US Highway 34; Wortman Drive to US Highway 281, and US Highway 30; Gunbarrel Road to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, shall revert to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Notice of Use of City Streets and State Highways to accommodate the 2015 State Fair Marathon/Half Marathon/Marathon Relay/5K Race/Kids 1 Mile to be held on August 29, 2015 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Department of Roads shall be notified of the approved route and this Notice.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 24, 2015.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 20, 2015	☐ City Attorney