



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, July 13, 2010**

**Council Session**

## **Item G1**

**Approving Minutes of June 22, 2010 City Council Regular Meeting**

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## CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

### MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 East First Street, on June 22, 2010. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on June 16, 2010.

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

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

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Hornady introduced CYC members Jessica Wiens and Alex Wirth. Also introduced were Councilmember Carney's brother and sister-in-law Jerry & Lucille Carney.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation "Veteran Appreciation Week" June 30 – July 6, 2010. Mayor Hornady proclaimed the week of June 30 - July 6, 2010 as "Veteran Appreciation Week. Jay Vavricek, Event Coordinator, Richard Catron, Past Commander of the American Legion, and several veterans were present to receive the proclamation.

Recognition of 2009-2010 Community Youth Council. Wendy Myer-Jerke, Public Information Officer gave a short presentation and video of activities of the CYC students over the past year. The Mayor and City Council recognized the following Community Youth Council (CYC) members: Sophomores – Michael Hollman, Dillon Spies, Jessica Wiens, Alex Wirth: Juniors – Steven Bartz, Andres Gamboa, Danielle Jim, Brandon Pfeifer, Alisia Rivera: Seniors – Audie Aguilar, Miranda Baxter, Jared Bombeck, Lauren Kruger, Sarah Stoltenberg, and Austin Witmer. Board Members – Carole Ostdiek, Celine Stahlnecker, Theresa Engelhardt, Elizabeth Kuta, and Elizabeth Mayfield. Those not present were: CYC students Miguel Baeza, Lauren Cantrell, Garrett Coble, Ava Mackey, Katrina Molholm, and Aaron Oswald: and Board Members – Ed Jarosik, Darren Sanchez, and Jared Stockwell. The "Above and Beyond Award" were presented to Andres Gamboa, Danielle Jim, Ava Mackey, and Garrett Coble.

Presentation of the 2009-2013 Housing Market Study. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director explained the Housing Study. The study was prepared by the Schemmer Associates of Lincoln, Nebraska and is a four year study which was required in order to apply for Community Development Block Grants. Grand Island profile included: population characteristics, population age, household size, employment and economics and homelessness. Existing housing supply included: housing occupancy, vacancy housing costs by unit type; affordable housing in study area, and study area housing conditions analysis. Housing demand included: future housing unit demand, neighborhood improvements, and infrastructure improvements. Housing costs and

affordability analysis included: mortgage payments, homeownership affordability analysis, rental affordability analysis, and bridging the affordability gap. Mr. Nabity stated the study was available on the City of Grand Island web-site.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Zoning Change for Land Located North of Faidley Avenue and West of Diers Avenue, Lot 1 and Outlot A of Crane Valley 7<sup>th</sup> Subdivision from B2 – General Commercial to RD – Residential Development. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported that developer Ryan Bird on behalf of Concord Investments LLC had submitted an application to rezone land located on Lot 1 and Outlot A of Crane Valley 7<sup>th</sup> Subdivision from B2 – General Commercial to RD – Residential Development for the purpose of building eight apartment buildings with eight dwelling units in each building. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Real Estate Located at the Southeast Corner of First Street and Sycamore Street. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported that the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) had purchased and demolished structure on property located in close proximity to the Grand Island City Hall. The City owned property adjacent to the old Fire Station 1 that the CRA would like to swap for the property located at the southeast corner of First Street and Sycamore Street. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Changes to Chapter 36 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Wireless Communications Tower Regulations. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported that this item was heard before the City Council on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this public hearing was to enter into the record the minutes of the June 15, 2010 Study Session. Further action will be taken in the future.

#### ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Gilbert moved “that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days are suspended and that ordinances numbered:

#9263 – Consideration of Conveyance of Property located South of Old Fire Station 1 (Lots 10 and 11 of Campbell’s Subdivision)

#9264 – Consideration of Zoning Change for Land Located North of Faidley Avenue and West of Diers Avenue, Lot 1 and Outlot A of Crane Valley 7<sup>th</sup> Subdivision from B2 – General Commercial to RD – Residential Development

be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of these ordinances on second reading and then upon final passage and call for a roll call vote on each reading and then upon final passage.” Councilmember Ramsey second the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Discussion was held regarding road access to the property from the north.

Motion by Meyer, second by Nickerson to approve Ordinances #9263 and #9264.

City Clerk: Ordinances #9263 and #9264 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of these ordinances on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinances #9263 and #9264 on final passage. All those in favor of the passage of these ordinances on final passage, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Hornady: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon final passage, Ordinances #9263 and #9264 are declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA:. Consent agenda items G-7, G-9 and G-13 were removed from the agenda for further discussion. Motion by Zapata, second by Carney to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-7, G-9 and G-13. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of June 8, 2010 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of June 15, 2010 City Council Study Session.

#2010-160 – Approving Acquisition of Real Estate Located at the Southeast Corner of First Street and Sycamore Street.

#2010-161 – Approving Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Agreements for Professional Development Mini-Grants.

#2010-162 – Approving Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Agreement for a Child Well-Being Implementation Grant.

#2010-163 – Approving Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Application.

#2010-165 – Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Installation of Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) System, Project No. WW050 with IES Industrial Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska.

#2010-167 – Approving Award of Proposal for Consulting Services for Geospatial Data Collection of Grand Island's Public Stormwater Conveyance System with JEO Consulting Services, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$60,500.00.

#2010-168 – Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Project 2010-WWTP-1 Construction of Sludge Storage Facility for the Wastewater Division with Chief Construction Company of Grand Island, Nebraska.

#2010-168 – Approving Renewal of Microsoft Software Enterprise Agreement with Dell Marketing in an Amount of \$245,435.55 until June 30, 2013.

#2010-164 – Approving Lease Agreement with the Nebraska State Fair Board Regarding Parking by Island Oasis. Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director reported that a lease

agreement has been drawn up to allow for State Fair Parking on City owned land south of Island Oasis and south of Fire Station Number 1. Discussion was held regarding requirements within the lease, parking surfaces and liability insurance. City Attorney Dale Shotkoski stated the State Fair would be required to have liability insurance.

Motion by Ramsey, second by Dugan to approve Resolution #2010-164. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2010-166 – Approving Designating No Parking on Portions of Stolley Park Road, Stuhr Road and Fonner Park Road. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director reported that The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department reviewed traffic flows and safety in the area and recommend the designation of No Parking in the noted locations. The No Parking restriction would improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve safety on streets that are impacted by existing traffic as well as the expected traffic for the State Fair.

No Parking restriction was proposed on both sides of the following streets:

- On Fonner Park Road, from Pleasant View Drive to Stuhr Road;
- On Stolley Park Road, from 500 feet west of Adams Street to Stuhr Road;
- On Stuhr Road, from the south city limits (Wood River) to Bismark Road;

A No Parking restriction was already in place on Fonner Park Road from Locust Street to Pleasant View Drive.

The No Parking restriction would also allow for striping of Stolley Park Road from west of Adams Street to Locust Street as a 3-lane roadway. Changing this section of Stolley Park Road to a 3-lane roadway would make the roadway safer and improve traffic flow. A similar change from a 2-lane to a 3-lane roadway was made on Faidley Avenue from Webb Road to east of Custer Avenue a number of years back that had proven to work very well. Letters were sent to adjacent property owners along Stolley Park Road notifying them of the possible change.

Judy Watson, 405 West Stolley Park Road and Paul Buck, 419 E. Nebraska Avenue spoke in opposition.

Motion by Carney, second by Dugan to approve Resolution #2010-166. Discussion was held regarding a temporary no parking zone during the State Fair.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Carney to amend the main motion to take effect the two weeks of the State Fair and to include a permanent three lane east of South Locust. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Upon roll call vote of the main motion, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2010-170 – Approving Amended Interlocal Agreement with the Community Redevelopment Authority. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported that the Community Redevelopment Authority and the City of Grand Island entered into an interlocal agreement to have the Regional Planning Director act as Director of the CRA beginning July 1, 2005. According to the terms of the agreement the CRA would pay 10% of the Director's salary and

benefits and 10% of the planning department's secretary's salary and benefits to offset the cost of this service.

In 2007, for the 2008 budget, this agreement was amended with the CRA paying 20% of the Director's benefits and salary. In response to current budget constraints and in reviewing the work performed by the planning secretary the CRA Board had determined that it would be appropriate for the CRA to increase the percentage of the salary and benefits for that position from 10% to 20% for the next fiscal year.

Discussion was held regarding the allocation of the work load of the planning secretary. Mr. Nabity stated this change would save the City approximately \$4,500.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Dugan to approve Resolution #2010-170. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

#2010-171 – Approving Changes to Speed Limits on Capital Avenue, Independence Avenue, Stolley Park Road, Stuhr Road and US Highway 281. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director reported that the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department completed reviews of the speed limits on Capital Avenue, Independence Avenue, Stolley Park Road, Stuhr Road and US Highway 281 and recommended the following:

1. Capital Avenue – extend the 35 mph east of St. Paul Road to the NE Central Railroad Tracks
2. Independence Avenue – Lower the speed limit to 25 mph from Capital Avenue to NE Highway 2
3. Stolley Park Road – Extend the 35 mph east of Locust Street for approximately ½ mile to the Fonner Park/Heartland Events Center driveway
4. Stuhr Road – lower the speed limit to 45 mph from the south city limits to Fonner Park Road
5. US Highway 281 – lower the speed limit on US Highway 281 from the UPRR/Old Hwy 30 overpass to NE Hwy 2 from 50 mph to 45 mph

Discussion was held regarding the considerations taken by the Public Works Department in recommending these changes. Mr. Riehle stated they looked at the number of driveways, houses, lot sizes, pedestrians and safety issues. The change in the speed limit at the railroad tracks seemed to be a natural change. Truck routes were mentioned.

Motion by Carney, second by Gilbert to approve Resolution #2010-171. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2010-172 – Approving Resolution to Allow Temporary Closure of College Street From Custer Avenue to Lafayette Avenue. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director reported School Administration requested a temporary closure of College Street from Custer Avenue to Lafayette Avenue from September 12, 2010 until October 15, 2010 for a traffic study.

The following people spoke in support of the study:

- Steve Joel, 314 Ponderosa Drive

- Bonnie Hinkle, 1603 Spruce Road
- Jacey McGowan, 533 Linden Avenue
- Kent Mann, 1603 Zola Court
- Mary Lanfear, 2128 North Custer Avenue
- Justin Pederson representing Olsson Associates presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the College Street Traffic Impact Study
- Jim O'Neill, 2426 North Custer Avenue
- Ron Christensen, 2523 College Street

Discussion was held regarding safety and the importance of the study. Alternative options besides closing College Street were mentioned.

Motion by Dugan, second by Carney to approve Resolution #2010-172. Upon roll call vote, Councilmember's Niemann, Gilbert, Carney, Dugan, Ramsey, Zapata, and Nickerson voted aye. Councilmember's Meyer, Haase, and Gericke voted no. Motion adopted.

#### PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Dugan, second by Zapata to approve the Claims for the period of June 9, 2010 through June 22, 2010, for a total amount of \$4,102,591.11. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Dugan, second by Zapata to approve the Claims for the Period of June 9, 2010 through June 22, 2010 for the Veterans Athletic Field Complex for a total amount of \$205.82. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Dugan, second by Zapata to approve the Claims for the Period of June 9, 2010 through June 22, 2010 for the State Fair Recreation Building for a total amount of \$360,000.00. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Meyer, second by Dugan to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussion concerning IBEW – Service/Clerical Labor Contract for the protection of the public interest. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Dugan second by Carney to return to Regular Session at 9:55 p.m. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk