



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Council Session

Item I3

#2011-379 - Consideration of Spending Process Requirements

Staff Contact: Councilmember Chuck Haase

Council Agenda Memo

From: Chuck Haase, Ward 5 Councilmember
Meeting: December 20, 2011
Subject: Spending Process Requirements
Item #'s: I-3
Presenter(s): Chuck Haase, Ward 5 Councilmember

Background

There have been a number of different responses to the questions asked about the spending authority, and the process to follow. To get everyone on the same page, having this item in front of the City Council to be discussed is the best way to provide the Council Policy to the city staff. Nebraska is a Dillon's rule state, which Dillon's rule is the cornerstone of American Municipal law and will be discussed during the presentation.

I requested this item be placed on the Council agenda originally on May 2, 2011 and was then asked by Council President to wait until after the budget. The budget is complete, and my 2nd request for the item to be placed on the Council agenda was made December 3, 2011 and adjusted on December 7, 2011 to be placed on the December 20th Council Agenda.

Discussion

This resolution as amended and approved, will then provide a City Council Policy in a common sense approach to City Spending and the process required. In the same as a stool must have 3 legs to stand, so is the spending process. The main components (Legs) are:

- Cash
- Budget
- Procurement

The detail of each of these component requirements will be provided for review, examples and discussion by the City Council and modified as directed thru the Council discussion.

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

The City Administration has not provided a recommendation.

RESOLUTION 2011-379

WHEREAS, the City Council is hereby creating a spending policy prerequisite for the expenditure of public funds, and

WHEREAS, prior to paying or presenting to the City Council for payment, there are three (3) prerequisite compliance items that must be met; and

WHEREAS, there must be sufficient cash on hand in the Fund , or the pending cash receipt within 100 days of expenditure request, and

WHEREAS, there must be specific budget authority in the Fund and Program, and

WHEREAS, after there is determined to be sufficient cash in the Fund, and Budget Authority in the Fund and Program, then there must be compliance with the Procurement Policies as established by the City Council and provided for in City Code.

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

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 20, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
December 15, 2011 ☐ City Attorney