



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Council Session

## Item I2

**#2012-72 - Consideration of Letter of Support for VA Homeless Veterans Housing Project**

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

**Meeting:** March 13, 2012

**Subject:** Approving Letter of Support for VA Homeless Veterans Housing Project

**Item #'s:** I-2

**Presenter(s):** Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

## **Background**

Our nation has more than 75,000 homeless veterans. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) have put together a strategic plan to end homelessness among Veterans by 2015. The VA recognizes they must create situations where Veterans have access to Housing Assistance, Supportive Services, Treatment Programs and other benefits.

## **Discussion**

Pridon a national developer – specializing in homes for military families and veterans was recently selected as the developer for a Grand Island area homeless Veterans supportive housing project. By using funding mechanisms specifically targeted to alleviate the problems returning Veterans must overcome, Pridon proposes to develop 58 new housing units in Grand Island.

A letter of support from the City of Grand Island is requested from Pridon in support of their application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from NIFA. Over the course of construction, compliance with the City of Grand Island rules and regulations regarding building codes, permits, and inspections will be required.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Move to approve the letter of support

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 letter of support for Pridon's application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from NIFA.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the letter of support for Pridon's application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from NIFA.

RESOLUTION 2012-72

WHEREAS, our nation has more than 75,000 homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing have put together a strategic plan to end homelessness among Veterans by 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pridon, a national developer plans to develop 58 new housing units in Grand Island, and

WHEREAS, a letter of support from the City of Grand Island for Pridon's application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits from NIFA is requested; and

WHEREAS, over the course of construction, compliance with the City of Grand Island rules and regulations regarding building codes, permits, and inspections will be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the mayor is hereby authorized and directed to send a letter of support for Pridon's application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits from NIFA.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 13, 2012.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk