
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Regular Session

Item C1

Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2015 Policy Board Meeting

Staff Contact: Jeremy Jensen, Mayor

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 4:00pm

Community Meeting Room

Grand Island City Hall, 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, NE

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Jensen, Mayor, City of Grand Island	Present
Vaughn Minton, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Chuck Haase, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Julie Hehnke, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Mike Paulick, City of Grand Island, Council Member	Present
Brad Zumwalt (Randy Peters designee) NDOR Hwy Planning Manager	Present
Gary Quandt, Hall County Board	Absent
Scott Arnold, Hall County Board	Absent
Pat O'Neill	Absent

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Marlan Ferguson, City of GI, City Administrator	Present
Terry Brown, City of GI, Assistant Public Works Director	Absent
John Collins, City of GI Public Works Director	Present
Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director	Present
Joseph Werning, Administrator, FHWA NE Division	Absent
Mokhtee Ahmad, Administrator, FTA Region VII	Absent
Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer	Absent
Justin Luther, Transportation Planner, Realty, Civil Rights FHWA	Absent
Logan Daniels, Federal Transit Administration, Region VII	Absent

OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:

John Adams, MPO Program Manager
Bob Sivick, City Attorney, City of Grand Island
William Clingman, Interim Finance Director/City Treasurer City of Grand Island
Catrina DeLosh, Public Works Administrative Assistant, City of Grand Island

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged and roll call was taken. Mayor Jensen acknowledged the fact that Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Manager, was the designee for Randy Peters, Director of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Approve of minutes of the January 27, 2015 Policy Board Meeting

Motion by Haase to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting, seconded by Paulick. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor.

Financial Constraint in the Development of the Long Range Transportation Plan

Adams informed the board of the federal requirement that the City demonstrate fiscal responsibility when planning projects. Majority of projects are multiyear and cost millions of dollars, therefore the City needs to review total project costs when budgeting identify funding, and be reasonably certain of sufficient funding. Minton questioned if this item was committing the City or board to anything, to which Adams stated it is not a commitment; just informative at this time and the Long Range Transportation Plan will guide where we need to go. Collins clarified this item is just to make the board aware that projects must have funding for the life of the project, not just the current budget year. Paulick mentioned the City will need to review needs vs. wants. Nabity stated projects from the 20 year plan will be pulled into the 5 year plan and funding will be identified for those projects.

City of Grand Island 1-6 Year Improvement Program

Collins stated the 1-6 Year Improvement Program was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee at their February 9, 2015 meeting, as well as the Regional Planning Committee meeting on February 18, 2015. City Council will hear the presentation at the February 24, 2015 meeting. Approval of this program is needed by City Council in order for it to be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). Collins noted the Policy Board will review and approve such program beginning next year, as the MPO takes precedence.

Proposed Dedicated Capital Improvement Fund Process – City of Grand Island

Collins and Clingman presented the proposed changes to the Capital Improvement Fund process, which will help with fiscal constraints. This presentation is also scheduled for the April 7, 2015 City Council Study Session. Collins noted it is hard to meet the September 30th fiscal year deadline as construction is still ongoing and project costs haven't all been met by that point.

Collins -Capital funds are tied to projects while operating funds are tied to the fiscal year. The 5 year estimate is not as precise as a 1 year estimate, which makes it difficult to budget from project conception to construction. It's also challenging to mesh the calendar year with the fiscal year, as the fiscal year ends prior to the construction season ending. Several factors also delay projects (weather, property acquisition, permits, etc.) and can make budgeting problematic throughout the project life.

Clingman – The proposed fund process will not take away any approval from City Council, as all agreements/contracts will still require individual action. The over/under budgeting will be eliminated with this process, as funds won't be moved from the overall fund until an agreement/contract has been awarded by City Council. Funding and budgeting will be tied to specific projects.

General consensus from the board is this is a reasonable direction; a plan needs to be in place to track dollars committed to avoid over commitments or dollar redirections, good oversight. Collins stated City Council will be the check and balance for the City – if the balance in the overall Capital fund gets too high that signifies a problem. Paulick noted open communication needs to happen between City staff and City Council. Haase pointed out the Finance Director would need to speak to spent/committed funds vs. funds available.

MPO Activities Update

Adams informed the board that the 2015 Aerial Photography is moving forward with City Council action scheduled for the February 24, 2015 meeting. White arrows will be placed throughout the County to aid in matching up the photos.

Adams also provided an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan consulting services agreement, which is scheduled to be presented to City Council on March 10, 2015. The consultant has been selected and NDOR is working on the agreement to be entered into. The MPO upcoming year plan is scheduled to be presented to City Council at the March 17, 2015 study session.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be May 26, 2015 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Jensen adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.