



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

Special Meeting

Item E1

**Public Hearing Concerning Ground Lease to the Nebraska State
Fair for Land Located Near Fire Station 1, Grand Island, Nebraska**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Jeff Pederson, City Administrator

Meeting: June 30, 2009

Subject: Public Hearing Concerning Ground Lease to the
Nebraska State Fair for Land Located Near Fire Station
1, Grand Island, Nebraska

Item #'s: E-1 & I-1

Presenter(s): Jeff Pederson, City Administrator

Background

On May 12, State Fair Board Vice-Chairman appeared before the City Council requesting access to City land located South of Fire Station No.1 for construction of an approximately 30,000 sq. ft. building to be used for offices and exposition space for the Nebraska State Fair.

The City and the State Fair Board have undertaken a process to negotiate a Ground Lease for the purpose of accommodating the request of the Fair Board. The Lease includes area sufficient for both a building and an adjacent parking lot.

Discussion

It is believed that this development will enhance the future location of the Nebraska Firefighters Memorial to be located to the South of the Building. The Memorial Committee and the State Fair Board have had an initial meeting to discuss the co-location, and it is expected that the parties will meet again and reach formal accord prior to this meeting.

A Resolution to approve the Ground Lease is included on the Agenda.

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
- 5.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Ground Lease.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Ground Lease between the Nebraska State Fair Board and the City of Grand Island, Nebraska.