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# City of Grand Island



**Tuesday, April 02, 2002**  
**Study Session Packet**

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Glen Murray  
Jackie Pielstick  
Larry Seifert  
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**Mayor:**

Ken Gnadt

**City Administrator:**

Marlan Ferguson

**City Clerk:**

RaNae Edwards

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**7:00:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers - City Hall**  
**100 East First Street**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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## **A - SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the Request for Future Agenda Items form located at the Information Booth. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

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## **B - RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to provide input on any of tonight's agenda items to reserve time to speak. Please come forward, state your name and address, and the Agenda topic on which you will be speaking.



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## Item -1

### Presentation by Tobacco Free Hall County

*Representatives of the Tobacco Free Hall County group will be presenting a request to the City Council relative to the establishment of a policy banning smoking in or within 20' of the entrance to any municipal building, city vehicle, or parks where youth play ball. The request is being made in conjunction with State Legislative consideration of LB1292 which mandates this policy.*

Staff Contact:

*Cindy J.*

## Nebraska State Legislature

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March 26, 2002

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City of Grand Island  
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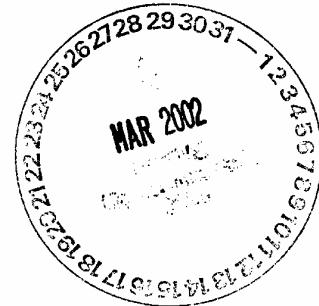
Dear Mayor Gnadt:

I would like to express my support of the smoke-free policy being proposed for city-owned property. Smoking and secondhand smoke has devastating effects on everyone, especially children. I encourage you to move forward with such a policy and I applaud the efforts of Tobacco Free Hall County.

Sincerely,

*Ray Aguilar #35*

Senator Ray Aguilar  
District 35



RMA/mmb

Cc: Tobacco Free Hall County



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## Item -2

### Presentation of Police Department's Annual Report

*The Grand Island Police Department will present its 2001 Annual Report to the City Council on April 2, 2001. The annual report outlines the accomplishments and activity of the men and women of the Grand Island Police Department. The report will cover information from all three divisions of GIPD: Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, and the Administrative Services Division. The report documents the activity of the agency with a statistical summary and a financial summary as well. Special features of the department are highlighted in the 2001 annual report that includes, Military Service, Retirees, Gang Investigation Unit, Honor Guard, Special Weapons And Tactics, Central Nebraska Drug Court, Kids, Cops, Counselors, and Character, National Night Out and others.*

Staff Contact: Kyle Hetrick



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## Item -3

### Discussion Regarding Community Policing

*This is an opportunity to discuss the definition of “Community Orientated Policing”, the history of the COPS philosophy as it relates to the Grand Island Police Department, and how we use strategies to implement this attitude within the Grand Island Police Department and our Community.*

Staff Contact: Kyle Hetrick



# City of Grand Island

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## Study Session

### Item -4

#### NW Grand Island Traffic Improvements Study

##### *Background*

*Safety concerns on Manchester, Mansfield and Cannon Roads near Westridge Middle School were first expressed by the Northwest Neighborhood association in March of 1998. The association believes that the extension of Independence from Manchester south to 13th Street is the solution. City staff has been hesitant to move forward with the extension of Independence because the bulk of the project cost would be the taxpayers' responsibility. The Council approved an agreement with Olsson Associates to perform the following work:*

- 61623; Perform traffic and circulation analysis for the neighborhood*
- 61623; Confirm the intersection and roadway design requirements*
- 61623; Recommend alignments for the proposed roadway improvements*
- 61623; Determine the impacts to storm drainage and detention cells*
- 61623; Prepare alternatives to address impacts of proposed improvements*
- 61623; Determine the right-of-way impacts*
- 61623; Prepare a preliminary opinion of costs*

*Olsson Associates will present the results at the April 2, 2002 Study Session.*

##### *Discussion*

###### *Issues:*

- 1. There is a need for a north-south ½ mile system of collector streets.*
- 2. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic is concentrated in front of the school raising safety concerns.*

###### *Solutions:*

- 1. Allow future development to build the network of north-south streets.*
- 2. Improve Manchester, Mansfield and Cannon Roads near Westridge Middle School.*
- 3. Extend Independence from Manchester south to 13th Street.*

###### *Pros and Cons:*

- 1. Allowing developers to build the north-south streets saves the taxpayers substantial dollars. This has always been the past practice of the City and minimizes the cost to the taxpayers.*
- 2. Improving the existing streets adjacent to Westridge will help with pedestrian and vehicular safety, but will not reduce the vehicular volumes in front of the school. The costs would be shared between adjacent property owners and the taxpayers. The property owners receive credit for the existing street width and would not be assessed for any width over 37'.*
- 3. Extending Independence is expensive with approximately 2/3 of the cost being the*

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*responsibility of the taxpayers. It improves the safety in front of the school by reducing the vehicular traffic volumes in front of the school. The streets adjacent to the school should be improved regardless of the decision on extending Independence. Taxpayers would be responsible for approximately 2/3 of the cost.*

***Recommendation***

*Olsson Associates was hired to perform the study so that a better sense of the cost/benefit could be obtained to assist Council in their decision making process. The issue that the city has been struggling with is a matter of economics. Is extending Independence the most cost effective solution?*

*If the Council desires to extend Independence, staff will direct Olsson Associates to continue with ROW design so the ROW negotiations can begin. Once the ROW is acquired, a street improvement district can be created. Depending on how well right-of-way negotiations proceed, Independence could be completed in the fall of 2003.*

***Financial Implications***

*If Independence is extended, I believe it will be a matter of choices. Other projects in the City's capital improvement budget may have to be pushed back to allow funding of Independence as well as the improvements to Manchester, Mansfield and Cannon Roads near Westridge Middle School that need to be made.*

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director