
City of Grand Island



Tuesday, June 04, 2002

Study Session Packet

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RaNae Edwards

7:00:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall

100 East First Street

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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.

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

Recognition of Kurt Mann, State Championship Winner in Shot Put

The Mayor and City Council will recognize Kurt Mann, for his State Championship win in Shot Put. Shot Put Coach Monty Fyfe will also be present for the recognition.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards



Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded to:

Kurt Mann

To recognize your outstanding talent, and your success in capturing the State Championship in the Shot Put. Congratulations on this achievement.

Mayor, Ken Gnadt

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk



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Item -2

Discussion Concerning Greenspace Regulations

Greenspace provides a number of benefits to a community. These benefits range from creating an inviting environment and places for recreation to providing for storm water drainage.

Currently, the City has a landscaping ordinance that applies to new commercial/manufacturing buildings and uses. Landscaping along streets is done by individual property owners.

Most new city parks are purchased using general funds budgeted to the Parks Department. Trails are built with federal and city funds.

Parks and greenspace are provided by various means in communities. Landscape regulations can require property owners to install and maintain landscaping on their property. The City can charge fees to pay for new parks. Developers can be required to reserve space in their subdivisions for parks or trails. Combined facilities such as schools and parks lower the overall cost of providing greenspace. Property owners can donate land for public greenspace. Subdivision regulations can be written to give density bonuses to developers in exchange for maintaining greenspace.

The intent of this presentation is to open discussion on how greenspace and parks are acquired in Grand Island and to look at other possibilities.

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity

Greenspace in Grand Island

What is Greenspace?

- * Parks
- * Hike/Bike Trails
- * Playgrounds
- * Ball Fields
- * Golf Courses
- * Lakes
- * Detention Cells

What is Greenspace?

- * Landscaping
 - Streets
 - Yards
 - Parking Lots
 - Buffer Yards
 - Medians

What are the benefits of Greenspace?

- * Maintain and Enhance Property Values
- * Recreation
- * Public Pride
- * Positive Image
- * Improved Health
- * Calming Effects

Who provides Greenspace?

- * Business Owners
- * Home Owners
- * General Taxpayers
 - Schools
 - City Parks
 - Hike/Bike Trails
 - CRA

Who maintains Greenspace?

- * Business Improvement Districts
- * Home Owners Associations
- * Developers
- * Taxpayers
- * Business Owners
- * Home Owners
- * Volunteers
- * No One

How do we get Greenspace?

- * Volunteers
 - Home Owners
 - Business Owners
- * Buy it (Taxes)
- * Donations
- * Landscaping Regulations
- * Combined Uses

How do we get more Greenspace?

- * Donations
- * Buy it (Taxes)
- * Require property owners to provide it (landscaping regulations)
- * Create special districts (BID, CRA)
- * Fees on a per lot basis for new development
- * Require Dedications
- * Trail Easements
- * Offer Incentives to Developers



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Item -3

Discussion of Agreement with Nebraska Emergency Management Regarding Providing Hazardous Material Response and Equipment

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has received funds through a Department of Justice grant program to provide equipment to selected emergency responders for hazardous material handling. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency provides the equipment directly to the City for use in our community and in other areas when requested. The Memorandum of understanding provides the responsibilities for the City of Grand Island and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Seven other cities across the state have entered into similar agreements.

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
GRAND ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND THE
NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

This Memorandum of Understanding describes the relationship and supporting activities of the Grand Island Fire Department and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to transfer ownership of the response equipment from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to the Grand Island Fire Department for use in responding to incidents where the use of such equipment is required.

Therefore, this Memorandum of Understanding sets forth the following areas of responsibility:

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will:

1. Purchase the equipment listed on the attachment to this memorandum using the approved fiscal policies of the State of Nebraska.
2. Provide training opportunities to the Grand Island Fire Department on the use and maintenance of the equipment.
3. Distribute the equipment to the Grand Island Fire Department.

Grand Island Fire Department will:

1. Maintain the equipment so it is available for use when necessary.
2. Maintain competency level through periodic training using the equipment.
3. Respond to incidents requiring the use of the equipment as requested by other departments under existing Mutual Aid Agreements.
4. Support the State Emergency Response Team as requested by other departments under existing Mutual Aid Agreements.
5. Upon orders of the Governor, during the time of a declared disaster, under RRS 81-829.40(3), serve as a member of a State emergency response team as defined in RRS 81-829.52 through 81-829.55

For Nebraska Emergency Management
Agency



Director

24 May 2002
Date

For the Grand Island Fire Department

Mayor

Date