
City of Grand Island



Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Study Session Packet

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

Call to Order

This is an open meeting of the Grand Island City Council. The City of Grand Island abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed in the back of this room as required by state law.

The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

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.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION

This is an opportunity for the Mayor to comment on current events, activities, and issues of interest to the community.



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Item -1

**Presentation and Discussion of Master Plan for Veterans Home
Athletic Complex**

Staff Contact: Jeff Pederson

Council Agenda Memo

From: Jeff Pederson, City Administrator

Meeting: May 19, 2009

Subject: Presentation and Discussion of Master Plan for Veterans Home Athletic Complex

Item #'s: 1

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Background

In conjunction with the securing of the lease from the State of Nebraska for approximately 78 acres of land immediately south of Eagle Scout Lake, a Master Plan has been formulated for the development of replacement athletic facilities for those being displaced at Fonner Park by the location of the Nebraska State Fair. The Master Plan has been developed by Olsson & Associates with participation by the Department of Parks & Recreation, and has been funded by the Nebraska State Fair.

Discussion

The primary focus of the Master Plan process has been with replacing the amount of facilities from Fonner Park, with supporting infrastructure. Because of the size of the tract of land that is under lease, additional/future facilities development possibilities were included in the Master Plan. As the Council is aware, the cost estimate that has been in use for replacement of lost facilities and supporting infrastructure is \$1.5 million. The planning process for this project has included recognition of the possibility of reusing some of the existing apparatus from the Fonner Park facilities. Along with presentation of the Master Plan, information will be brought forward at the Study Session relative to the current cost projection and the need for equipment reuse.

LB 224 is scheduled for Final Reading on Monday. Should that Bill be passed, the City would have the ability to count up to \$1.5 million in capital outlay for this prospective project towards the city contribution that is required to become the new host City for the Nebraska State Fair. Discussion will also take place regarding options to finance the project.

Conclusion

This item is presented to the City Council in a Study Session to allow for any questions to be answered and to create a greater understanding of the issue at hand.

It is the intent of City Administration to bring this issue to a future council meeting for action on the project proposal.