



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Study Session

Item -1

**Discussion Concerning Concession Operations at the Veteran's
Athletic Field Complex**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: January 18, 2011

Subject: Discussion Concerning Concession Operations at the Veterans Athletic Field Complex

Item #'s: 1

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

Background

This spring marks the beginning of play at the Veterans Athletic Field Complex. As part of the operation of the facility and as a convenience to participants and spectators, a concession operation will be available. With the relocation of the athletic fields to the new Veterans Athletic Field Complex an operational plan for concession sales must be developed.

Discussion

It is the intent of the Parks and Recreation Department to lease out the concession rights for the 4-field adult softball complex. As many different groups will be using the Vets Complex Softball field, City staff feels a leased concession is optimal for a seamless operation. This lease would not include the concession rights to the soccer fields or future ball field developments at the complex. One of the elements that must be addressed before the development of the RFP is whether the sale of alcohol will be permitted at the complex.

The Grand Island Softball Association Board of Directors has requested alcohol be sold as part of the concession operation. Alcohol has been available for purchase at the Fonner Park location since play began 10 years ago. As part of the agreement to develop the softball fields on their property, Fonner Park reserved the concession rights at the softball fields. They were able to use their existing liquor license to sell alcohol at the softball fields. In conversation with the Grand Island Police Department the availability of alcohol at the Fonner site had not lead to any complaints being filed.

If Council allows the sale of alcohol at the Veterans Athletic Field Complex, staff would recommend that the alcohol be confined to an area between the fields and not allowed

beyond the outfield fence foul lines (see attached drawings). Staff would further recommend that alcohol sales be allowed only during adult league and adult tournament play, for consumption on site with no carryout allowed. Finally, staff would recommend that the sale of alcohol be prohibited during any youth games or youth tournaments.

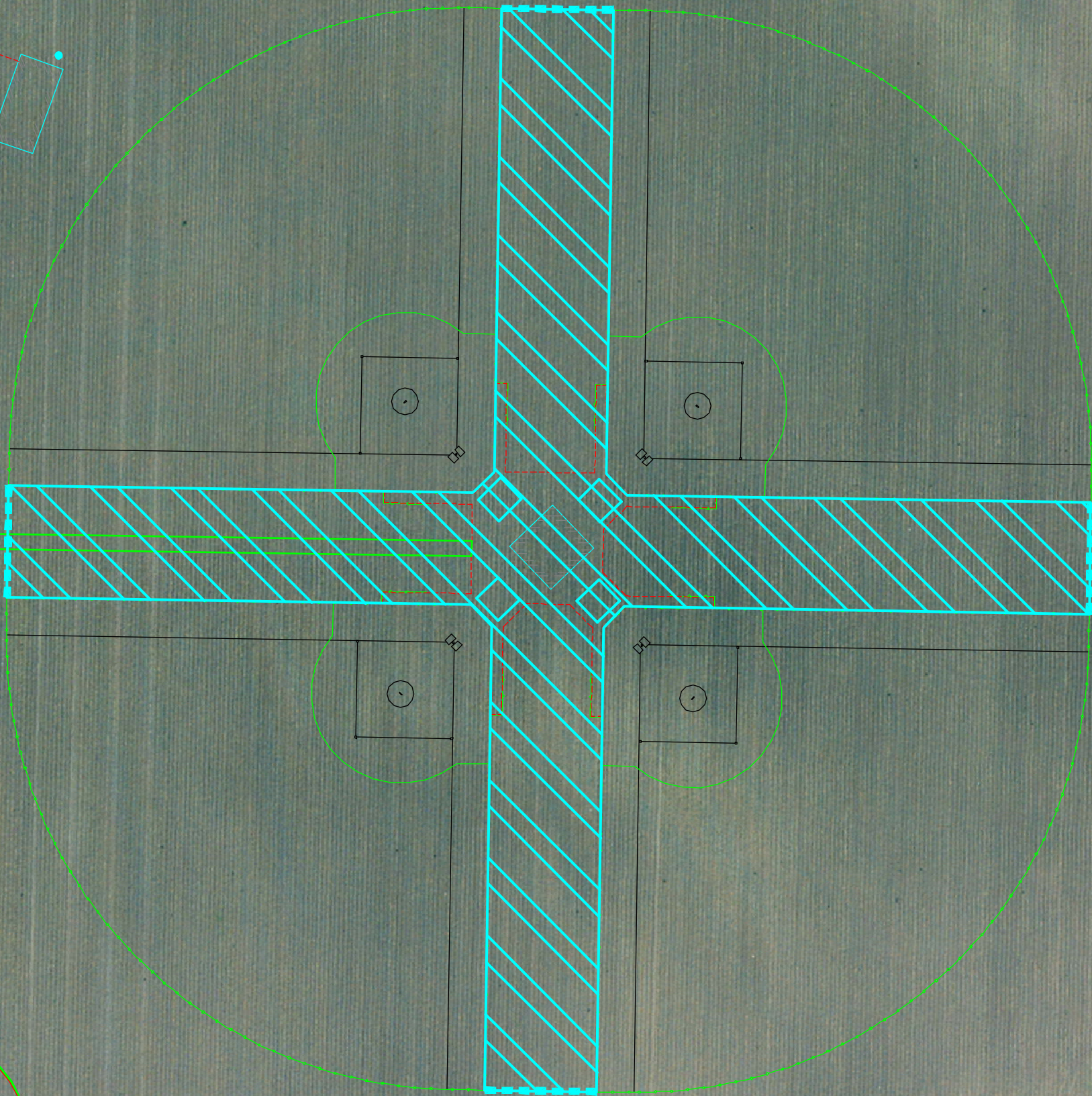
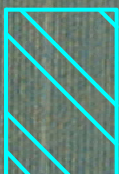
If Council allows for the sale of alcohol at the Veterans Athletic Field Complex a modification to the City Code will be required.

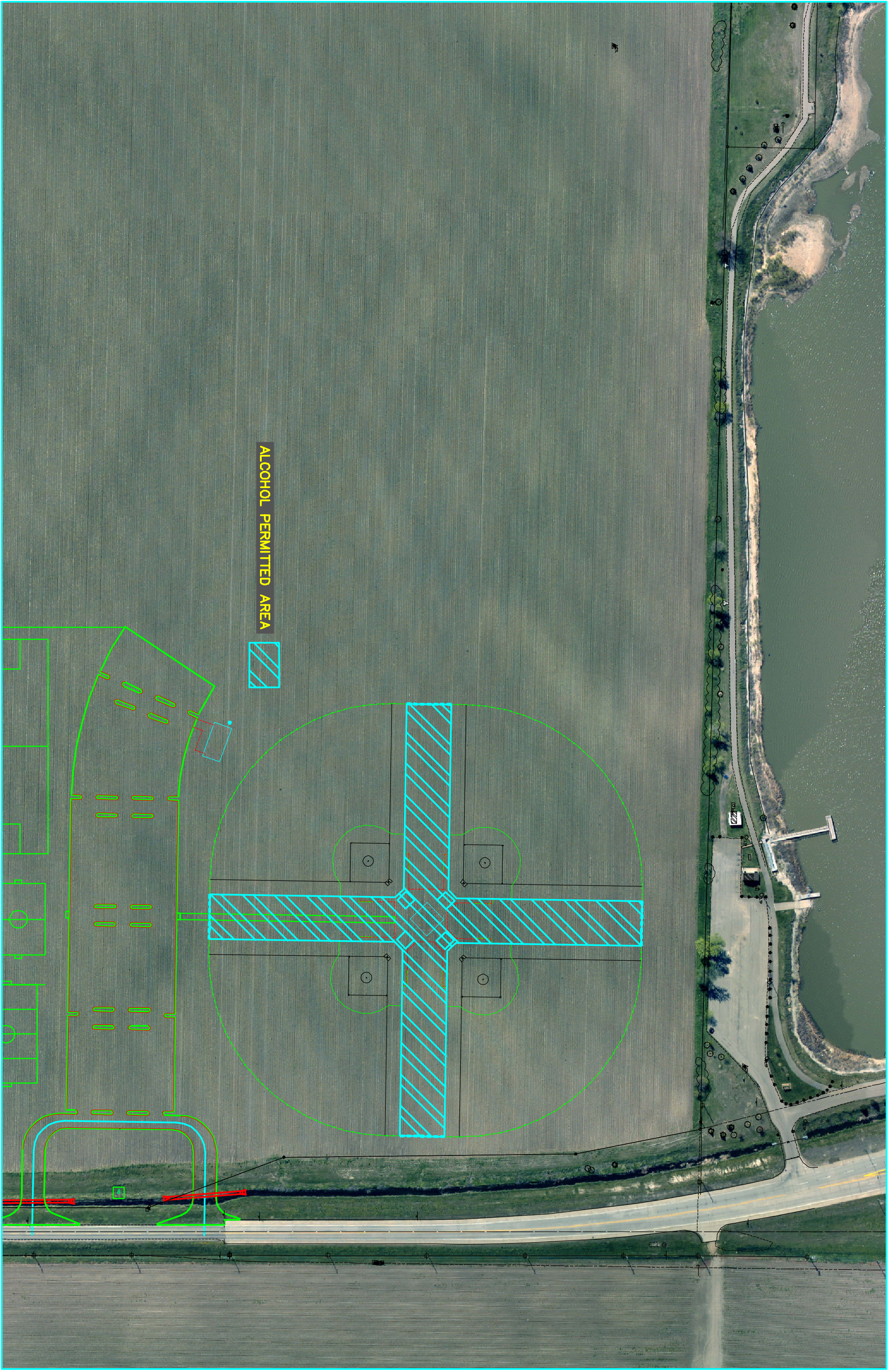
Conclusion

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 modification of the City Code if alcohol sales are allowed and for the awarding of a lease agreement with the vendor selected.

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