

MINUTES
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022, 1:30 P.M.
LUXFORD STUDIO, RM 113
COUNTY CITY BUILDING

PRESENT: Roma Amundson, Chris Callihan, Sean Flowerday, and Jane Raybould

ABSENT: Richard Meginnis

OTHERS PRESENT: Kerin Peterson, Yohance Christie, Lane Grow, Nick Hanna, Amy Schlichting, Captain Witte, Elizabeth Elliott, Brian Praeuner, Michael Davis, Sara Hoyle, Lesley Ahrens, Bruce Prenda, Ron Rohde, Richard Schmeling, Cindy Dittmer, and Margaret Bohy.

The meeting of the Public Building Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Roma Amundson and notice of public meetings act posted in the rear of the room was stated.

The meeting minutes from March 8, 2022, were presented for approval. Jane Raybould motioned for approval and Chris Callihan seconded. The vote carried.

County Attorney Remodel, 605 Building, Update, Change Orders and Payment Application – Nick Hanna, Clark and Enersen, presented payment application number seven in the amount of \$189,720.00. Jane Raybould motioned for approval. Chris Callihan seconded, and the vote carried. Nick then updated they are working on the first round of punch lists, and they will be having additional ones in the upcoming weeks and scheduled to finish on time.

Security Update – Captain Witte shared an update on the doors to the County City Building so after-hours access requires a key. There was a specific lock installed so once the door is fixed the lock will be changed the keys will no longer be valid. They are waiting on a part that is on order with a five-to-six-week delay. They are continuing to work to get more doors on the newer RS2 system to avoid this from happening again.

Jane Raybould motioned to approve the general vouchers for March 2022, Chris Callihan seconded the motion. The vote carried.

Policy Exception for Therapy Facilities Dog for Human Services – Sara Hoyle addressed the Commissioners with a request to make an exception to the policy to have a facilities dog that they would share between their office, the Lincoln Police Department and the County Attorney office. They have several instances of children or upset adults and a therapy dog has been proven to be a very calming and helpful tool to get the information out of the individuals in distress. The dog, Barney, is being trained currently at Uplifting Paws and his primary handler will be Leslie Ahrens. She will have the dog available, and a schedule will be set to accommodate the needs by all three departments while making sure Barney doesn't become stressed and overworked. All the handlers designated in each agency that will be utilizing Barney will be trained by Uplifting Paws. A picture was shown of Barney, and he is an adorable golden retriever. They are asking for an exception as the policy that is currently in place protects the Public Building Commission by stating they must be trained service dogs to enter the premises and that is governed by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any future exceptions for this type of request would continue to be granted on a case-by-case basis with proof of training of the animal and appropriate handler training to ensure no disruption to the public or damage to the property. Sean Flowerday motioned for approval of the exception to the animal policy. Jane Raybould seconded. The vote carried.

Star Tran Grant Application – North Parking Facility Deck – Elizabeth Elliot, along with her team of Mike David and Brian Praeuner shared a proposal of a grant application to use the North Employee Parking lot to create a Multimodal Transit Transfer Center. They shared their power point presentation of applying for a grant for federal RAISE money to transform the parking area to a multi deck lot that would include a transfer center on the main level with parking above. They had several blocks that were cited by the Federal Transportation Administration as recommended locations for this type of center and Block 101, the north parking area, was one of those locations. The drawings that were shared of the potential site were conceptual only. It was asked what they were asking the PBC to approve and it was discussed that it was only the approval to move forward with applying for the grant and that the option to rescind the location of this proposal was available. Richard Schmeling, a public citizen, asked to share his thoughts. He is with the group Citizens for Improved Transit, and he requested that it be accepted as a transit center is in need for the safety and convenience of the citizens who utilize the public transportation system. The current transfer location in downtown Lincoln is unsafe, unpleasant and has a long wait for certain transfers. It was discussed how long they would have for completion if the grant was received, and it was shared it was a 3–5-year completion time. Chris Callihan motioned that they proceed with the grant process and there would be further discussions on locations if the grant was received. Sean Flowerday seconded the motion. The motion carried.

K Street Parking Lease – Kerin shared the parking license agreement that was drafted by City Attorney’s staff for the additional parking spaces at K Street currently utilized by the Heritage Square tenants, managed by HSB, LLC. Jane Raybould motioned approval for the license agreement. Sean Flowerday seconded. The vote carried.

UNL Law – Use of Courtrooms for Trial Advocacy Class – Margaret Bohy shared the request from Steven Schmidt, Associate Professor of Law for UNL to use the District Courtrooms for their trial advocacy class as they do on a yearly basis. The dates for 2022 would be April 30, June 4 and December 3rd. Margaret indicated that they already had the permission from the Clerk of the District Court for these days for the courtroom usage. Chris Callihan motioned for approval of the use of the courtrooms. Jane Raybould seconded the motion. The vote carried.

There were nine contract approvals submitted by Purchasing:

- a. Amendment to Contract for City County Tree Trimming and Removal Services #20-267 Capital Arborist Tree;
- b. Amendment to Contract for City County Tree Trimming and Removal Services #20-267 New Heights Tree Service;
- c. Amendment to Contract for Pest Control #20-022 Orkin LLC;
- d. Amendment to Contract for Residential and Commercial Overhead Door Repair and Replacement #20-030 Pioneer Overhead Door;
- e. Amendment to Contract for Security and Surveillance, Installation, Maintenance, Service and Repair #19-022 Inteconnect;
- f. Amendment to Contract for Sit to Stand Workstation and Accessories #6404 Encompas;
- g. Contract for Annual service of Pre-Sort Mailing #6493 All Needs Computer and Mailing Services, Inc.;
- h. Contact for Annual Supply of Ballast, Lamp and Battery Recycling Services #6486 A-TEC Recycling;
- i. Contract for Personal Protective Equipment PPE and First Aid Supplies #22-024 Fastenal Company;

Jane Raybould motioned for approval of all contracts brought forward. Chris Callihan seconded the motion, and the vote carried.

The next meeting of the Public Building Commission will be May 10, 2022.

Report from Administrative Staff – Kerin reported that May PBC meeting will include a garage security update for the under CC parking area. She also reported that Lane Grow, Facilities Manager of the downtown campus is leaving and moving back to Colorado the end of April. She thanked him for his good work and professionalism. The Commissioners thanked Lane and wished him well in Colorado. It was also brought forward that Joe Nigro, Public Defender, would like to see the residence to the west of the public defender's office to be purchased for a day care center and asked the PBC to inquire about this.

With no further business Jane Raybould moved to adjourn, Sean Flowerday seconded. The vote carried and the meeting was adjourned.