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**LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
July 22, 2014**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on July 22, 2014. Present were Mayor Kindig and Councilmembers, Frederick, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale and Sell. Absent: None. Also in attendance were City Attorney McKeon, City Administrator Gunn, Assistant City Administrator Ramirez, Police Chief Lausten, Director of Public Works Soucie, Director of Administrative Services Pokorny, Finance Director Lindberg, Community Development Director Birch, Recreation Director Stopak, City Clerk Buethe, Human Resources Manager Garrod, Police Captain Barcal, Police Captain Kinsey, Chief Building Official Sinnett, City Planner Solberg, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Kottmann, Streets Superintendent Goldman, Parks Superintendent Lukasiewicz, Building Maintenance Superintendent Archibald, Building Maintenance Building Tech Siebels, Park Foreman Thornburg, Sewer Foreman Foster, Assistant Recreation Director Karlson, Recreation Program Director Carstensen, Assistant Library Director Norton, Golf Course Services Manager Dinan, Community Relations Coordinator Beaumont, and Assistant to the City Administrator Calentine.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Times on July 2, 2014. Notice was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of the acknowledgment of the receipt of notice attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the Mayor and City Council in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Further, all subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting which is kept continuously current and available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kindig called the meeting to order and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCATION OF POSTED OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Kindig made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference.

IV. BUDGET REVIEWS

Sewer Fund

Finance Director Lindberg provided an overview of the sewer fund stating that, based on the user rate study, which will be presented to Council next month; a 10% increase will be reflected in the Master Fee Schedule. Lindberg stated that the sewer treatment fees are built in to the projections. Lindberg stated that the split with general will now be 75/25 which will be a savings in the sewer fund of approximately \$80,000. There will also be a savings with the establishment of an IT department. The sewer replacement reserve will increase to \$350,000 in FY15.

Sewer Foreman Foster reviewed the sewer maintenance budget with the City Council. Increases are being requested for the boot allowance in wearing apparel, professional services, utilities, travel, and training. There was a question regarding the seasonal equivalents and it was determined that page 151 should not have been placed in the workbook as the staffing is on page 152. Assistant Public Works Director stated that the increase in contractual services is mostly due to the increase in sewer treatment in conjunction with the City of Omaha rate increases and expansion of the City's ETJ.

Debt Service Fund

Finance Director Lindberg provided an overview of the Debt Service Fund. Lindberg stated that the recommendation is to leave the levy at the current rate of 6 cents with the 2% sales tax built in to FY 16-FY19. Lottery Fund transfers are for principal and interest on the police station.

Capital Improvement Program

Assistant to the City Administrator Calentine stated that there are projects carried over to FY15 that won't be done in FY14. Calentine stated that the recommended facility projects are listed on page

180 of the budget workbook and additional projects include Business Continuity, short term improvements to 66th St., 84th St. Adaptive Signals, a new traffic signal at 96th and Robin Plaza, and design work for a new sidewalk on Harrison St. from 108th to 110th St.

Lottery Fund

Finance Director Lindberg stated that Lottery revenue this year is projected about the same as FY14. Lindberg gave an overview of the FY14 recommended budget for the Lottery fund. Mayor Kindig stated that he would like to add \$10,000. out of the Lottery fund for a commemorative statue for the volunteer fire and rescue personnel who served the City of La Vista. Consensus of the Council was unanimous to add the \$10,000 out of the Lottery Fund.

Golf Fund

Lindberg stated that the golf course bond was paid off in December 2013. Lindberg stated that projected proceeds of the golf course are \$218,000. The transfer from Lottery will be requested at \$125,000. Councilmember Crawford asked if the fees have been raised for the golf course. Golf Course Services Manager Dinan stated that they have not been. Dinan stated that Omaha has increased fees but Papillion has not. City Administrator Gunn stated that staff would put some information together regarding fees charged in the area.

Golf Course Services Manager Dinan gave an overview of the golf clubhouse budget stating that increases are requested in utilities, printing, and dues/subscriptions. Dinan stated the cart lease has decreased due to the final payment being made on the lease/purchase of 5 golf carts. Mayor Kindig asked if the transfer to the Golf Fund is to cover the loss at the golf course. Lindberg stated that it is. Mayor Kindig stated that staff needs to look at ways to make more revenue.

Assistant to the City Administrator Calentine gave an overview of the golf maintenance budget. Increases are being requested in salaries, postage, utilities, printing, and dues/subscriptions. There is a decrease in other contractual services reflecting the final loan payment for the spray rig.

Economic Development Fund

Gunn is recommending a transfer from the General fund in the amount of \$600,000. In FY17 the JQ Hammons loan will be paid in full.

Off-Street Parking Fund

Assistant Public Works Director Kottmann reviewed the Off Street Parking budget with Council. Kottmann stated they are requesting an increase in utilities. Kottmann also stated there is a request in buildings and grounds for the installation of an automatic fill valve for the water feature.

Redevelopment Fund

City Administrator Gunn stated that the additional ½ cent local option sales tax will begin October 1, 2014 to help create funding necessary to move forward with the redevelopment of 84th Street. In FY15 anticipated revenues are \$1,200,000 with expenses for professional services of \$150,000 and financial/legal services of \$50,000.

Information Technology

Director of Administrative Services Pokorny reviewed the Information Technology Budget with the Council. Pokorny stated that previously each department budgeted for IT services and purchases individually even though the expenditures were managed collectively. The budgeting of these services and purchases in one place will give us a more efficient system to track total IT expenditures. Pokorny stated the only line items in this budget are contractual services and other charges

V. FOLLOW UP FROM JULY 21

Director of Administrative Services Pokorny handed out the Richland Performance Assessment system handout and a handout on performance measures. Councilmember Sheehan asked if the supervisor is going to have something they can put their reasoning on. Pokorny stated this is a guide to help staff set up the right review. Councilmember Sheehan also stated there should be employee input. Councilmember Crawford stated that there should be no surprises to the employee in their review. Councilmember Sell stated that he is please staff looks at new processes. Councilmember Quick agreed with Sell.

Recreation Director Stopak informed Council that there is not discount on insurance is a special services bus driver has a CDL or any other certifications.

Recreation Director Stopak informed Council that ridership on the new park and ride bus route is up 21% just in June 2014

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

VII. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 p.m. Councilmember Crawford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmembers voting aye: Frederick, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale, and Sell. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Bueth, CMC
City Clerk