A regular meeting of the mayor and city council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened on April 20, 2020, at 7 p.m.

Format of this meeting was by teleconference in open and public session in order to comply with social distancing guidelines due to the COVID-19 outbreak and was intended to follow the authorization of Executive Order No. 20-03 issued by Governor Ricketts on March 17, 2020.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the city clerk. Notice of this meeting was given simultaneously to the mayor and members of the city council, with a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt of notice being on file in the office of the city clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the mayor and city council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Bulkley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was attached to the agenda packet and was accessible on the city's website. Present were Mayor James Bulkley and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, and Public Property Director Doug Moore.

2. **PRAYER:** Bahr led in prayer.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vasicek stated that the following items are considered routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. She pointed out that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The items on the consent agenda were approved as presented with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

3.A. **Minutes of April 6, 2020, City Council meeting.**

3.B. **Appointment of Troy Loeffelholz to Civil Service Commission for five-year term.**

3.C. **Renewal of solid waste hauling licenses for the following: Ace Sanitation Service, Inc., Beemer Lumber, LLC dba Discount Dumpster, Callaway Rolloffs, LLC, S2 Roll-offs Refuse & Recycling, U & I Sanitation, LLC, and Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc.**

3.D. **Resolution No. R20-34 authorizing payment of various improvement**

projects. Resolution No. R20-34 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THAT A CHECK BE ISSUED AND MADE PAYABLE TO THE RESPECTIVE CONTRACTOR(S) FOR LABOR, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS FURNISHED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATED DISTRICTS AND PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, ALL AS SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATES OF PROGRESS PREPARED BY THE RESPECTIVE SPECIAL ENGINEER, TO WIT: GEHRING CONSTRUCTION & READY MIX, INC. - CONCRETE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS $173,157.30; OBRIST & CO., INC. - SED #45 & WED #63 (48 AVE. FROM 42 ST. TO LOST CREEK PARKWAY) $58,389.20.

3.E. Resolution No. R20-35 approving application of DGMJ, LLC for agricultural deferment of special assessments relating to Sewer Extension District No. 45 and Water Extension District No. 63 (48 Avenue from 42 Street to Lost Creek Parkway) and Street Improvement District No. 183 (48 Avenue from 38 Street to Lost Creek Parkway). Resolution No. R20-35 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF DGMJ, LLC AS THE OWNER OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT: THE NORTH 10 ACRES OF THE SOUTH 55 ACRES OF THE E1/2SE1/4, AND THE SOUTH 15 ACRES OF THE NW1/4SE1/4, AND THE SOUTH 5 ACRES OF THE NE1/4SE1/4, AND THE NORTH 5 ACRES OF THE N1/2S1/2SE1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA EXCEPT REICHE ADDITION, A MINOR SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FOR AN AGRICULTURAL DEFERMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS RELATING TO SEWER EXTENSION DISTRICT NO. 45 AND WATER EXTENSION DISTRICT NO. 63 (48 AVENUE FROM 42 STREET TO LOST CREEK PARKWAY) AND STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 183 (48 AVENUE FROM 38 STREET TO LOST CREEK PARKWAY).

3.F. Finance Department reports.

3.G. Payroll and bills on file. CP=Capital Projects; E=Expenses; R=Refund; S=Service & Supplies; T=Training 05/01/20 Payroll $622,857.35; 911 Custom 267.00 S; A to Z Messaging 105.00 S; Ace Hardware 854.48 S; Ace Sanitation 117.00 S; Advance Auto Parts 7,727.29 S; Ag Spray Equip 337.90 S; Jill Ainsworth 150.00 R; AlphaMedia 1,675.00 S; Amazon 2,079.76 S; Barbara Averett 24.75 R; Christy Avery 30.00 R; Beard-Warren 460.14 S; Behlen Towing 630.00 S; Black Hills Energy 5,640.83 S; Bound Tree Medical 1,640.26 S; Kari Brock 30.00 R; Becky Burbach 60.00 R; CEM Sales 1,597.10 S; Ctr for Municipal Solutions 300.00 S**;** Central Parts 76.98 S; Central Sand & Gravel 519.12 S; Col Chamber 1,440.00 S; CCH 1,523.41 S; Col Custom Embroidery 132.00 S; Col Family Resource Ctr 9,129.00 S; Col Motor 721.15 S; Col Tire

51.00 S; Continental Research 828.80 S; Core & Main 3,022.05 S; Cornhusker Power 891.48 S; Culligan 184.95 S; Elisha Davis 60.00 R; DPC Industries 1,247.25 S; D Dunbar 9,684.65 E,S; Eakes 450.70 S; Electrical Eng & Equip 14.45 S; Electronic Eng 497.21 S; Enterprise Electric 105.30 S; Envisionware 907.25 S; EZ Links Golf 175.00 S; FBG 5,167.36 S; Fedex 12.42 S; First National Bank 12,317.69 E; Foreman Lumber 66.00 S; Frontier 3,461.18 S; Gale 468.11 S; Galls 232.94 S; Gehring Const 173,196.40 CP,S; General Traffic Controls 373.00 S; Gerhold Concrete 51.62 S; Gilmore & Assoc 7,000.00 CP; Hadley-Braithwait 283.70 S; HDR 35,955.34 CP; Heartland Natural Gas 4,578.78 S; Tarryn Hickman 120.00 R; Hobby Lobby 301.87 S; Hotsy Equip 6,425.00 S; Mark Howerter MD 598.00 S; Hy-Vee 299.05 S; Ingram Library Services 230.00 S; Int'l Code Council 544.44 S; Jackson Services 1,631.97 S; R Janicek 338.58 E; JEO Consulting 931.25 S; Joy's Uniforms 40.00 S; Kelly Supply 287.65 S; Kiplinger Washington Editors 59.00 S; Katie Korth 30.00 R; Lakeview Small Engine 215.45 S; Landscapes Unlimited 10,411.76 CP; Language Line 171.82 S; Library Ideas 7,650.00 S; Library Journals 765.00 T; Lincoln Winwater Works 686.86 S; Lingo 51.64 S; Lake Stop 157.92 S; Loup Power 91,342.84 S; Macqueen Equip 140.21 S; Mail Prep 3,870.24 S; Mailbox 42.95 S; MD Solutions 615.75 S; Lindsay Meister 300.00 R; Menards 1,037.10 S; Mettler-Toledo 584.12 S; Mid-American Research 1,179.25 S; MW Alarm 1,458.33 S; MW Laboratories 2,000.50 S; MW Service 523.20 S; MW Turf 1,023.96 S; Mike's Towing 1,130.00 S; MSC Industrial 338.12 S; Shane Mueller 146.50 S; NE Notary Assoc 100.00 S; NE Sports 18.99 S; NE Supreme Court 104.70 S; Newman Signs 399.45 S; NENEDD 2,212.61 S; NE NE Solid Waste Coalition 67,337.92 S; NoSwett Fencing 1,142.15 S; Novicki Fire Prevention 52.00 S; Obrist & Co 58,389.20 CP; Occupational Health 1,122.00 S; OCLC 1,751.58 S; Officenet 898.54 S; Oliver Packaging 84.88 S; Olson's Pest Techn 202.00 S; One Call Concepts 240.98 S; One Source 715.50 S; O'Reilly 150.30 S; Overhead Door 444.33 S; Pace Analytical 650.00 S; Pet Care 114.05 S; Pete Lien 5,238.02 S; Pollard Water 165.00 S; N Porter 126.38 E; Powder Coating 250.00 S; Presto-X 176.00 S; Reardon 112.95 S; Recorded Books 161.82 S; Rembolt Ludtke 167.50 S; Aaron Rose 30.00 R; RVW 1,517.75 S; S & S Willers 61.01 S; Sapp Bros 376.69 S; Tara Schreiber 40.00 S; Security Equip 18,832.00 CP; ServiceMaster 991.63 S; Shayla Sharman 600.00 R; Sherwin-Williams 157.05 S; Shevlin Supply 77.00 S; Sigma-Aldrich 550.24 S; Mike Sinovic 21.99 R; Sipple Hansen Emerson Schumacher & Klutman 7,865.35 S; Sirius 11,542.28 CP; Southern Carlson 715.06 S; Stan Houston Equip 58.00 S; Stryker Sales 939.07 S; Sunset Law Enforcement 3,063.09 S; Super Saver 75.55 S; Sysco 7,539.99 S; Telecommunication Systems 1,554.00 S; Home Depot 52.08 S; Lifeguard Store 2,406.00 S; Time Warner 8.37 S; Tire Outlet 1,582.00 S; Tractor Supply 247.47 S; Truck Center 35.49 S; Turfwerks 1,710.90 S; Turtle Tracks 262.00 S; Twin Rivers Vet 225.00 S; Tworek Welding 95.00 S; Typhoon Wash 67.50 S; United Equity 21.86 R; UNL 28.00 S; UPS 140.00 S; USA Blue Book 696.60 S; USDA, APHIS 1,392.54 S; Utility Service 11,164.80 S; Verizon 594.24 S; Vessco 4,694.21 S; VVS Canteen 182.96 S; Waste Connections

225.06 S; Wemhoff Refrigeration 407.59 S; Wilson & Co 25,805.04 CP; Xavus Solutions 150.00 S; Zee Medical 39.35 S. TOTAL $1,310,461.14.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6.A. Public hearing - Application of City of Columbus dba Van Berg Golf Course for Retail Class "I" liquor license at 560 Van Berg Drive. Thomas Freimuth, an attorney assisting a recently created non-profit golf association, spoke in favor of this liquor license application as the additional revenue would be beneficial to the city. He referred to the state fire marshal's requirements for improvements to the golf facility before the liquor license could be issued and said the golf league could donate the work needed to make the necessary improvements. Following discussion, concurrence of the council was to proceed with approval of the application in order to allow time to determine whether or not improvements to the facility was feasible. The public hearing closed and the application was approved with a motion by Schilling and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

6.A.1. Application of Van Berg Golf Course for Douglas Dunbar as manager in conjunction with liquor license. The application was approved with a motion by Schilling and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

6.B. Public hearing - Application of City of Columbus for final plat of Jackson Subdivision (10 Street and 30 Avenue). (Planning Commission recommends approval.) No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

6.B.1. Resolution No. R20-36 approving final plat. Resolution No. R20-36 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ACCEPTING THE DEED OF DEDICATION TO A PARCEL OF LAND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF OUTLOT 6 AND IN PART OF OUTLOT 5, ORIGINAL CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF OUTLOT 6, ORIGINAL CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND ASSUMING THE EAST LINE OF SAID OUTLOT 6 TO HAVE A BEARING OF S 00°31'25" E; THENCE S 88°19'09" W AND ON THE SOUTH LINE SAID OUTLOT 6, 177.89 FEET; THENCE S 00°39'44" E, 145.84 FEET; THENCE N 88°16'36" E, 6.99 FEET; THENCE S 00°35'41" E, 99.26 FEET; THENCE S 88°48'51" W, 170.41 TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF 30TH AVENUE; THENCE S 00°31'25" E AND ON SAID

WEST LINE 9.93 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER LOT 1 RICKLY'S SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; THENCE S 88°50'22" W, AND ON NORTH LINE SAID RICKLY'S SUBDIVISION, 150.64 FEET; THENCE S 88°59'04" W AND ON SAID NORTH LINE, 186.21 FEET; THENCE N 02°00'57" W, 252.94 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE SAID OUTLOT 6; THENCE S 88°19'09" W AND ON SAID SOUTH LINE, 89.97 FEET; THENCE N 00°25'07" W, 242.79 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE 10TH STREET; THENCE S 86°17'03" E AND ON SAID SOUTH LINE, 327.80 FEET; THENCE S 68°54'21" E AND ON SAID SOUTH LINE, 114.07 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE SAID OUTLOT 6; THENCE S 00°31'55" E AND ON SAID EAST LINE, 163.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.13 ACRES MORE OR LESS, HEREINAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS JACKSON SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND APPROVING THE PLAT THEREOF was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

6.C. **Public hearing - Application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Funds for direct homebuyer assistance in the amount of $500,000, with the City of Columbus providing $50,000 in matching funds, for a total project cost of $550,000.** No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

6.C.1. **Resolution No. R20-37 approving application.** Resolution No. R20-37 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING APPLICATION TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR NEBRASKA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR DIRECT HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000, WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS PROVIDING $50,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF $550,000, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

6.D. **Public hearing - Consider amendment to Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Program and Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program.** No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Schilling and a second by Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth,

and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES: Finance Department report included in Consent Agenda

8.A. 2019 Tax Increment Financing report. Vasicek reported on the status of the Tax Increment Financing redevelopment projects.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES: None

10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

11. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

12.A. Application of Foreman Lumber for preliminary plat of Ekea Addition (41 Avenue and 11 Street). (Planning Commission recommends approval.) The preliminary plat of Ekea Addition was approved with a motion by Roth and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

12.B. Comments from mayor and city council members. Jablonski expressed his dissatisfaction with meetings held by teleconference. Bulkley commended the public on their efforts of maintaining social distancing during the COVID outbreak.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

13.A. Resolution No. R20-38 approving agreement with The Clark Creative Group in an amount not to exceed $30,800 for the Library Building Project Educational Marketing Campaign. Vasicek explained the scope of services this agreement entails. Jablonski expressed opposition to calling this project the “Library Project” as he feels it is misleading and it was noted that an appropriate title will be established as the project evolves. Gary Williams, 2163 43 Avenue, expressed concerns with this project due to the potential closing of 25th Avenue. Resolution No. R20-38 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CLARK CREATIVE GROUP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $30,800 FOR THE LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT EDUCATIONAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion

by Bahr and a second by Lohr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and Jablonski voted “Nay”.

14. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None

15. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None

16. ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING: None

17. CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE: Payroll and all other bills included in Consent Agenda

17.A. ARL Credit Services. ARL Credit Services - Service $1,750.50. Jablonski requested to be excused from discussion on this agenda item because he is an owner of ARL Credit Services and therefore has a conflict of interest. Jablonski was allowed to abstain from voting on this agenda item and the rules requiring him to leave the Council Chambers during discussion and vote were suspended with a motion by Bahr and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Jablonski abstained from voting. The bill from ARL Credit Services was approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Jablonski abstained from voting.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

19. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Presented and approved this 4 day of May, 2020.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK