A regular meeting of the mayor and city council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on October 19, 2020, at 7:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1369 25 Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

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 is posted in the meeting room. 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, Police Chief Chuck Sherer, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Public Works Director Chuck Sliva, Fire Chief Dan Miller, and Library Assistant Brenda Pflum.

2. PRAYER: Bahr led in prayer.

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vasicek referenced Consent Agenda Item 4B and noted that David Bell has moved outside of the city limits and no longer qualifies to serve on the Columbus Housing Authority. Item 4B-Reappointment of David Bell to Columbus Housing Authority for five-year term was removed from the Consent Agenda 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”. Item 4B was removed from the agenda with a motion by Bahr and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

4. 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 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, with the exception of Item 4B, 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”.

4.A. Minutes of October 5, 2020, City Council meeting.

4.B. Reappointment of David Bell to Columbus Housing Authority for five-year term.

4.C. Resolution No. R20-107 approving Direct Homebuyer Assistance Program Guidelines for Community Development Block Grant 20-TFHP-17006. Resolution No. R20-107 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE NEBRASKA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (NAHTF) DIRECT HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE (DHA) PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR 20-TFHP-17006, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED HERTO 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.

4.D. Resolution No. R20-108 authorizing payment of various improvement projects. Resolution No. R20-108 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: Landscapes Unlimited, LLC - Quail Run Golf Course $138,062.28.

4.E. Finance Department reports.

4.F. Payroll and bills on file. B=Bond Payments; CP=Capital Projects; E=Expenses; G=Grants; R=Refund; S=Service & Supplies; T=Training 10/30/20 Payroll $527,555.30; A to Z Messaging 105.00 S; Ace Hardware 383.52 S; Ace Sanitation 78.00 S; Advance Auto Parts 340.02 S; Ag Spray Equip 3.46 S; AKRS Equip 479.71 S; AlphaMedia 1,850.00 S; Amazon 4,702.81 S; American Red Cross 76.00 T; Aqua-Chem 507.50 S,T; Aqua-Pure 35,139.83 S; Beard-Warren 200.00 S; Behlen Towing 630.00 S; Bibliotheca 6,222.93 S; Big Red Printing 63.95 S; Black Hills Energy 2,119.78 S; Blazer 300.00 S; BMI 364.00 S; BOKF NA 498,751.15 B; Bound Tree Medical 3,640.03 S; Brunkhorst Engine Machine 5,000.00 S; Bryan Rock Products 6,074.73 CP; Capital Business Systems 31.43 S; Carolina Software 200.00 S; Cat's Pro Mow 400.00 S; Ctr for Municipal Solutions 350.00 S; Ctr Point Large Print 178.56 S; Central Parts 654.82 S; Clark Creative 2,250.00 CP; Club Prophet 1,369.00 S; CNC Repair 700.39 S; Col Chamber 1,460.00 S; CCH 1,634.74 S; Col Custom Embroidery 146.00 S; Col Family Resource Ctr 9,129.00 S; Col Fraternal Order of Police 520.00 S; Col Plbg 551.60 S; Col Steel 140.40 S; Col Tarps 163.79 S; Col Tire 18.00 S; K Connell 26.68 E; Core & Main 15,952.96 S; Cornhusker Power 940.66 S; Culligan 985.55 S; Daktronics 6,465.00 S; DAS State Accounting 959.99 S; DPC Industries

1,247.25 S; DTN 774.00 S; D Dunbar 13,402.24 E,S; Eakes 409.34 S; Electrical Eng & Equip 429.72 S; George Engel 36.60 R; Enterprise Electric 25.20 S; Neptaly Escobar 300.00 R; Fastenal 21.90 S; FCCA 260.00 S; First National Bank 6,118.98 E,S; Frontier 2,813.29 S; Frontier Coop 577.50 S; Gale 215.95 S; Galls 438.34 S; Gehring Const 3,281.63 S; Steffy Ford 1,553.53 S; Glur's Tavern 2,775.00 G; Godfather's 111.87 S; GolfNow 175.00 S; Great Plains Comm 310.00 S; Great Plains Uniforms 4,696.00 S; Doug Gubbels 146.50 S; Hadley-Braithwait 76.90 S; J Harless 18.00 E; Hawkins 3,427.00 S; HDR 14,625.43 CP; Heartland Natural Gas 1,267.67 S; E Hernandez 16.44 E; Mark Howerter MD 616.00 S; Hy-Vee 307.24 S; Indoff 141.58 S; Ingram Library Services 500.23 S; Interstate Battery 150.23 S; Jackson Services 2,133.47 S; Kelly Supply 130.64 S; K Keyes 101.32 E; M Kratochvil 46.55 E; Lakeview Small Engine 2,409.18 S; Landscapes Unlimited 138,062.28 CP; Language Line 127.60 S; LARM 211.19 S; Lawson Products 60.40 S; Loup Power 89,799.25 S; MacQueen Equip 854.96 S; Mail Prep 4,493.84 S; Marco Tech 15,467.00 CP; Marley's Electric 1,116.15 S; Matheson-Linweld 24.30 S; Menards 830.80 S; Mid-American Research 237.00 S; MW Laboratories 769.60 S; MW Tape 208.92 S; Mike's Towing 810.00 S; NAPA 224.68 S; NE Dept of Environmental Quality 150.00 S; NE Harvestore Systems 29.94 S; NE Municipal Clerks' Assoc 90.00 S; Niemann's Port-A-Pot 40.00 S; NE Hawks Shop 105.00 T; NENEDD 1,702.00 G; NE NE Solid Waste Coalition 72,884.10 S; Occupational Health 1,600.00 S,T; OCLC 1,218.43 S; Officenet 385.55 S; Olson's Pest Tech 152.00 S; Omaha World Herald 570.75 S; One Call Concepts 322.90 S; One Source 939.00 S; O'Reilly 231.29 S; Overhead Door 1,059.00 S; R Pensick 28.75 E; Pete Lien 5,618.23 S; Petty Cash 150.00 E; Platte County 3,097.23 S; Platte County Ag 1,950.00 CP; Register of Deeds 316.00 S; Platte Valley Comm 889.83 CP; Pollard Water 1,349.00 S; Pomp's Tire 193.00 S; Port-A-Johns 225.00 S; Quadient 1,000.00 S; Reardon 98.98 S; Recreation Supply 115.90 S; Sahling Kenworth 59.76 S; Sapp Bros 9,405.64 S; M Sargent 17.36 E; T Schreiber 85.00 E; Shevlin Supply 241.64 S; Sipple Hansen Emerson Schumacher & Klutman 6,119.55 S; Stan Houston Equip 179.99 S; NE Dept of Revenue 68,663.35 S; State Treasurer of NE 1,656.28 S; Super Saver 20.51 S; Sysco 2,493.78 S; Telecommunication Systems 1,554.00 S; Filter Shop 492.89 S; Tire Outlet 343.00 S; TM Cleaning 200.00 S; Tractor Supply 153.76 S; TriTech 17,711.31 S; Truck Center 1,039.30 S; Turfwerks 359.25 S; Twin Rivers Vet 146.00 S; Ty's Outdoor Power 99.84 S; U & I Sanitation 119.50 S; Ultra Graphics 402.61 S; UPRR 979.76 CP; USA Blue Book 1,613.47 S; USDA, APHIS 1,011.30 S; Utilities Section, League of NE Municipalities 70.00 T; Utility Service 11,164.80 S; Value Line Publishing 3,940.00 S; Vander Haags 1,854.52 S; Verizon 3,094.37 S; Waste Connections 138.06 S; Wellness Partners 10.00 S; Wilke Landscape 9,999.50 S; Wilson & Co 11,874.59 CP; WSKF Architects 2,215.00 CP; Wunderlich's 95.91 S; Zee Medical 150.80 S. TOTAL $1,715,490.26

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

6.A. **Proclamation declaring the week of November 1, 2020, as Extra Mile Day.** Bulkley declared the week of November 1, 2020, as Extra Mile Day.

6.B. **Presentation of Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Outstanding Service Award to John Lohr.** Tom Higginbotham, Executive Director, and Tina Engelbart, Deputy Director, of Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD), presented John Lohr, outgoing board member, with the 2020 Outstanding Service Award. Higginbotham noted that Lohr, representing the City of Columbus, has served in multiple capacities on both the NENEDD and the Northeast Economic Development, Inc. (NED) Board of Directors, most currently as president of the NED board. Lohr commended NENEDD and NED for their work in providing millions of dollars in grants to northeast Nebraska over the years and said it has been a pleasure serving on these boards.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None

9. **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:** Included in Consent Agenda

10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

10.A. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - October 19, 2020**

10.A.1. **Request of Columbus Golf Association to discuss future of Van Berg Golf Course. (Board of Parks Commissioners voted to support the Columbus Golf Association's request that the city council keep Van Berg Golf Course in operation as a golf course for a period of five to ten years so the association can demonstrate the value of the course to the community.)** The Committee of the Whole recommended to the mayor and council to affirm that the property presently owned by the City of Columbus and known as Van Berg Golf Course is intended to remain in use as a golf course by the City of Columbus at least until after the City and the Columbus Golf Association have completed a joint evaluation of public golf in the city after Quail Run Golf Course is operational as an 18-hole venue and after the Van Berg Family Golf Learning Center is established for a period of time sufficient to measure its value to the community. Roth expressed opposition to the portion of the motion that states a joint evaluation by the City and the Columbus Golf Association will be completed. The report was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, and Schilling voted “Aye” and Roth voted “Nay”.

11. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

12. **REPORTS ON LEGISLATION:** None

13. **NEW BUSINESS:**

13.A. **South Mobility Study final report provided by HDR Engineering.** Vasicek noted that any recommendations included in the study will be included in

discussions during budget planning sessions. The South Mobility Study was accepted with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.B. **Appointment of Mark Bierman to the Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Ed Wagner.** Bahr read a brief resume and the mayor's appointment of Mark Bierman to the Board of Adjustment was ratified 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”.

13.C. **Appointment and swearing-in of Aaron Perez as Firefighter/EMT/Hazmat Tech.** Bahr read a brief resume and the mayor’s appointment of Aaron Perez as Firefighter/EMT/Hazmat Tech was ratified with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Perez introduced his family and thanked the mayor for the appointment. Miller noted that Perez is the fifth appointment from the volunteer academy.

13.D. **Comments from mayor and city council members.** Jablonski encouraged all citizens to contact the mayor or city administrator if they are interested in serving on a public committee. Bulkley referred to the four lives lost in a recent fire and urged everyone to inspect their homes for possible fire hazards. Bulkley also reminded everyone of the importance of wearing a mask in public as the COVID-19 cases increase.

14. **RESOLUTIONS:** None

15. **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:** None

16. **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:** None

17. **ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:** None

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

18.A. **ARL Credit Services.** ARL Credit Services - Service $1,217.15. 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 Schilling. 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 Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling

voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Jablonski abstained from voting.

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

20. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Presented and approved this 2 day of November, 2020.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK