A regular meeting of the mayor and city council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on January 20, 2020, at 7:00 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, John Lohr, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. Council Member Dennis Kresha was absent and excused. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Chief Chuck Sherer, and Public Works Director Chuck Sliva.

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

3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bulkley invited all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

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 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 Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

4.A. **Minutes of January 6, 2020, City Council meeting.**

4.B. **Resolution No. R20-05 approving leases to hangar aircraft at Columbus Municipal Airport with Big Iron Auction Co.; Fly-X, LLC; Bradford Kurt Muhle; Duayne Muhle; Edward F. Osantowski; and Platte Valley Air, LLC. (Board of Airport Commissioners recommends approval.)** Resolution No. R20-05 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING LEASES TO HANGAR AIRCRAFT AT THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

4.C. **Resolution No. R20-06 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R20-06 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: B-D CONSTRUCTION, INC. - FIRE STATION $559,263.55; B-D CONSTRUCTION, INC. - POLICE STATION $273,178.05; ERIKSEN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. - WWTF PHASE 4 $258,375.16; OBRIST & CO., INC. - SED#46 LOST CREEK PKWY FROM 38 ST TO W 10 AVE. $143,383.50.

4.D. **Quote from Electronic Engineering in the amount of $2,859.60 for building intercom system at new police facility.**

4.E. **Finance Department reports.**

4.F. **Payroll and bills on file.** CP=Capital Projects; E=Expenses; G=Grants; R=Refund; S=Service & Supplies; T=Training 01/24/20 Payroll $625,393.95; A & D Technical 17.73 S; A to Z Messaging 105.00 S; Ace Hardware 1,037.01 S; Ace Sanitation 117.00 S; Advance Auto Parts 578.85 S; AlphaMedia 1,675.00 S; American Legal Publishing 10.00 S; American Red Cross 768.00 T; B-D Const 832,441.60 CP; Beard-Warren 18,311.00 CP; Behlen Towing 630.00 S; Bibliotheca 79.38 S; Black Hills Energy 5,474.82 S; Bound Tree Medical 455.80 S; BT's Bar 197.50 S; Carolina Software 200.00 S; CDW Gov 1,600.00 S; Center Point Large Print 13.49 S; Central Parts 486.42 S; Century Link 994.63 S; Chad's Collision Ctr 200.00 S; Club Prophet 90.00 S; CNC Repair 2,303.41 S; Col Chamber 1,300.00 S; CCH 1,779.92 S; Col Custom Embroidery 445.00 S; Col Family Resource Ctr 9,129.00 S; Telegram 207.19 S; Connecting Point 7,647.99 S; Core & Main 12,041.95 S; Cornhusker Int'l Trucks 91.38 S; Cornhusker Power 911.95 S; Culligan 470.20 S; Danko Emergency Equip 144.97 S; Days Inn 260.00 T; DLT Solutions 12,191.36 S; Drivers License Guide 82.50 S; DTN 774.00 S; D Dunbar 9,534.58 E,S; Eakes 12.26 S; Ecolab 299.90 S; Electric Pump 884.90 S; Electrical Eng & Equip 3,894.41 S; Eriksen Const 258,375.16 CP; Fastenal 231.48 S; FBG 1,704.50 S; First National Bank 4,906.53 E,S; Fort Western 209.98 S; Frickenstein Portables 1,450.00 S; Frontier 3,554.73 S; Gale 551.20 S; Galls 123.95 S; Gehring Const 955.00 S; Godfather's 296.00 S; Graybar Electric 197.10 S; Great Plains Comm 310.00 S; Hadley-Braithwait 61.95 S; HDR 63,681.16 CP; Heartland Natural Gas 8,956.89 S; J Henggeler 48.54 E; T Hiner 56.36 E; Hobby Lobby 25.61 S; Home Improvement 11,700.00 G; Mark Howerter MD 598.00 S; Hy-Vee 99.73 S; IBM 2,278.30 S; Ingram Library Services 620.06 S; Int'l Code Council 135.00 S; Jackson Services 1,817.54 S; K & S Tool 527.35

S; Kelly Supply 627.17 S; K Kline 76.30 E; Lakeview Small Engine 39.15 S; Language Line 69.96 S; Lawson Products 228.63 S; League of NE Municipalities 351.00 T; Loup Power 85,811.28 S; M & L 901.45 S; Mail Prep 3,886.78 S; Mailbox 31.12 S; Matheson-Linweld 23.56 S; Mechanical Sales 11,521.95 S; Menards 1,221.11 S; Mid-American Research 2,949.00 S; MW Alarm 86.67 S; MW Laboratories 432.50 S; MW Right of Way 268.92 S; MW Services 2,104.24 S; MW Tape 119.96 S; Mike's Towing 915.00 S; Shane Mueller 146.50 S; Municipal Pipe Tool 2,263.60 S; NAPA 21.18 S; NE Emergency Service 210.00 S; NE Harvestore Systems 899.31 S; NE Notary Assoc 100.00 S; NE Rural Water Assoc 275.00 S; NE Supreme Court 104.70 S; NE-IA Industrial Fasteners 208.97 S; NE NE Clerks Assoc 40.00 S; NE NE Solid Waste Coalition 54,987.93 S; D Oborny 21.79 E; Obrist & Co 143,383.50 CP; Occupational Health 473.00 S; Officenet 2,054.89 S; Olson's Pest Techn 146.00 S; Omaha World Herald 1,193.96 S; One Call Concepts 108.02 S; One Source 32.00 S; O'Reilly 454.72 S; Panel Builders 270.00 S; Performance Printing 302.12 S; Pete Lien 5,348.91 S; Petty Cash 165.68 E; Plains Equip 411.18 S; Platte County 3,022.07 S; Platte Valley Comm 4,475.00 S; Praetorian Digital 4,480.00 S; Presto-X 151.00 S; Productivity Plus 338.58 S; Travis Purkerson 350.00 S; Quick Med Claims 5,262.68 S; Reardon 188.89 S; Recorded Books 230.97 S; Redstone Vet 1,044.00 S; Sapp Bros 18,803.96 S; ServiceMaster 2,085.00 S; Settje Plbg 75.00 S; Sherwin-Williams 182.65 S; Shevlin Supply 67.94 S; Sipple Hansen Emerson Schumacher & Klutman 5,807.45 S; SirsiDynix 16,946.89 S; C Sliva 92.00 E; Southern Carlson 4.83 S; State Fire Marshal Training Div 850.00 T; Super Saver 93.60 S; Sysco 4,123.80 S; Telecommunications Systems 1,554.00 S; C Thomas 50.63 E; Thomas Reuters 1,058.00 S; Time Warner 8.37 S; Tire Outlet 220.00 S; TM Cleaning 200.00 S; Tractor Supply 329.53 S; Truck Center 84.43 S; Turfwerks 404.95 S; Turtle Tracks 790.00 S; Twin Rivers Vet 770.20 S; Typhoon Wash 67.50 S; Ty's Outdoor Power 45.46 S; USPS 356.00 S; UNL 168.00 T; UPS 27.70 S; US Cellular 43.68 S; USDA, APHIS 817.76 S; Utility Service 14,163.18 S; Verizon 1,159.97 S; VVS Canteen 64.67 S; Waste Connections 195.00 S; Wellness Partners 10.00 S; Wemhoff Refrigeration 248.68 S; West Point Implement 635.78 S; Willco 3,358.00 S; Wilson & Co 2,505.95 CP; WPS GHA 633.74 R; Zee Medical 406.00 S; Zegers Automotive 1,002.57 S; Zoll Medical 372.27 S. TOTAL $2,344,473.21.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

6.A. State of the City address by Mayor Bulkley. Mayor Bulkley gave his 2020 State of the City address to review accomplishments in 2019 as well as report on upcoming projects.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7.A. **Public hearing - Application of RJ House Moving, on behalf of Randy Johnson, to move a house from 2510 22 Street to a location outside of the city's jurisdiction. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed and the application of RJ House Moving, on behalf of Randy Johnson, for a building moving permit to move a house from 2510 22 Street was approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

7.B. **Public hearing - Application of RJ House Moving, on behalf of Randy Johnson, to move a house from 2518 22 Street to 6122 53 Street. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed and the application of RJ House Moving, on behalf of Randy Johnson, to move a house from 2518 22 Street was approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

7.C. **Public hearing - Citizen's Advisory Review Committee report of activities presented in accord with the Columbus Economic Development Plan.** Vasicek explained how the funds are provided and allocated for projects. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

10.A. **PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, AND WORKS COMMITTEE - January 13, 2020**

10.A.1. **Request from Panda, Inc. to vacate the alley between 25 and 26 Avenues and 22 and 23 Streets (Block 16, Phillips 3rd Addition, and Block 8, Pearsall's 2nd Addition).** The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended to the mayor and city council to approve the request to vacate the alley between 25 and 26 Avenues and 22 and 23 Streets contingent on receiving a Letter of Understanding and that the applicant be responsible for all associated costs. Vasicek explained the plans for vacating the alley and rerouting the drive-through. The report was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

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

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

13.A. Appointment of Marty Eaton and Jake Wacha to the Employee Pension Committee for two-year terms. The mayor's appointment of Marty Eaton and Jake Wacha to the Employee Pension Committee was ratified with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

13.B. Appointment of Keith Harbour to Board of Airport Commissioners to fill unexpired term of Jeff Krings. Discussion was held with regard to Keith Harbour being the Fixed Base Operator at the airport and the potential for conflicts of interest on agenda items. Valorz pointed out that the Board of Airport Commissioners is a recommending body; however, Harbour should abstain from discussions and voting on any issues that would benefit him. The mayor's appointment of Keith Harbour to the Board of Airport Commissioners was ratified with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, and Schilling voted “Aye” and Lohr and Roth voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

13.C. Quote from Security Equipment, Inc. in the amount of $37,653 to upgrade video and access control systems at new fire station. The quote from Security Equipment, Inc. to upgrade video and access control systems was accepted with a motion by Roth and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

13.D. Bid from Northern Truck Equipment Corporation in the amount of $76,764 for tandem axle transfer trailer for Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division. The bid for a tandem axle transfer trailer was awarded to Northern Truck Equipment Corporation with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

13.E. Comments from mayor and city council members. Jablonski encouraged anyone who would be interested in serving on a city board or committee to submit their name at City Hall. Bulkley noted that new video equipment for the council chambers has been ordered and city council meetings will resume being televised once the equipment has been installed. Bulkley recognized Travis Blase, Boyscout Pack 212, who was in attendance at this meeting to fulfill his requirements to graduate from Webelos. Bulkley commended city staff on street clean-up following the recent snow storm.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R20-07 awarding bid to Obrist & Co. in the amount of $464,886.50 for Sewer Extension District No. 47 and Water Extension District No. 64 (23 Street/Shady Lake Road). Resolution No. R20-07 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO OBRIST & CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $464,886.50 FOR THE SEWER EXTENSION DISTRICT NO. 47 AND WATER EXTENSION DISTRICT NO. 64 (23 STREET/SHADY LAKE ROAD) was adopted with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Kresha was absent.

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

15.A. Ordinance No. 20-01 creating Street Improvement District No. 183 located at 48 Avenue from 38 Street to Lost Creek Parkway. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 20-01 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, CREATING STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 183 OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE GRADING, CURBING, GUTTERING, DRAINAGE AND PAVING THEREIN INCLUDING STORM SEWERS AND SIDEWALKS ON 48TH AVENUE FROM 38TH STREET TO LOST CREEK PARKWAY; PROVIDING FOR THE SERVICE OF NOTICE OF CREATION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND LIMITATIONS THEREON; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read by number only with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Kresha was absent. Ordinance No. 20-01 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Kresha was absent.

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 $2,140.24. 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, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent. Jablonski abstained from voting. The bill from ARL Credit Services was approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent. Jablonski abstained from voting.

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

20. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with a motion by Schilling and a second by Augustine-Schulte. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Kresha was absent.

Presented and approved this 3 day of February, 2020.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK