PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
June 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on June 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Columbus Community Building, Community Room, 2500 14 Street, Columbus, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram on May 29, 2024, 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 acknowledgment 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 Cynthia Alarcòn, Hope Freshour, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Kat Lopez, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. Council Member Charlie Bahr was absent and excused. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Clerk Shuraya Frauendorfer, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Chief Charles Sherer, Fire Chief Ryan Gray, Finance Director Heather Lindsley, Public Works Director Chuck Sliva, Communications Manager Rachel Pensick, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator Jean Van Iperen, Project Manager Braden Labenz, Communications Manager Matt Lindberg, Fire Captain Ryan Sabata, and Firefighters Trina Osuna, Broderick Hoeft, and Ethan Morrow.

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

3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The National Anthem was played and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. 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 Jablonski and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

4.A. Minutes of June 3, 2024 City Council meeting.

4.B. Minutes of April 15, 2024, Community Development Agency.

4.C. Minutes of June 3, 2024, Community Development Agency.

4.D. Reappointments of Tom Pillen, Tom Lange, and Fernando Lopez-Chavez, Jr. to Planning Commission for three-year terms.

4.E. **Resolution No. R24-70 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R24-70 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 AND READY MIX CO., INC., STORM DRAINAGE AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS 2024, $57,272.40.

4.F. **Finance department report.**

4.G. **Payroll and bills on file.** B=Bnd Pymnts; CP=Capt'l Proj; E=Expns; G=Grnts; I=Insrnc; L=Lic; M=Mbrshp; P=Pymt; R=Rfnd; RT=Rent; S=Srvc & Supp; T=Trng; 6/21/24 payroll $954,852.78; 911 Custom 246.00 S; A to Z Msg 130.00 S; Ace Hdwr 635.15 S; Adv Auto 1,166.92 S; Ag Spray 149.24 S; Amer Lg Pub 767.69 S; Amer Rd Cross 4,518.00 S; Aqua-Pure 9,227.42 S; Arnld Mtr 705.62 S; Behlen Tw 1,950.00 S; Bibliotheca 2,077.72 S; Blk Hills 3,643.77 S; Blkstone Pub 126.97 S; Brdrs Inn & Ste 519.80 S; M Bonk-Dufek 47.71 R; Bnd Tree Med 2,648.15 S; BVH 42,215.74 CP; Cap City Elect 1.98 R; Casey's Mail Srv 4,597.29 S; Ctr Pt Lg Prnt 32.38 S; Cent Lnk 930.00 S; Chrome N' Steel 58.00 S; City of Col 6,005.94 S; R Clay 48.84 R; CNC Rpr 3,660.20 S; Col Area Chmbr 2,500.00 S; Col Hosp 1,277.04 S; Col Crd Srv 737.43 S; Col Cstm Embr 204.00 S; Col Fam Resr 10,937.84 S; Col Steel Sup 2,442.25 S; Col Tire & Svr 28.00 S; Concordia Univ 37.16 S; Consldtd Mngt 75.15 S; Core & Main 26,088.75 S; Cnhskr Pub Pwr 910.20 S; Culligan 180.75 S; Danko 52,713.75 S; Diamond Vogel 3,564.00 S; D Dunbar 34,441.95 P; Eakes 639.97 S; Edgerton Explr Ctr 455.40 T; T Egger 130.39 R; Elect Engr 395.80 S; Eller Htg 1,136.67 S; Estate of V Beckmann 400.00 P; Ferrellgas 74.90 S; First Natl Bnk 15,012.16 S; Frontier 2,920.64 S; Galls 1,497.75 S; Gvr Tire & Auto 267.00 S; Gehring Cnstr 59,094.25 S; GMV Syncro 4,455.00 S; Golfnow 191.22 S; Great Plns Bldg Sup 477.84 S; Great Plns Comm 1,407.26 S; Grey Hse Pub 308.95 S; Gnslngrs 200.00 S; Hadley-Braithwait 468.05 S; H Lonnie 800.00 S; Hawkins 7,542.39 S; R Haynes 160.00 S; HDR 1,064.95 S; Hrtlnd Nat Gas 4,291.02 S; Hrtlnd Office Clnrs 500.00 S; Hobby Lobby 25.92 S; Holmberg Htg 100.00 S; MD Howerter 1,271.00 S; Hyvee 200.75 S; Ingram Lib 4,300.45 S; Intrnatl Inst 225.00 M; Intrst Batt 283.90 S; Jackson Srv 1,682.10 S; JEO 1,895.00 S; Kelly Sup 6.70 S; J Kline 200.00 P; Koch Excv 45.00 S; J Krepel 11.75 S; Lkvw Sml Eng 572.18 S; Lnguge Ln Srv 303.07 S; Lawson Prod 277.79 S; Lncln Jrnl Str 227.00 S; Lncln Wnwtr Wrks 1,283.62 S; Lingo 51.70 S; Loup Pwr 106,488.94 S; O Lovell 28.49 R; M & L 12,644.70 S; MacQueen Equip 379.22 S; Mahaska 474.60 S; Mlbx 202.38 S; Matheson-Linweld 88.45 S; Mnrds 607.21 S; Md-Amer Rsrch 4,830.25 S; Mdwst Lab 799.17 S; Mdwst Tape 992.05 S; Mike's Tw 1,950.00 S; M Morelock 800.00 S; Mtn Ind 458.39 S; Mr Golf Crt 960.00 S; Mueller Sprnklrs 194.93 S; Napa Auto 83.53 S; NE

Dept of Environ 50.00 S; NE Fire Sprnklr 1,125.00 S; NE Survey 15.00 S; Newman Sgns 1,825.15 S; Nrflk Daily News 330.00 S; NE NE Clerks Assn 20.00 M; NE NE Econ 2,252.50 P; Occ Hlth Srv 2,422.00 S; Olson's Pest 558.00 S; One Call Cncpts 347.70 S; One Srce 2,444.05 S; O'Reilly 417.05 S; Otte Elect 4,851.79 S; Ppr Tigr 35.00 S; Prfmnc Prnt 69.00 S; Pete Lien & Sons 6,999.94 S; Pinn Bnk 90.00 S; Pitney Bowes 680.09 S; PC Atty 4,062.00 S; PC Regstr 114.00 S; PV Comm 445.00 S; Port-A-Johns 450.00 S; N Porter 143.35 R; Pwr Tech 705.00 S; Quadiant 500.00 S; Rvr Valley Tire Srv 346.00 S; RVW 1,490.00 S; Snd Crk Cnstr 74,631.66 S; Sapp Bros 30,229.46 S; Schemmer Asso 10,213.10 S; G Sealock 250.00 S; Sec Equip 1,827.50 S; Sherwin 103.86 S; Shevlin Sup 476.40 S; Sipple, Hansen, Emerson 8,152.45 S; St of NE Rev 75,434.01 P; Spr Svr 204.01 S; Sysco Lncln 20,915.41 S; T Tarnick 1,500.00 S; Telecomm 1,970.67 S; The Golf Shop 3,737.17 S; The Lfgrd Store 1,105.47 S; Thomson Reuters 2,130.00 S; Time Brechbill 1,500.00 S; Tire Outlt 475.00 S; TK Elvtr 248.20 S; Tooleys 49.37 S; Trctr Sup 21.07 S; Trck Ctr 53.68 S; Turwerks 798.21 S; Tweet's 44.95 S; Twin Rvr Vet 373.00 S; USA Bl Bk 351.84 S; C Van Dyke 146.50 S; R Vavra 600.00 S; Vrzn 45.85 S; Vrzn Wrls 3,706.48 S; C Wagner 120.00 S; Waste Conn 561.50 S; Y Weldetsadik 224.53 R; Wlnes Prtnrs 10.00 S; Wemhoff Rfrg 113.00 S; White Cap 260.00 S; Wilke Lndscpe 669.42 S. TOTAL $1,701,979.82.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Included in Consent Agenda

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**: None

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

7.A. **Public hearing - Application from Columbus Realty Holdings LLC to rezone property located in the vicinity of the northwest corner of 23rd Street and 33rd Avenue from "B-2" (General Commercial District), "R-1" (Single-Family Residential District), and "C-1" (Light Industrial District) to "B-2" (General Commercial District) and to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** Mark Griffin, representing Columbus Realty Holdings LLC and B&R Stores, was available to answer questions. The public hearing closed with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Bahr was absent.

7.A.1. **Ordinance No. 24-16 approving rezoning.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 24-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE COLUMBUS LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, ZONING CHAPTER, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 24-10 ON MAY 20, 2024, AS THE ZONING CODE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AND AS THEREAFTER AMENDED, TO REZONE AND RECLASSIFY THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO-WIT: A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING OF PART OF LOT 3, D

& L ADDITION, SOUTH HALF OF LOT 4, ALL OF LOT 5, TIFFANY'S SUBDIVISION, AND ALL OF LOT 14, WAGNER ADDITION CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 5, TIFFANY'S ADDITION; THENCE ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N88°17'55"E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 5, TIFFANY'S ADDITION ALSO BEING THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 25TH STREET, A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5, TIFFANY'S ADDITION; THENCE S01°54'29"E , ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 5, TIFFANY'S ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 215.01 FEET; THENCE N88°05'31"E A DISTANCE OF 110.83 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF LOT 4, TIFFANY'S ADDITION ALSO BEING THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE; THENCE S00°11'39"E, ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 69.90 FEET; THENCE S88°37'43"W A DISTANCE OF 5.01 FEET; THENCE S00°37'11"W A DISTANCE OF 6.01 FEET; THENCE N88°08'18"E A DISTANCE OF 5.03 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE; THENCE S00°59'39"W, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 134.82 FEET; THENCE S01°51'51"E, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 97.57 FEET; THENCE N89°56'33"W A DISTANCE OF 3.99 FEET; THENCE S02°13'43"E A DISTANCE OF 6.02 FEET; THENCE N88°43'38"E A DISTANCE OF 3.92 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE; THENCE S01°57'20"E, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 49.96 FEET; THENCE S44°21'32"W, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 63.57 FEET; THENCE S87°54'32"W, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 118.09 FEET; THENCE S72°24'36"W A DISTANCE OF 43.68 FEET; THENCE S87°05'47"W, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 33RD AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 147.70 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, DOC LANNAN MINOR SUBDIVISION; THENCE N01°52'16"W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, DOC LANNAN MINOR SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 329.18 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, DOC LANNAN MINOR SUBDIVISION; THENCE S88°10'08"W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID DOC LANNAN MINOR SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 260.74 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, DOC LANNAN MINOR SUBDIVISION ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1, LEGACY SQUARE ADDITION; THENCE N01°46'30"W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF LOT 1, LEGACY SQUARE ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 470.11 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF VALLEY SUBDIVISION; THENCE N88°20'50"E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF VALLEY SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 371.74 FEET; THENCE S01°39'10"E A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET; THENCE S01°55'17"E

A DISTANCE OF 119.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINS A CALCULATED AREA OF 340924.88 SQUARE FEET OR 7.827 ACRES MORE OR LESS, FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF “R-1” (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), “C-1” (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT), AND “B-2” (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO "B-2" (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT); TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND MADE A PART OF SAID COLUMBUS LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO SHOW SAID REZONING AND RECLASSIFICATION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE was read by number only with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent. Ordinance No. 24-16 was adopted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Freshour was absent.

7.B. **Public hearing - Redevelopment Plan for the Zegar Investments Redevelopment Project located northeast of the intersection of 8th Street and 12th Avenue. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** Jeremiah Perkins, attorney on behalf on the applicant, explained that this redevelopment plan would consist of 84 multi-family units, some commercial space, and authorize the use of tax increment financing (TIF), which would offset some of the eligible costs. He stated that this project would not be feasible without TIF and approximately $2,268,293 would be requested. He added that this project would be constructed in multiple phases and the completion date is expected to be no later than 2029. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Roth and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

7.B.1. **Resolution No. 24-71 approving redevelopment plan.** Resolution No. R24-71 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN ENTITLED "REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ZEGAR INVESTMENTS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT" was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**: None

9. **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:** Finance department report included in Consent Agenda

10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:** None

11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

13.A. Application from Knights of Columbus for special designated liquor license on 26th Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets for designated times Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11, 2024, for a beer garden in conjunction with Columbus Days. The application from Knights of Columbus for a special designated liquor license was approved with a motion by Schilling and a second by Jablonski. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Bahr was absent.

13.B. Appointment of Noah Lindberg as firefighter. Jablonski read a brief resume and the mayor's appointment of Noah Lindberg as a firefighter was ratified with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Bahr was absent. Lindberg thanked Chief Gray and the council for the opportunity to serve the community.

13.C. Appointment of Cathy Kwapnioski to Library Board to fill vacancy until September 2027. Jablonski read a brief resume and the mayor's appointment of Cathy Kwapnioski to the Library Board was ratified with a motion by Freshour and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Bahr was absent.

13.D. Purchase from Provantage in the amount of $10,980 for computers and accessories for multiple departments. The purchase from Provantage for computers and accessories was approved with a motion by Lopez and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Bahr was absent.

13.E. Comments from mayor and city council members. There were no comments made by the mayor or council members.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R24-72 approving Amendment No. 1 to Engineering Services Agreement with RVW, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $8,300 for construction phase services for Fiber Network Project 2024. *CIP #24-28* Resolution No. R24-72 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RVW, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $8,300 FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE FIBER NETWORK PROJECT 2024; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Roth. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Bahr was absent.

14.B. **Resolution No. R24-73 approving Change Order No. 1 to construction contract with Bauer Underground, Inc. in the amount of $40,207.60 for Fiber Network Project 2024. *CIP #24-28*** Resolution No. R24-73 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BAUER UNDERGROUND, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,207.60, FOR FIBER NETWORK PROJECT 2024; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

14.C. **Resolution No. R24-74 Memorandum of Understanding with Centro Hispano for the Columbus Historical Downtown Creative District.** Van Iperen explained this partnership would diversify the Downtown Creative District and bring a variety of cultural elements and events. Resolution No. R24-74 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CENTRO HISPANO FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA TO DEVELOP A SHARED VISION FOR THE COLUMBUS HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN CREATIVE DISTRICT; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA was adopted with a motion by Alarcòn and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

14.D. **Resolution No. R24-75 terminating grant agreement with the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce.** Resolution No. R24-75 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TERMINATING THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBUS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DATED ON OR ABOUT MARCH 20, 2023, THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. R23-48; 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 tabled with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Freshour. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

14.E. **Resolution No. R24-76 awarding Community Development Block Grant funds to DTCR LLC, Lindsay Thomson, and Earley Enterprises LLC. (Business Improvement Board recommends approval.)** Resolution No. R24-76 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NO 19-DTR-101 and 23-DTR-003 TO DTCR LLC, LINDSAY THOMSON, AND EARLEY ENTERPRISES LLC AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY was adopted with a motion by Freshour and a second by Roth. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None

16. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None

17. ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:

18. CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE: Included in Consent Agenda.

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

19.A. Performance evaluation of City Administrator Tara Vasicek. A motion was made by Jablonski and seconded by Lopez, to go into closed session. The subject matter to be discussed shall be performance evaluation of City Administrator Tara Vasicek. The reason for going into closed session is for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Mayor James Bulkley and City Attorney Neal Valorz will be included in the closed session. Bulkley announced that the city council made a motion to go into closed session. The subject matter to be discussed shall be performance evaluation of City Administrator Tara Vasicek. The reason for going into closed session is for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Mayor Bulkley and City Attorney Neal Valorz will be included in the closed session. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent. Bulkley announced that the city council voted to go into closed session. The subject matter to be discussed shall be performance evaluation of City Administrator Tara Vasicek. The reason for going into closed session is for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Mayor Bulkley and City Attorney Neal Valorz will be included in the closed session. The city council went into closed session at 6:27 p.m. and exited closed session at 6:54 p.m. with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Bahr was absent.

20. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Presented and approved this 1st day of July 2024.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
: Shuraya Frauendorfer