PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
September 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on September 16, 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 August 28, 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, Charlie Bahr, Hope Freshour, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Kat Lopez, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Engineer Rick Bogus, City Clerk Shuraya Choat, Police Chief Charles Sherer, Finance Director Heather Lindsley, Human Resources Director Tammy Orender, Building and Code Official Andy Woehrer, Parks and Recreation Director Betsy Eckhardt, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator Jean Van Iperen, and Communications Manager Matt Lindberg.

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, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

4.A. **Minutes of September 3, 2024, budget hearing.**

4.B. **Minutes of September 3, 2024, City Council meeting.**

4.C. **Minutes of September 3, 2024, Community Development Agency meeting.**

4.D. **Resolution No. R24-100 authorizing mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024 to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.** Resolution No. R24-100 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2024 TO THE NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

4.E. **Resolution No. R24-101 approving agreement with GISLab in an amount not to exceed $24,500 for geographical information system support services.** Resolution No. R24-101 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GISLAB IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $24,500 FOR A ONE-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM AND APPLICATIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; 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.F. **Resolution No. R24-102 renaming a portion of Progress Drive located in the 700 & 800 block running east/west in Vitality Village Subdivision to Vitality Drive. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** Resolution No. R24-102 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, RENAMING A PORTION OF PROGRESS DRIVE LOCATED IN THE 700 AND 800 BLOCK RUNNING EAST/WEST IN VITALITY VILLAGE SUBDIVISION TO “VITALITY DRIVE” AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

4.G. **Resolution No. R24-103 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R24-103 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., VITALITY VILLAGE SUBDIVISION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING SOUTH PARKING LOT, $591,451.15; GEHRING CONSTRUCTION AND READY MIX CO., INC., STORM DRAINAGE AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS 2024, $73,851.75.

4.H. Finance department report.

4.I. 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; 9/27/24 Payroll $811,730.68; A to Z Msgng 130.00 S; Ace Hdwr 402.67 S; Adv Auto 86.82 S; Alphmedia 375.00 S; Aqua-Chem 622.80 S; Aqua-Pure 14,490.09 S; Arnold Mtr Sup 217.13 S; Auxiant 96,468.38 I; Baldwin Sprnklr 160.00 S; Bauer Blt Trs 4,780.00 S; Bauer Undrgrnd 324,569.26 CP; Behlen Twng 1,610.00 S; D Belt 23.28 R; A Benesch & Co 7,774.76 CP; Blk Hills Enrgy 1,874.90 S; BMI 435.00 S; Bomgaars 1,316.74 S; Bnd Tree Med 3,112.81 S; C Brunken 600.00 S; Casey's Mail Serv 5,128.61 S; Ctr Point Lg Prnt 98.28 S; CCC 225.00 T; Century Lnk 930.00 S; Chesterman Co 1,067.39 S; S Choat 107.20 S; Chrome N' Steel 572.00 S; City of Col 12,167.52 S; Club Prpht 500.00 S; CNC Rpr 3,424.06 S; Col Cstm Emrdy 278.00 S; Col Fam Rsrc Ctr 10,937.84 RT; Cnsldtd Mngt 348.25 S; Crnhskr Pub Pwr 902.59 S; CP Hsptlty 85.00 S; Culligan 1,129.77 S; D & K Prod 600.00 S; D Johnson Trckng 6,523.41 S; Daniels Prod 7,632.64 S; B Davidson 200.00 R; Des Moines Stmp 46.00 S; Downey Drllng 32,400.00 S; D Dunbar 33,205.79 P; Eakes 28.11 S; Elect Pump 1,907.61 S; Eltrcl Eng 84.43 S; Elctrnc Eng 264.50 S; Fastenal 326.45 S; 5th Season 186.75 S; First Imprssns 731.00 S; First Natl Bnk of Omaha 19,748.39 S; Frontier 2,291.34 S; Galls 214.10 S; Gaver Tr 8,962.14 S; Gehring Constr 667,245.62 CP; Gen Trffc Ctrl 975.00 S; Gerhold Cncrt 175.17 S; Golfnow 191.22 S; Grt Plns Bldg Sup 13.57 S; Grt Plns Comm 1,407.90 S; Gunslingers 637.00 S; Hadley-Braitwait 99.90 S; Hawkins 6,443.81 S; HD Sup 206.23 S; HDR Eng 1,925.53 S; Hrtlnd Ntrl Gas 2,145.42 S; Hrtlnd Offc Clnrs 500.00 S; Hobby Lobby 59.99 S; Hmtwn Leasing 232.93 S; Hotsy Equip 271.57 S; M Howerter MD 1,271.00 S; Hy-Vee 46.64 S; Jackson Serv 2,033.93 S; JEO 3,627.50 CP; K Jones 89.00 R; Kelly Sup 291.08 S; K Keyes 111.89 E; Kirkham Michael 7,075.19 CP; LaQuinta Inn 282.00 S; Lakeview Sm Eng 58.39 S; Language Ln Srvc 244.12 S; Lawson Prod 60.20 S; Lncln Jrnl Star 430.69 S; Lncln Winwater Wrks 3,234.42 S; C Loseke 100.00 R; Loup 130,649.45 S; Macqueen Equip 147.55 S; Mailbox 396.34 S; Mchncl Sls 15,326.40 CP; Medline Ind 280.52 S; Menards 1,058.72 S; MARC 220.25 S; Mdwst Lab 1,535.72 S; Mdwst Rdy Mix 99.00 S; Mdwst Tape 1,009.15 S; Mdwst Turf 1,166.11 S; Mike's Twng 1,650.00 S; Moms & Mops 300.00 S; Motion Ind 4,237.51 S; Motorola Sol 37,059.12 S; N Mousel 12.30 E; NAPA Auto 1,796.51 S; NECO 2,243.67 R; Newman Sgn 3,644.86 S; Noble Sup 9,182.40 S; NE Comm Col 5,604.00 T; NE NE Solid Wst 71,306.41 S; Novicki Fire Prev 906.00 S; Obrist 170.00 S; Occptl Hlth 1,254.00 S; Olsson Pest 558.00 S; One Call 362.08 S; One Src 155.50 S; O'Reilly 426.58 S; Otte Elec 14,247.44 S; Paper Tiger 35.00 S; D Pehrson 125.00 R; Pete Lien 6,963.07 S; Pioneer Mfg 197.05 S; Platter Cnty 4,062.00 S; Platte Vly Comm 18,200.85 CP; Port A Johns 450.00 S; Prcsn Tree Srvc 3,500.00 S; Readon Lawn 64.98 S; Rehab Syst 47,330.00 CP; Rensenhouse 44.54 S; RVW 12,557.00 CP; Sapp Bros 56,893.14 S; Schemmer Assoc 1,717.20 CP; Schieffer Sgn 2,775.00 S; G Sealock 300.00 S; Seiler Instrmnt 3,500.00 S; Srvcmstr by Shevlin 13,315.00 S; Settje Plmbng 101.87 S; Shane's Rpr 553.80 S; Sherwin Wllm 757.58 S;

Shevlin Sup 692.06 S; Sipple, Hansen, Emerson 7,581.30 S; Sirchie 281.50 S; Solid Wst Assoc of NE 290.00 M; SE Lbry Syst 90.00 T; St of NE Dept of Rev 63,370.44 P; Stryker 35,333.47 CP; Spr Svr 125.42 S; Sysco 16,258.87 S; The Golf Shop 3,716.01 S; Tire Outlet 546.00 S; TK Elevator 248.20 S; Tooley Drug 66.38 S; Trctr Supp 2,827.42 S; Tritech Sftwr 180.00 S; Truck Ctr 2,239.55 S; True Ag 1,021.10 S; Trfwrks 73.53 S; Twin Rvr Vet 267.60 S; Ty's Outdr Pwr 299.44 S; UPRR 2,097.69 S; USA Blue Bk 2,942.26 S; Van Diest 5,475.00 S; C Van Dyke 146.50 S; J Van Iperen 276.78 E; Vandenberg Elec 1,002.00 S; Verizon 52.55 S; Verizon Wrls 3,633.25 S; Vessco 236.34 S; Waste Conn 628.66 S; Water Env Fed 150.00 M; Watts Elec 10,691.50 S; Wellness Prtnrs 10.00 S; M Wolberg 600.00 S; Zimco 5,934.00 S. Total $2,775,354.89.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7.A. Public hearing - Application from Bucher Saloon LLC dba Bucher Saloon for retail Class C liquor license located at 2301 11 Street and Marcus Collins as manager. Marcus Collins was available to answer questions. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Schilling and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". A recommendation was made to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to approve the application from Bucher Saloon LLC for a retail Class C liquor license and Marcus Collins as manager with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

7.B. (Not a public hearing) - Application from Loup River Public Power District for preliminary plat of Energy Triangle Fourth Subdivision (southwest corner of 10th Avenue and 45th Street). (Planning Commission recommends approval.) The preliminary plat of Energy Triangle Fourth Subdivision was approved with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

7.C. Public hearing - Application from Loup River Public Power District for final plat and development agreement of Energy Triangle Fourth Subdivision (southwest corner of 10th Avenue and 45th Street). (Planning Commission recommends approval.) Dustyn Curran, Ryan Companies US, Inc., on behalf of the applicant, explained that the subdivision consists of three lots and once approved, lot 1 will be sold and used for the development of a 50,000 sq. ft. warehouse and logistics facility. He noted that all regulations regarding landscaping and screening from the adjacent properties would meet or exceed city requirements. The public hearing closed with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

7.C.1. Resolution No. R24-104 approving final plat and development agreement. Resolution No. R24-104 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: ALL OF LOT 2, ENERGY TRIANGLE THIRD SUBDIVISION, A PLATTED AND RECORDED SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M. IN PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (CENTER) OF SECTION 8; THENCE ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF S01°35'08"E, 536.28 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N85°19'41"E, 40.06 FEET; THENCE S01°34'54"E, 603.94 FEET; THENCE S88°25'09"W, 40.00 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE ON SAID EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER S01°34'54"E, 1520.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 S87°51'35"W, 621.24 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, THENCE ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 2 FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) DESCRIBED COURSES: (1) N54°08'53"W, 1007.54 FEET; (2) N31°55'21"W, 818.70 FEET; (3) N31°55'54"W, 483.03 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE SECOND SUBDIVISION, A PLATTED AND RECORDED ADDITION TO SAID PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; THENCE ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 FOR THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) DESCRIBED COURSES: (1) N87°58'59"E, 698.67 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE SECOND SUBDIVISION; (2) ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE SECOND SUBDIVISION N02°01’47"W, 228.16 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE THIRD SUBDIVISION; (3) ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE THIRD SUBDIVISION N87°58'48"E, 390.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE THIRD SUBDIVISION; (4) ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE THIRD SUBDIVISION N02°04'43"W, 156.87 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, ENERGY TRIANGLE THIRD SUBDIVISION, SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 45TH STREET; (5) ALSO ON SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 45TH STREET S82°30'23"E 137.79 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; (6) ALSO CONTINUING ON SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 45TH STREET ON A 1070.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, AN ARC LENGTH OF 224.60 FEET (LONG CHORD BEARS S88°30'44"E, 224.19 FEET); (7) CONTINUING ON SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 45TH STREET N85°28'28"E, 634.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING,

HEREAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS ENERGY TRIANGLE FOURTH SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; APPROVING THE PLAT THEREOF; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING ENERGY TRIANGLE FOURTH SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND RYAN COMPANIES, WHICH SETS FORTH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER/DEVELOPER WITH RESPECT TO SAID SUBDIVISION; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVE THE PROPERTY was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.d. **Public hearing - Application from Ryan Companies US, Inc. for special use permit to allow Truck Terminals in a "B-2" (General Commercial District) zone located at 10th Avenue and 45th Street. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** Dustyn Curran, Ryan Companies US, Inc. on behalf of the applicant, explained the special use permit would allow for truck terminals in a “B2” (General Commercial District) zone, which would be used in conjunction with the warehouse and logistics facility. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Schilling and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.D.1. **Ordinance No. 24-22 approving special use permit.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 24-22 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA TO ISSUE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW “TRUCK TERMINALS” AS CONTAINED IN APPENDIX B OF CHAPTER 151, COLUMBUS LAND DEVELOPMENT ZONING CODE, ON THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN A B-2 ZONE: A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PART OF LOT 2, ENERGY TRIANGLE THIRD SUBDIVISION, A PLATTED AND RECORDED SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (CENTER) OF SECTION 8; THENCE ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF S01°34'54"E, 536.23 FEET; THENCE S85°28'28"W, 40.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S01°34'54"E, 599.73 FEET; THENCE S88°25'09"W, 780.76 FEET; THENCE N01°34'51"W, 576.00 FEET TO A POINT OF NON-TANGENT CURVATURE; THENCE ON A 1070.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, AN ARC LENGTH OF 187.65 FEET (LONG CHORD BEARS S89°30’05”E, 187.41 FEET); THENCE N85°28’28”E, 594.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID TRACT OF LAND CONTAINS A CALCULATED AREA OF 453,586.24 SQ. FT. OR 10.413 ACRES MORE OR LESS; 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 Lopez and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 24-22 was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.E. **Public hearing - Application from RJ House Moving, on behalf of Randy Johnson, for permit to move a house from 26751 280 Avenue, Platte Center, NE to 6236 53 Street. (Planning Commission recommends approval.)** Randy Johnson, 1904 55 Street, was available to answer questions. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. The application from RJ House Moving to move a house from 26751 280 Ave, Platte Center, NE to 6236 53 Street was approved with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

7.F. **Public hearing - Property tax request for 2024-2025.** Vasicek confirmed the property tax request amount of $7,062,703.76 and that the city’s levy rate would be decreasing for the second consecutive year, noting that Columbus is one of lowest levied first-class cities in Nebraska. Bulkley explained that property taxes cover approximately five percent of the city’s total budget. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Roth and a second by Freshour. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

10.A. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** September 3, 2024

10.A.1. **Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

10.A.1.a. **One percent restricted funds authority increase.** The Committee of the Whole recommended the restricted funds authority be increased by an additional one percent for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The report was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

10.A.1.b. **Fee schedule.** The Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The report was adopted with a motion by

Jablonski and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

10.A.1.c. Pay plan. The Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the pay plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The report was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

10.A.1.d. Capital improvement plan. The Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the capital improvement plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The report was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

10.A.1.e. Budget. The Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The report was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

13.A. Application from Barrel House for special designated liquor license at 2311 14 Street from 1 p.m. October 12, 2024, to 1 a.m., October 13, 2024, for a fundraiser. Nicole Saalfeld, 2311 14 Street, explained that Barrel House will be hosting the Taste of Columbus annual fundraiser. The application from Barrel House for a special designated liquor license was approved with a motion by Schilling and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.B. Application from Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC for special designated liquor license at 2311 14 Street from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., October 12, 2024, for a fundraiser. Scott Mueller, 2204 14 Street on behalf of the applicant, was available to answer questions. The application from Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC for a special designated liquor license was approved with a motion by Lopez and a second by Freshour. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.C. Implement RxAlly & International Sourcing on all health plans, excluding orphan drug coverage from the non-grandfathered plan, effective January 1, 2025. RxAlly & International Sourcing was added to all health plans, excluding orphan drug coverage from the non-grandfathered plan, effective January 1, 2025, with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.D. Purchase of three vehicles from Anderson Auto Group in the total amount of $154,722 for police department. CIP #21-05, 06, 07 The purchase of three

police vehicles from Anderson Auto Group was approved with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

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

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R24-105 setting the property tax request at $7,062,703.76. Resolution No. R24-105 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, SETTING THE 2024-2025 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AT $7,062,703.76 was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Freshour. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.B. Resolution No. R24-106 adopting Schedule of Fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Resolution No. R24-106 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.C. Resolution No. R24-107 approving Memorandum of Understanding with Mariners Youth Baseball Association for construction, cost sharing, and in-kind services in conjunction with the Pawnee Park Baseball Field Turf project. Resolution No. R24-107 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MARINERS YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA TO DEVELOP A SHARED VISION AND COST SHARING FOR THE PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF PROJECT; 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 Schilling and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.D. Resolution No. R24-108 approving Standard Design-Build Agreement and General Conditions Between Owner and Design Builder with Nemaha Sports Construction LLC in the amount of $74,205 for grading and earthwork for the Pawnee Park Baseball Field Turf project. Resolution No. R24-108 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE STANDARD DESIGN-

BUILD AGREEMENT AND GENERAL CONDITIONS BETWEEN OWNER AND DESIGN-BUILDER WITH NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $74,205 FOR GRADING AND EARTHWORK FOR THE PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF PROJECT; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; 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 Alarcòn and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

14.E. **Resolution No. R24-109 awarding Community Development Block Grant funds to Kiara Ziemba for downtown revitalization.** Resolution No. R24-109 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,532 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NO. 19-DTR-101 AND 23-DTR-003 TO KIARA ZIEMBA 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 Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

15.A. **Ordinance No. 24-23 adopting 2024-2025 Pay Plan.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 24-23 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, REGARDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PAY PLAN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND HOURLY SALARY RANGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION was read by number only with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Ordinance No. 24-23 was adopted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

15.B. **Ordinance No. 24-24 adopting 2024-2025 Budget.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 24-24 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; AND 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 Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer,

Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 24-24 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

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

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

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

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

20. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Presented and approved this 7th day of October 2024.

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