

CITY OF LINCOLN CITY

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING

March 15, 2021, 4:30 PM

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APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 4/12/2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Casper called the meeting to order. Council President Casper advised the public that there are now three ways to provide public comment.

1. Comments can be made through email to [publiccomment@lincolncity.org](mailto:publiccomment@lincolncity.org);
2. Comments can be made via Zoom if a request is emailed to [publiccomment@lincolncity.org](mailto:publiccomment@lincolncity.org) by 12 pm on the meeting day;
3. Comments can be made in person at the Council Chambers (COVID-19 precautions are taken).

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Judy Casper	Councilor Ward 3	Present	4:30 PM
Diana Hinton	Councilor Ward 1	Present	4:30 PM
Riley Hoagland	Councilor Ward 2	Present	4:30 PM
Rick Mark	Councilor Ward 3	Present	4:30 PM
Mitch Parsons	Councilor Ward 1	Present	4:30 PM
Anne Marie Skinner	Councilor Ward 2	Present	4:30 PM
Vacant	Mayor		

Staff Present: Ron Chandler, City Manager; Richard Appicello, City Attorney; Chief Palmer, Lincoln City Police Department; Ed Dreistadt, ELC Director; Jeanne Sprague, Parks and Recreation Director; Debbie Bridges, Finance Director; Ken Murphy, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; David Twigg, I.T. Support Specialist; Jamie Young, City Recorder.

## **A. Discussion Items**

### **A. Priorities and Tasks for City Council FY2022 Goals Community Engagement, Emergency Preparedness and Parks and Recreation**

*Mr. Chandler spoke about the three topics on the table for the work session; Community Engagement, Emergency Preparedness, and Parks and Recreation.*

*The Community Engagement goal is to increase participation and develop skills for civic engagement. One of the goals is to increase the human touch by having Department Heads, the City Manager and Police patrols incorporate time away from their desks to visit with businesses and residents. Councilor Hinton agrees with this. Councilor Skinner asks what is the end goal of having Department Heads meet with businesses and residents. Mr. Chandler said to open the lines of communication.*

*The second part is increasing information to the public by promoting the City's official web page. There will be a hot topics feature and a month at a glance for the agenda items. Councilor Mark would like this promoted for people to start making a habit out of searching the City website. Councilor Skinner would like to see more detail of projects and applications submitted to the City posted on the website. Councilor Hoagland would like everything to be more transparent down to the location of the street sweeper. Councilor Hinton would like to not have to hunt for information, she likes the weekly report. Councilor Hinton thinks that the month at a glance and upcoming items of interest is a great idea. Councilors Casper and Parsons agree with adding the month at a glance. The third priority is the role of the committees and how they operate and providing annual training.*

*Mr. Chandler discussed Emergency Preparedness. There were four priorities:*

- 1. Initiate and promote a personal preparedness education program. Councilor Hinton would like to see emergency kits provided at all the vacation rentals as a requirement. Councilor Skinner asked how this would be enforced.*
- 2. Emergency preparedness training for staff. Ken Murphy spoke about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).*
- 3. Storage of emergency supplies City-wide. The three tasks associated with those are; determine the storage sites at City facilities, purchase items for employees during the times they are called out for an emergency, and stock and supply caches. Mr. Murphy said there are cots, sheets, and blankets for fifty people. There are six caches and Mr. Murphy would like to get these filled to help citizens.*
- 4. Mr. Chandler showed photos of the different electronic reader boards available. Mr. Chandler said that there are currently three monument signs in the works that could have electronic abilities.*

*Mr. Chandler said that the third topic is Parks and Recreation; which is to provide and maintain natural resources and recreational opportunities. There are four priorities identified.*

- 1. Provide and maintain a recreational program and there are three tasks associated; the first two tasks are re-engaging what was done in the past, the third is teen center programming.*
- 2. Develop the Taft Park; four items that need to be done; archeological survey, topographical survey, the design of the park, and the fourth item is making sure there is a funding source.*
- 3. The Nesika Park; there are four items; trail connections, Dog Park, nature play area, and the nature overlook. Ms. Sprague said the items were prioritized by the least amount of financial impact to the greatest. The trail connections could possibly be done in-house. Councilor Hinton asked with the new \$1.9 trillion is being sent out, could this money be used to start a foundation for parks? Councilor Hoagland said that he had an idea of putting QR codes at all of the parks for people to make donations. Mr. Chandler told Councilor Hinton he is not sure yet. Councilor Parsons said that he still hears weekly about the dog park and he hopes it does not fall by the*

wayside and Councilor Skinner agrees. Councilor Mark said that there is plenty of demand for a dog park at the Taft Park.

4. *Parking for recreational facilities, Mr. Chandler spoke about the expense of developing a parking lot versus using wayfinding to underused parking lots. There are three underused parking areas; SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, which would be near the Nesika Park; the parking lot located by Ace Hardware, which would be near Taft Park; West Devils Lake Boulevard which would be near The Knoll. Councilor Parsons raised a concern about having the parking further away from the dog park. Councilor Hoagland would like to see a dog park added at Regatta as well.*

## **2. ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilor Casper adjourned the meeting at 6:06 PM.*

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JUDY CASPER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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JAMIE YOUNG, CITY RECORDER