

MINUTE RECORD

No. 729—REFFIELD & COMPANY, INC., OMAHA

LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 24, 2007

A Strategic Planning Retreat of the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 8:15 a.m. on February 24, 2007. Present were Mayor Kindig and Councilmembers Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, McLaughlin, Ellerbeck, Sell, and Gowan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were City Attorney McKeon, City Administrator Gunn, Assistant City Administrator Ramirez, City Clerk Buethe, Community Development Director Birch, Fire Chief Schuster, Assistant Fire Chief Corbit, Finance Director Lindberg, Library Director Iwan, Police Chief Lausten, Recreation Director Stopak, Building and Grounds Director Archibald, Public Works Director Soucie, and Administrative Assistant Alex.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Times on February 15, 2007. Notice was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of the acknowledgment of the receipt of notice attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the Mayor and City Council in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Further, all subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting which is kept continuously current and available for public inspection within 10 days after said meeting and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

Mayor Kindig called the meeting to order. Mayor Kindig briefly reviewed the Council's Code of Conduct and explained that it was approved by Council a few years ago to provide a guide for how Council should conduct business. He asked that all of the Council members read through the document again. Mayor Kindig then introduced the Facilitator for this Workshop, Marla Flentje. .

OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

At 8:55 a.m. Ms. Flentje had each team member give their expectations of the workshop and something that has been accomplished in the last year. She then gave an overview of the strategic planning process and the things that need to happen to create a strategic plan.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE – BRENDA SEDLACEK GUNN

At 9:40 a.m. City Administrator Gunn talked to the group about current items such as long range financial planning & CIP, Hotel/Conference Center Project, Hiring Fire Chief & Transition, Negotiations – FOP and Public Works, Municipal Facilities Plan, Swimming Pool, 84th Street planning, and La Vista Days. She also talked about projects that are significant issues to keep on the radar in the future.

At 10:00 a.m. The team took a break.

SCAN OF THE LA VISTA ENVIRONMENT

Ms. Flentje led the Council and Staff through a scan of the La Vista Environment regarding what conditions or emerging trends represent opportunities for the community, which represent major challenges or threats, and what are present characteristics of city government.

At 12:15 p.m. Council recessed for lunch.

TEAM ACTIVITY

At 12:45 p.m. Council reconvened and Ms. Flentje led the team in an activity to learn more about the team members.

DRAFTING STRATEGIC GOALS (MINI-LESSON)

At 12:50 p.m. Ms. Flentje instructed the team on how we draft strategic goals.

BRAINSTORMING STRATEGIC GOALS

At 1:00 p.m. Team members did a brainstorming exercise regarding strategic goals. Each group brainstormed and narrowed their goals down to 5.

At 1:50 p.m. The team took a break.

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PRELIMINARY CONSENSUS ON STRATEGIC GOALS

At 2:00 p.m. Each group presented their 5 major goals to accomplish and the entire team looked at all the goals to come to a consensus. The goals were very close for each team with a total of 5 goals listed for all groups. Discussion was held regarding these goals and all were in consensus and preliminary agreement as to the goals that were determined.

PLAN FOR PREPARING A DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

At 2:45 p.m. Ms. Flentje will have a report back to the City Administrator in approximately one week and a draft strategic plan will be presented to the Mayor and Council at the March 20, 2007 meeting.

RETREAT EVALUATION

At 2:50 p.m. The team evaluated what was accomplished during this retreat, and what was learned about La Vista and the team today.

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

At 3:15 p.m. Mayor Kindig made closing remarks regarding the great efforts of council and staff to make this retreat a very productive venture and thanked all for coming. He then declared this meeting adjourned.

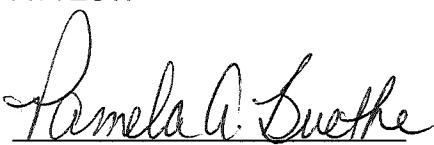
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2007.

CITY OF LA VISTA



Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pamela A. Buethe

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk