

# MINUTE RECORD

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

## LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP JULY 17, 2007

A meeting of the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:35 p.m. on July 17, 2007. Present were Mayor Kindig and Councilmembers Sell, Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, McLaughlin, Ellerbeck, and Gowan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were City Attorney McKeon, City Administrator Gunn, Assistant City Administrator Ramirez, Police Chief Lausten, Fire Chief Uhl, Public Works Director Soucie, Finance Director Lindberg, Library Director Iwan, Public Building and Grounds Director Archibald, Community Development Director Birch, Recreation Director Stopak, and City Clerk Buethe.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Times on July 5, 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 and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Kindig made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference.

### IV. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Kindig reminded Council that the recommended budget proposes the annexation of Val Verde and Southwind. He asked for input from the Council regarding the proposed annexation as they had not talked about it at the workshop held on July 16. He wanted to be sure this is the direction they wish to go; as it is reflected in the budget requests and recommendations which have been put forth to this point by the department heads.

The Mayor and Council discussed the annexation and its impact on both the city and residents of the affected SIDs if an annexation would take place on October 1, 2007 or after that date. It is recommended that this will come to Council for action at the August 7, 2007 meeting.

Mayor Kindig asked if the Council wished to revisit any of the budget items presented up to this point. The consensus of the Council was to revisit any items the Council may have concerns or comments on, tomorrow night.

#### **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Assistant City Administrator Ramirez presented the CIP and advised that we now have the revenue figures to help determine what projects can be funded from the list of items prioritized by staff and Council. Some projects have been moved out to future years and some projects have been moved to a time beyond the scope of 2013. There are five projects that were added as carryovers from the 06/07 budget due to the fact those projects have not begun or a portion will not be completed and paid out until the next fiscal year.

Ramirez stated that some of the park projects were moved out as the Master Park Plan identifies that individual park master plans will need to be completed by staff prior to the recommendation of improvements. Other items may be affected by what the Council decides with the aquatic facility. Some projects have also been earmarked in order to be considered by Council as a part of a future bond issue.

Councilmember Gowan inquired as to what the remaining money is for in the Quiet Zone project. Ramirez stated that the amount will be used for any actual physical work that will need to be done. There is no more money that will be paid out on the study itself.

Councilmember Sell requested that the Portal Greenway Project be moved up to bring the money from the 08/09 budget to the 07/08 budget as he would like to see the study from the engineer showing a possible park along that greenway. Public Works Director Soucie stated that the money budgeted in this next year would be for the engineer to design the project which would look at a possible park. Gunn explained that the intent is to have the engineer begin possibly in the spring of 2008 in order for it to be a continuous process running into the 08/09 budget where

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more money has been proposed. Councilmember Sell said that the money is fine where it is budgeted as long as it includes the plan for the greenway/park.

Councilmember Sheehan motioned to move the municipal facilities plan to 2013 to wait until we need a facility and do a plan the year before it is built. Gunn stated that planning is very important in order to establish organizational priorities. Gunn advised of the importance of determining a desired outcome so that short term decisions get you there. It will also ensure that you don't spend significant funds to do something you end up replacing two years later. A master facilities plan will not give us building designs, rather it will help us plan how to utilize our facilities and the space we have and to plan for the future. Councilmembers Gowan and Carlisle stated that they are in favor of moving forward with this plan as they feel it is important in planning for the future.

Mayor Kindig called on Council members to indicate whether they want to leave the municipal facilities plan in the budget. Those wishing to leave it in were Gowan, Ellerbeck, Carlisle, Quick, Ronan, and Sell. Those wishing to remove it were McLaughlin and Sheehan.

Ramirez stated that this ongoing CIP process will be improved and requests from Council and staff will be presented for Mayor and Council review at their strategic planning session.

## **IV. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Tim Heidenreich representing the Val Vista homeowners association voiced support of a park plan for the Val Vista area. They would like to see a recreation area that would contain basketball and tennis courts and an area for social gatherings. Currently the only place that is large enough in their area to gather is to close off a street for the gathering. They want the Council to keep this on the radar and fear it may not with the large issues of the Aquatic Center and the Thompson Creek Project.

Public Works Director Soucie reported that he met with the landscaping company with respect to the final landscaping which needs done at the water feature in the off-street parking lot. They are working on a proposal and this should be completed by the end of the year.

Soucie also reported that he would be meeting with officials regarding additional playground equipment in the area by Portal Ridge Elementary.

## **V. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

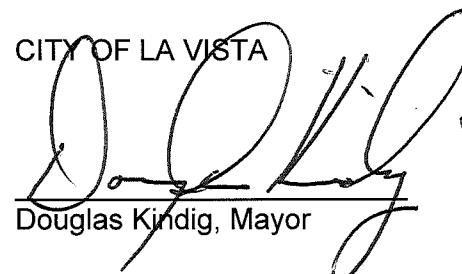
Councilmember Ronan complimented Public Works Director Soucie and his staff for their expediency in cleaning up the medians and areas along 84<sup>th</sup> Street as soon as the paving was completed.

Mayor reminded the council of the final night of the budget workshop on Wednesday July 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

At 8:46 p.m. Councilmember Ronan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle. Councilmembers voting aye: Sell, Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, McLaughlin, Ellerbeck, and Gowan. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2007.

CITY OF LA VISTA  
  
Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk