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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 6TH, 2020 6:30 P.M.

The City of La Vista Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2020 in the La Vista Community Center Gymnasium. Chairman Kevin Wetuski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Kevin Wetuski, Mike Krzywicki, Gayle Malmquist, Kathleen Alexander, John Gahan, Mike Circo, Jason Dale, and Patrick Coghlan. Members absent were: Josh Frey and Harold Sargus. Also, in attendance were Bruce Fountain; Community Development Director; Chris Solberg; Deputy Community Development Director, Cale Brodersen, Assistant Planner; Meghan Engberg, Permit Technician; Rita Ramirez, Assistant City Administrator; Jeff Calentine, Deputy Public Works Director, and Pat Dowse; City Engineer.

Legal notice of the public meeting and hearing were posted, distributed and published according to Nebraska law. Notice was simultaneously given to all members of the Planning Commission. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wetuski 6:30 p.m. Copies of the agenda and staff reports were made available to the public.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2020**

*Krzywicki* moved, seconded by *Malmquist*, to approve the June 18th minutes. **Ayes: Krzywicki, Gahan, Wetuski, Coghlan, Dale, Alexander and Malmquist. Nays: None. Abstain: Circo. Absent: Frey and Sargus. Motion Carried, (7-1)**

**3. Old Business**

None.

**4. New Business**

**A. Ratify Actions Taken by the La Vista Planning Commission During Meetings Held Virtually from March 19, 2020 Through June 18, 2020**

- i. **Staff Report – Chris Solberg:** Solberg stated that based on the recommendation from the League of Nebraska Municipalities and the City Attorney, they felt that it was best to ratify the actions that took place and were approved during the last few meetings that were held over Zoom or phone conference call. He said that City Council has done the exact same process with their own actions. Solberg said that in order to make these truly legally binding, it was felt that ratifying these was necessary.

- ii. **Resolution-** Krzywicki moved, seconded by Malmquist, to ratify the actions taken by the La Vista Planning Commission during meetings held virtually on March 19<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **Ayes: Krzywicki, Gahan, Wetuski, Coghlan, Dale, Alexander and Malmquist, and Circo. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Frey and Sargus. Motion Carried, (8-0)**

**B. 2021-2025 Capital Improvements Plan**

- i. **Staff Report-Jeff Calentine:** Calentine delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the FY21 and FY22 CIP, for which the Planning Commission will provide a recommendation to the City Council. He said that the CIP this year has been both a long and arduous process with the COVID situation. Calentine said that with the uncertainty with budget projections, there have been some things that have had to be moved around.

Calentine went over projects that were completed in FY20, including the adaptive signal project with the City of Omaha, the city street pavement assessment, the 84<sup>th</sup> Street Final Streetscape plan, the Eberle Walden Park improvements, the opening of Civic Center Park and Phase II completion, as well as Parking Structure #2 design.

Calentine discussed the projects that are planned for FY21 and FY22, and showed some charts displaying the breakdown of the FY21 and FY22 CIP projects by funding source and by project category.

Circo brought up the Applewood Trail project and mentioned that the CIP showed that the project was supposed to start in 2018 and asked if any work had been done on it.

Dowse said they have been working on it and are in the middle of their preliminary design and are in the public comment period right now. He said that the intent is to close that comment period on August 14<sup>th</sup> at which point the project will go into the final design phase. It is expected to go to bid in December of 2021 and be completed in 2022.

- ii. **Public Hearing: Wetuski opened Public Hearing.**

**Wetuski closed the Public Hearing as no members of the public were present.**

- iii. **Recommendation-** Circo moved, seconded by Gahan, to approve the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. **Ayes: Krzywicki, Gahan, Wetuski, Coghlan, Dale, Alexander and Malmquist, and Circo. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Frey and Sargus. Motion Carried, (8-0)**

**5. Comments from the Floor**

No members of the public were present.

**6. Comments from the Planning Commission**

Circo asked what the building is that is currently going up at City Centre.

Solberg said that the one being framed out right now is Starbucks. He said that they will be seeing the footings underway for the Chili's strip mall.

**7. Comments from the Staff**

Solberg gave his thanks for the commission adjusting to the different meeting format and is hoping that we will not have to stick with this format for very long, but will more than likely be like this for the next few meetings.

**8. Adjournment**

Wetuski adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Reviewed by Planning Commission:

  
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Planning Commission Secretary

  
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Planning Commission Chair

  
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Date