A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on June 27, 2023 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, Dick Phillips and Nancy Lohrmeyer. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Eric Melcher, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham, Utilities Superintendent Adam Darbro and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on June 21, 2023. Notice of meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Seeman stated "AS PERSCRIBED BY LAW A COPY OF THE NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS."

#### **MINUTES**:

Councilor Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

#### PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1167: AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND AND INCREASE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF NEBRASKA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17-405, R.R.S.1943, BY ANNEXING THERETO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO AND NOT EMBRACED WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, CONSISTING OF MISSION CRITICAL FIRST ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, A TRACT OF LAND COMPRISING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP TEN (10) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS, TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1167 before the council and to approve the third reading of this ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1167. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1167 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

Mayor Seeman and Steve Parr of JEO Consulting reviewed the One and Six Year Plan for streets.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 23-05 regarding Hwy 34 improvements. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. A discussion followed regarding the plan for the New and Reconstruction Project along U.S. Highway 34. After much discussion roll call vote was called. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

### **RESOLUTION 23-05**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 34 IN THE CITY OF AURORA FROM MILE MARKER 250+14 TO MILE MARKER 252+14. THIS PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF A NEW 3-LANE MODIFIED URBAN HIGHWAY SECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Aurora recognizes the need for the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to improve the safety and operations at this forementioned segment of US-34; and

WHEREAS, the new 3-lane modified section will provide the best solution to improve how this segment of US-34 operates, improve safety along this entire segment including provisions for a safe zone for the crosswalk near the Aquatic Center, and largely utilizes the existing highway alignment and right-of way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, does pledge full support of the design and construction of the New and Reconstruction project improvement along the forementioned segment of US Highway 34 by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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Councilor Lackore moved to approve the City Administrator's contract and annual wage adjustment 2023-2024. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

# **MISCELLANEOUS:**

## ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra Millelsen
City Clerk

