

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Monday, April 21, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Worksession of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted at the Hastings Municipal Airport, 3300 W. 12th Street, on April 21, 2025.

The Worksession Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Steve Huntley with the following members present: Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Brian Hoffman. Absent: None.

City Officials Present: Mayor Jay Beckby, Mark Funkey, Jesse Oswald, Tyler Ficken, Adam Story, Troy Vorderstrasse, Erik Nielsen, Roger Nash, Jeff Hassenstab, Lee Vrooman, Marty Stange, Tony Herrman, Lori Hartman, Derek Zeisler, Kirk Layton, Trent Clark, Matt Kuhr.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Brad Consbruck seconded by Brian Hoffman to adopt the current agenda for the April 21, 2025 City Council Worksession. Roll Call: Ayes: Larry Consbruck, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Steve Huntley, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Matt Fong, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Official Notice of the Worksession was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, April 18, 2025. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is available for public review and a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

Citizen Communications.

None.

Discussion of recodification.

City Attorney, Jesse Oswald provided a report with examples of needed updates to the Hastings City Code and provided examples including the definition of a vehicle, the Deputy Treasurer Position being updated to the Assistant Finance Director, and the ability of Fire Department personnel to resign without the permission of the Fire Chief. He emphasized

that the review conducted with the assistance of Municode was to update outdated references and rules to make it more user-friendly and enforceable.

Update on Hastings Municipal Airport.

Airport Manager, Matt Kuhr provided a report on the Hastings Municipal Airport operations including the services the airport provides to the community such as medical flights, training, maintenance services, and why the airport is a destination for travelers. He also discussed the opportunity for additional federal funding by becoming a regional airport which requires having a jet on the field. Hastings Municipal Airport is working to address lighting issues due to outdated equipment.

Update on City Hall building progress.

Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman provided a report that most internal wall framing is complete, windows are out, and framing work is being done on the first floor which will be the back of the Council Chamber. The north and east sides of the building have been backfilled and waterproofed. The contractors are beginning on the east entryway footing and rebar. Interior electrical and plumbing work has started, much of the HVAC is complete, and the elevator shaft is up through the roof. Work on the roof is expected to start in the next couple of weeks with windows being installed by the end of May. The project is on budget with a few change orders and the project is expected to be completed by March or April of 2026.

Moved by Maggie Esch seconded by Marc Rowan there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Matt Fong, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.