CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 11, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted at the Hastings Municipal Airport, 3300 West 12th Street, on August 11, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Regular Session by Mayor Beckby with the following members present: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman, Maggie Esch, Larry Consbruck, Brad Consbruck. Absent: Matt Fong. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator, Mark Funkey; City Attorney, Jesse Oswald; City Clerk, Tyler Ficken; Fire Chief, Troy Vorderstrasse; Police Chief, Adam Story; Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hassenstab; Utility Manager, Derek Zeisler; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; City Planner, Ember Batelaan; Development Services Director, Kevin Kubo; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Library Director, Kelly Reisig; Museum Director, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson; Director of Finance/City Treasurer, Roger Nash; Technology Director, Erik Nielsen; Public Information Manager; Tony Herrman; Information Technology, Kirk Layton; Safety Director, Trent Clark.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve the agenda except item 7a. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Larry Consbruck, Marc Rowan. Nays: Maggie Esch, Brian Hoffman. Abstention: Brad Consbruck. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion failed. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the agenda except item 7a. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion was carried by unanimous consent. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Maggie Esch to approve the agenda except item 7a. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: Maggie Esch. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, August 8, 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.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Hoffman thanked those who attended the National Night Out, including City staff. He asked people to be gracious with people returning to town for their education and who don't know the one-way streets. Councilmember Rowan thanked the public for showing up to City Council meetings and watching them on TV. Councilmember Esch shared information about Andy's Ventures, who is walking across the United States and had an amazing experience with the Hastings community. Councilmember L. Consbruck thanked the Street Department for their work on Marion Road. Councilmember Anderson provided that a budget process open house will be held on September 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the south fire hall; it is open to everyone and thanked the public for emails, and Councilmember Huntley thanked City Administrator Mark Funkey who will be participating in the open house.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Tom Huston stated that he would be speaking on item 3a. Edward Krontz inquired about items that were fixed relating to item 5a.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Service Anniversaries: Erik Nielsen, IT 5; Adam Story, Police 30; Ryan Parr, PCF 15; Derek Schmidt, Fuel 15; John Schudel, Operations 15; Brent Underwood, Fuel 15; Joshua Onken, Police 10; Kyle Patten, Warehouse 10; Megan Jensen, Library 15; Cory Almquist, Maintenance 5; Jacob Eikmeier, Fuel 10; Robert Johnson, Maintenance 10; Steven Fox, NDS 15; Tanner Cline, Fire 5; Andrew Mangeot, Fire 5; Brandon Wiedel, Fire 5.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 28, 2025

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Worksession of July 21, 2025

(c) Approval of claims and payroll except the claim of Vaughan's Printing

(d) Approval of the renewal of Liquor License Applications for the following Class "C" Liquor Licenses for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026: 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC, 2nd Street Slammer, Inc., Adams County Ag. Society, BG Olive Saloon, LLC, B & R Stores, Inc. (2), Barista's of Hastings, LLC, Barrel Bar II, LLC, Blue

Fork Kitchen, LLC, Budson, Inc., Caribbean Bar & Grill, LLC, Cheese Shop, LLC, Disabled American Veterans, Eagles FO Hastings Aerie 592, Gabriel Sanchez, George J. J. Beckby (2), Halftime Lounge, LLC, Hallett, Inc., Hastings Hospitality, Inc., Hastings Lodging 2, LLC, Highland Operating Company, Hublocsters, LLC, Kitty's Roadhouse I, LLC, L.A.K.E. Enterprises, Inc., Lakeside Wines Spirits and More, LLC, Miscues, LLC, Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc., No Coast Brewing, LLC, Odyssey Hastings, LLC, Rivals Bar & Grill, LLC, RM Retail Services, LLC, Sky, LLC, Steeple Brewing Company, LLC, The Wandering Well, LLC, Valentinis, LLC, Wanda's, LLC. Catering for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026: 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC, 2nd Street Slammer Inc., Adams County Ag. Society, Blue Fork Kitchen, LLC, Eagles FO Hastings Aerie 592, Hublocsters, LLC, Kitty's Roadhouse I, LLC, Miscues, LLC, Murphy's Wagon Wheel, Inc., No Coast Brewing, LLC, RM Retail Services, LLC, Steeple Brewing Company, LLC, The Wandering Well, LLC. Cigar Shop for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026: 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC.

(e) Approval of the request of Bath Bliss Gifts to utilize city property for the Junk Street event on September 13, 2025

(f) Approval of updated Section 504 - Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Plan

(g) Approval of the request of the Nebraska Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association to utilize city property for Nebraska Chapter Antique Airplane Annual Fly-in on August 22-26, 2025 at the Hastings Municipal Airport

(h) Approval of the request of 201 N. Lincoln Enterprises, LLC dba Paul's Cigar Bar for a Special Designated Liquor License for Antique Airplane Annual Fly-in at the Hastings Municipal Airport on August 22-24, 2025

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

None.

3. Public Hearings.

(a) Public hearing on the request of Theatre District, LLC for a conditional use permit for self-service storage facilities for property commonly addressed as 905 Theatre Drive. Resolution No. 2025-25 approving the request of Theatre District, LLC for a conditional use permit for self-service storage facilities for property commonly addressed as 905 Theatre Drive. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing to those in favor and in opposition to the proposal. Tom Huston spoke in support of the project on behalf of Theatre District LLC. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve

Huntley to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 for a conditional use permit for self-storage facilities for property commonly addressed as 905 Theatre Drive. Councilmember Rowan asked where access to the building would be. Tom Huston stated that access would occur primarily at the rear of the building to minimize disruption to the front of the building. Councilmember L. Consbruck asked if the remainder of the open space would be used for storage. Tom Huston stated that there would be an additional ten thousand square feet to remain open with no specific use at this time. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported that the project meets the criteria for conditional use; City staff recommended approval to the Planning Commission, which approved the recommendation 5-0. A letter of opposition was received, and a response was provided with no subsequent response from the party in opposition. Councilmember Anderson questioned whether there could be a more profitable use of the facility. Tom Huston stated that warehousing and a sports facility were considered. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Brian Hoffman. The motion carried.

(b) Public hearing regarding an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $175,000 for Pacha Soap Co. Resolution No. 2025-28 authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of $185,000 for Pacha Soap Co. Mayor Beckby opened the public hearing to those in favor and in opposition to the proposal. Lori Ferguson provided a report on behalf of the application. Mayor Beckby closed the public hearing. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve Resolution No. 2025-28 authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of $185,000 for Pacha Soap Co. Councilmember Rowan asked if it is common for a company to receive multiple awards. Lori Ferguson stated that the business will qualify if criteria are met and funding is available. Councilmember Anderson inquired regarding the low to moderate income provision. Lori Ferguson stated that the positions will be entry-level positions requiring a high school education and will receive pay with benefits. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

4. <u>General Business.</u>

(a) Approval of the claim of Vaughan's Printing in the amount of $180.00. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Larry Consbruck to approve the claim of Vaughan's Printing in the amount of $180.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Abstention: Maggie Esch. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(b) Approval of awarding Hastings Municipal Airport Apron Rehabilitation project bid to Screed Tech, LLC. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Maggie Esch to approve that Hastings City Council concurs with Garver's recommendation of award of the airport Apron Rehabilitation Project to Screed Tech LLC and authorizes the mayor to award the project to Screed Tech LLC contingent on FAA concurrence of award. Airport Manager, Matt Kuhr reported that three bids were received with Screed Tech LLC being the low bid. Councilmember Rowan asked if the company had been used before. Airport Manager, Matt Kuhr replied no, but the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics and Garver have vetted the company and found them good to work with; the project will be paid for as progress is made. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(c) Approval of expenditures to encourage the retention of Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Paramedics for Hastings Fire and Rescue. Moved by Maggie Esch seconded by Steve Huntley to approve retention bonuses for Hastings Fire & Rescue personnel in the amounts outlined in the Hastings Fire & Rescue Proposed Retention Bonus Plan. Fire Chief Troy Vorderstrasse reported on the bonus amounts and qualifications to receive the bonus, and provided that the bonus would be paid from funds resulting from open positions. Councilmember Hoffman asked if a flat bonus could work better than a scale. Fire Chief Vorderstrasse provided that upon review of other communities, the scale is utilized, and Human Resources Director Lori Hartmann provided that the scale matches the Police Department. Councilmember Anderson asked about the number of hours that are being worked. Fire Chief Vorderstrasse provided that 53% of shifts have been overtime shifts over the last year, and there is an impact on morale; it is common for personnel to put in 72 hours in a week. Councilmember B. Consbruck verified with Chief Vorderstrasse that the bonuses would be coming from existing payroll, and Chief Vorderstrasse confirmed. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions.

(a) Resolution No. 2025-24 removing the designation of Blighted and Substandard for Redevelopment Area #12, commonly referred to as the former Hastings Regional Center. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Brian Hoffman to approve Resolution No. 2025-24 to remove the designation of Blighted and Substandard for Redevelopment area #12 commonly referred to as the former Hastings Regional Center. City Planner, Ember Batelaan reported that the older structures that contributed to the blight and substandard designation have been demolished; the State of Nebraska maintains the site and infrastructure service lines at the property. State ownership of property results in the unlikely use of incentives for redevelopment. City staff recommended the removal to the Planning Commission, which recommended approval with a 5-0 vote. Councilmember Huntley asked how much property would be opened for future designation. City Planner Ember Batelaan provided that this action would open approximately 162 acres. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

(b) Ordinance No. 4799 amending Section 2-204 of Hastings City Code regarding rules of procedure. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4799 to amend section 2-204 of the official city code making changes to the rules of procedure for the city council meetings. City Attorney Oswald reported that the proposed changes would include allowing amendments and postponement of an item following a motion and second. Councilmember Huntley added that the Mayor would also be authorized to declare a 15-minute recess; he added that the section should include a presiding member in the absence of the Mayor. Councilmembers Huntley and Anderson withdrew their motion and second as previously made. Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson to approve Ordinance No. 4799 amending the city code 2-204 to include the provision that section 2-214 include the word presiding member following the words "the Mayor". Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried. Moved by Brian Hoffman seconded by Steve Huntley to suspend the rules and move to second and final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Marc Rowan, Brian Hoffman. Nays: None. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths vote of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. The ordinance is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

6. <u>Final Passage of Ordinances.</u>

None.

7. <u>Appointments.</u>

None.

8. <u>Miscellaneous and Other Business.</u>
None.

9. <u>Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).</u>
None.

Moved by Steve Huntley seconded by Michael Anderson there being no further business before the Council to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Huntley, Michael Anderson, Brad Consbruck, Larry Consbruck, Maggie Esch, Brian Hoffman. Nays: Marc Rowan. Absent: Matt Fong. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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George J.J. Beckby, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

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