A current copy of the Open Meeting Act is posted in a white binder on the north wall of the Jesse Lowe Conference Room. The secretary certifies publication in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, on March 18, 2020.

Mr. David Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Brian Barrett – Absent
Jeff Estabrook
Steve Johnston
David Miller
Christopher Reed
Terry Salem
Amy Schaap

Others Present:
Martin Gomez, Acting Chief Plumbing Inspector
Anna Bespoyasny, Assistant Director Planning Department
Jennifer Taylor, City Attorney – Arrived Late
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary
Debbie Hightower, Executive Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2020

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

III. *Cases

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<td>20-2-15</td>
<td>Schu Marketing 11415 Centennial Rd Ste 100 La Vista, NE 68128</td>
<td>n/a 49-624</td>
<td>For approval for Whitehall ligature resistant stainless steel linear drains</td>
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Mr. Miller stated they are requesting a layover to the April 8, 2020 meeting due to the virus.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to lay this case over to the April 8, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Laid over to the April 8, 2020 meeting
No one appeared.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file this case. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Filed

Mr. Doug Passmore appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Passmore presented additional information to the board members for their review. Mr. Estabrook asked if this would be going in the ground or above the ground. Mr. Passmore stated in the ground. He summarized the request. He stated that the concern that Mr. Martin Gomez had about the vent could be adapted. Mr. Gomez detailed the until in more detail. He stated that as long as the changes are met, there is no objection to the request by the City of Omaha. Mr. Passmore identified on the additional information where the vent would be added. He confirmed the change with Mr. Gomez. Mr. Miller made a comment about the vent. Mr. Estabrook asked about the composition. Mr. Reed stated it is carbon steel. Mr. Passmore presented a sample of the material. He detailed the composition as well as where it is located in the packet presented. Mr. Reed asked for clarification on the request. Mr. Passmore stated that they are looking for approval for the material for this project and in general. Mr. Gomez detailed why this product does not currently meet code requirements. He detailed that things could be presented to the board for mass approval. Mr. Passmore stated he gave the packet to them for the approval for all projects. There is discussion about the drawing.

Motion by Mr. Christopher Reed to approve the proposed tank for the referenced project with the stipulation that a 4” full size vent is provided on both sides of the tank baffle. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. J.L. Robinson and Mr. Jonathan Patrick Robinson appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. J.L. Robinson presented a copy of the drawing of the property. He detailed the plans that he provided and the previous use of the location. He detailed the use of the space. He explained the options for their request. He stated that based on the access to the restroom, they would prefer to have a unisex restroom. Mr. Miller asked if they were existing restrooms. Mr. J.L. Robinson confirmed. Mr. Miller clarified the requests. Mr. Gomez clarified the code. Mr. Steve Johnston asked about the square footage. There is discussion about the code and square footage.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the waiver to allow both existing restrooms at this address for this business only to be unisex and waive the urinal requirement in the unisex restrooms. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Pat Roseland appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Roseland clarified the request and the difficulty with space. Mr. Reed asked if this was an outdoor or indoor pool. Mr. Roseland stated it is outdoor and detailed the use of the spray foam. Mr. Gomez stated that he saw the drawings. There is discussion about the plan. There is discussion about the radiant heat. There is discussion about the distance. Mr. Roseland detailed their options with the inspector. He stated they would sign off on liability. Mr. Gomez asked about blocking out the area where the trap is. Mr. Reed said the heat would go. Mr. Gomez detailed his thought more. Mr. Roseland stated that he brought it up, but he’s not an engineer. Mr. Reed detailed how it would work. Mr. Gomez asked about keeping the heat tape. Mr. Miller stated he would. There is discussion about the heat transfer. Mr. Gomez clarified that the trap would be cold. Mr. Reed asked about getting a warning light on the heat tape because at some point it will fail, so the warning that the heat tape doesn’t work would be important. There is discussion about the trap breaking. Mr. Roseland stated he will bring it up to the electrician. He detailed how it was brought over. Mr. Reed stated an indicator would be important. Mr. Gomez stated he would want it blocked out.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the waiver with the stipulation that area around P trap is blocked out so that insulation can be installed around the P trap to allow it to be open to the heated space and also to provide a visual indication of operation of the heat tape for the owner. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Matt Cabrera appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Cabrera clarified that it is for the Jiffy Lube. He stated that they were trying to get the manufacturer in to get it approved prior. He detailed his steps in the process to make sure the plumber is ready to go. Mr. Estabrook asked about the installation. Mr. Cabrera detailed where the pits would be installed. Mr. Gomez asked about who would be installing it. Mr. Cabrera detailed. Mr. Estabrook asked who would be pulling the permit. Mr. Cabrera stated it would be someone like Eyman Plumbing. Mr. Miller stated that a licensed plumber would need to install it and have a master plumber permit it. Mr. Cabrera detailed the installation. Mr. Gomez asked about it going to the storm. Mr. Cabrera confirmed.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve this interior drain system for the above address with the agreement that it is installed by a licensed plumber and permitted by a master plumber. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Robert Mahoney appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Estabrook asked about the instructors. Mr. Mahoney clarified. Mr. Miller read Mr. Docken’s biography into the record. Mr. Miller asked what he would teach. Mr. Mahoney detailed it would be backflow related. Mr. Estabrook asked if he has taught before. Mr. Mahoney stated that he comes recommended. Mr. Miller asked if someone from the Permits and Inspections Division or Plumbing Board attended if that would be acceptable.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Shane Docken as an instructor for backflow prevention. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Miller read Mr. John Papera’s biography into the record. Mr. Estabrook asked if they have a state license. Mr. Mahoney stated he doesn’t know. Mr. Miller recommended that he look into that. Mr. Mahoney stated that his secretary facilitates this with the state for this course.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve John Papera as an instructor for backflow prevention. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Miller asked about the course. Mr. Mahoney stated 2 hours for journeyman and master plumbers for the City of Omaha. Mr. Estabrook asked who else would be speaking. Mr. Mahoney specified.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve this course for two (2) hours of continuing education for City of Omaha requirement. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Mahoney asked if they could also get the waiver for more than 50 people.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiver for more than fifty (50) people in a continuing education course. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Robert Lawrence and Mr. Eddie Zielinski appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. He stated his paperwork is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Lawrence Plumbing as an approved apprenticeship program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

IV. **Apprenticeship Agreements**

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Mr. Robert Lawrence and Mr. Eddie Zielinski appeared requesting approval for Mr. Zielinski to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a November 17, 2018 start date. Mr. Miller asked why the delay. Mr. Lawrence stated it was something that they put off. Mr. Miller stated he would prefer having them caught up on apprenticeship fees. Mr. Salem asked about schooling. Mr. Zielinski stated he has started school already. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is otherwise in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Zielinski to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a November 17, 2018 start date with the stipulation that Mr. Zielinski pays the back apprenticeship fees from his start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

V. Cases (continued)

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<td>49-120</td>
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*Withdrawn 3/16/2020*

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file this case. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Miller stated the requested a layover to the April 8, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to layover to the April 8, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Laid over to the April 8, 2020 meeting

Mr. Craig Harimon appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the City of Omaha’s recommendation into the record. Mr. Estabrook asked if he has taught before. Mr. Harimon confirmed and clarified where he has taught. He stated he has been teaching within the courses and how to use and install. He clarified he will be teaching at the Local 16. Mr. Miller read his biography into the record. Mr. Estabrook asked if he has taught before. Mr. Gomez asked about the course. Mr. Harimon detailed how the course is taught with the product. Mr. Miller stated the plumbers should be taught this because they should be installing it. Mr. Harimon stated that we should be working together because the tile fitters are building fixtures. He detailed situations where relationships are important. He stated that a chance to show plumbers how to install these correctly is important. Mr. Estabrook asked if he has times for the class. Mr. Harimon confirmed. Mr. Estabrook stated that they may only give them an hour.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Mr. Harimon as an instructor for the bonded flange shower systems. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Steve Douthit appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. He clarified the request. Mr. Douthit stated that in looking at the results, he’s gotten better because he took Jim Wonder’s class. He stated he wants to take Mr. Wonder’s class again and take it in May 2020 instead of waiting a year. Mr. Estabrook clarified the code. Mr. Douthit stated the only class would be Mr. Wonder’s class. Mr. Estabrook stated that it would be a school. Mr. Douthit stated he learned more from Mr. Wonder’s class in two weeks than four years at school. Mr. Estabrook asked about his schooling. Mr. Douthit stated he went to ABC for his first year and Metro for the rest. Mr. Reed asked about the benefit of making him wait a year. Mr. Estabrook clarified the code. Mr. Douthit stated he didn’t see a benefit, but is there a waiting period. Mr. Douthit stated that he’s spending thousands of dollars to pass the test. He stated that on his day-to-day job he’s not doing the five story to be able to pass. He stated in the last year or two he’s been able to get a grasp on it. He stated that he was down graded because he didn’t size things appropriately. Mr. Gomez clarified the request. Mr. Miller stated that every city has a waiting period for failing. He stated that in Lincoln, the waiting period was two attempts in a calendar year then waiting a year. Mr. Douthit stated that he waited the six months before. He stated he believes he would pass the test now if given the opportunity. He stated that he will take whatever class the board wants him to take. Mr. Estabrook asked about what he’s done. Mr. Miller stated he would prefer him taking the class and then ask for the waiver. Ms. Jennifer Taylor clarified what motion they could make. Mr. Estabrook read the code, stating he is not presenting anything to the board. He suggested contacting ABC or Metro. Mr. Douthit asked about taking just the section he’s failed. Mr. Estabrook stated no. Mr. Gomez clarified the attempt. Mr. Reed clarified the intention of the code. There is discussion about the class options. Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Filed

Mr. Joe Molacek appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Molacek stated he’s under a temporary master plumber license with Thermal. He detailed his attempts to pass the test. He stated for the plans he had no idea what the board was looking for because he’s been out of school and was told that he’d have to take Jim Wonder’s class to pass the test. He detailed his mistakes. He asked that he have an opportunity to take the plans. He stated he had to make his attempts because he has a temporary master plumber license. Mr. Miller offered his opinion, take a class then come back before the board to make a request. Mr. Molacek asked what classes are available. Mr. Miller stated that is his responsibility to find it. Mr. Estabrook stated he would have to take the whole test when he retook it.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Filed
Mr. Joe Litke appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Litke summarized his history with the test and Jim Wonder’s class. He stated that he primarily does service work, so taking Mr. Wonder’s class helped him tremendously. He detailed what he’s done to be able to waive the waiting period. Mr. Miller stated his recommendation.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

VI. Discussion

- Mr. Gomez suggested having Mr. Wonder’s class to be approved for continued education to test at a sooner date. There is discussion about options.
  - Needing the class to be submitted to the Plumbing Board for approval to be approved for a waiver to OMC 49-204 c

- Wait time between exams (OMC 49-204 c)
  - Agreement that if it is in the code, it’s in the code

- School Hours (What to do if/when schools shut down)
  - Update on schools and May test
  - Ms. Anna Bespoyasny stated there are accommodations.
  - Mr. Gomez stated that Metro will allow them to test in May. Mr. Miller stated Local 16 would allow them to.
  - Ms. Bespoyasny asked about postponing the exam.
    - Offering different tests for each day
    - Have multiple sites available with multiple proctors
    - Delaying a month
      - Determine at the 4/8/2020 meeting if tests would be postponed
  - Mr. Estabrook, health comes first

- Plumbing Board taking over grading
  - Getting everyone to help with grading
  - Plumbing Exam
    - Taking parts of the test versus taking just the parts that you’ve failed, possibly revisiting
    - Purpose behind that code section for having to take the sections
    - Service Plumber license option

- Apprenticeship Registration Start Dates and Consequences for Non-Compliance of Apprenticeship Registration
  - Drawing a line in the sand, not fair to the apprentice
    - Legal opinion: Code dependent
    - Options, code change
    - Needing to be in good standing
VII. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to go into Executive Session to discuss tests per Administrative Board of Appeals decision. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, E.S. at 3:13 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to exit Executive Session. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Executive Session ends at 3:43 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 6-0, Adjourned at 3:44 p.m.