

**AGENDA
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
11:00 A.M.**

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Council Members Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Ken Svoboda, John Spatz

Council Members Absent: Jonathan Cook, Dan Marvin

Others Present: Mayor Chris Beutler, Rick Hoppe, Denise Pearce, Lin Quenzer, Mayor's Office; Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier; John Hendry, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Secretary

Ms. Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Location Announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act: A Copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is Located on the Wall at the Rear of this Room.

I. MAYOR -

Mayor Chris Beutler stated a group of very grateful citizens from the Easterday structure program that works with individuals who have been injured wanted to say 'thank-you'. You're very much aware of them because you saved the program and they wanted to 'thank-you' and he presented a very nice art piece and thank-you letters that they had written to the Council. Mayor Beutler commented he told them that he would bring it down to them today.

Mayor Chris Beutler called on Directors. Greg MacLean (Public Works & Utilities Director) updated Council on the Harris overpass. Mr. MacLean reported that on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. they are going to open the Harris overpass and this is not the official final completion opening. It is to the point where they can get traffic on the bridge, originally they had anticipated only one lane each direction and as of last week they made the decision to go ahead and open all four lanes. They will not have all of the construction complete, there's going to be temporary barriers for pedestrian traffic on the bridge. So, over the next month they're going to have to close a lane, at a time, and at different points to complete the construction.

Mr. MacLean reported they will also be opening up the “O” Street bridge at 22nd Street all four lanes, possibly on Friday, but more likely the following week. It has been functioning pretty well and so they’re near completion on that bridge as well.

They’re going to invite the press to the ceremony and they’re all invited, and they’re going to try to get a vehicle lined up to take a trip across.

Mr. Spatz commented to Mr. MacLean that he would like to congratulate Public Works and everybody because before this was started he had a lot of people angry in his district and very concerned. It felt like to him that everything went better than what he expected, he got far fewer complaints after it started than what he had anticipated, you’ve done a good job. Mr. MacLean thanked Mr. Spatz. Mr. MacLean mentioned one final little piece of information this was a significant project, it was nearly a \$20 million project. They’re going to be on schedule and he would say statistically speaking they are on budget and that’s amazing for a project of this, so they’ve got a good contractor and made good progress. Diane Gonzolas (Citizen Information Center Director) noted they will start the ceremony on the east end, 9th & “O” Street at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Svoboda commented to Greg MacLean a number of people asked him over the weekend about the incentives which was relating to the two lane opening. But, now that they’re opening all four lanes, what is it \$11,000 a day or something that they’re roughly 30 days ahead of schedule. Mr. MacLean responded as they get all four lanes open, it may change how they look at it, but he will get back with him.

Mr. Svoboda asked any update on Holdrege. Mr. MacLean stated basically our structural engineers are completing their study as it turns out the railing is pretty well deteriorated. They are basically looking at it to see why it stood so long and he thinks possibly the railing on the south side has actually been acting as a structural member. But, they don’t have the final report, it should be coming out within a few days, so the future of the bridge is still in question right now.

Ms. Eschliman asked Dave Landis (Urban Development Director) what happened with 48th & “O” Street? Mr. Landis reported that they have two pieces of the puzzle that need to be solved. 1.) - “O” Street is a State Highway and the Nebraska Department of Roads has an oversight of State highways. So, in the event, they were to do something of the influence of “O” Street they would have to go back to the Department of Roads to make sure that they complete a process they’ve asked them to do. One of the things that has happened the Department of Roads has said they need to come and talk to them, there needs to be a traffic study. Even though our opinion matters, they’re probably not the last say, they might be able to give it back to the City but they need to observe a process, so we are in the midst of completing that process. 2.) - To make sure the documents with which the City bought the land have no impediments to the plans that they’re considering doing in the area. So, he thinks there are two legal obstacles that they are making sure can be met and then they will proceed. Ms. Eschliman commented have you selected a buyer the last she heard they had three. Mr. Landis stated there has been three parties who have

expressed interest in it, and they have to be sort of treated separately because their designs and plans don't mesh well with each other. In the event, they get an answer to their legal problems they will be able to choose from among the three but the answers to those may affect which of those choices they would arrange.

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Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier stated on their Agenda today for Item 27, they have a Motion-To-Amend #1. [*#27, 08-129, Change of Zone 08030 - Amending Section 27.63.400 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the preservation of a historic structure as a permitted special use to allow the City Council to grant adjustments to the height and area regulations of the district in which a historic structure is located, and repealing Section 27.63.400 as hitherto existing.*]

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK - ABSENT

DOUG EMERY - NO COMMENTS

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

Ms. Eschliman mentioned to June Pederson (Aging Director) that they're looking for more elderly people that need help. They've got too many volunteers and not enough residents. Ms. Pederson commented they've sent out to everybody they could think of may be they'll call.

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ADDENDUM - (For October 6th)

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2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: America Recycles Day Is November 15 - Those who sign pledges to recycle can win prizes. - NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - None

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - None

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

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[End of Directors' Addendum]

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:18 a.m.

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