

DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, April 10, 2000 - 11:00 a.m.
Conference room 113

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes
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Council Members Present: Coleen Seng, Jeff Fortenberry, Jerry Shoecraft, Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Cindy Johnson.

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, Gina Dunning, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; City Clerk, Paul Malzer; Tammy Bogenreif, City Council Staff and Chris Hain, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Don Wesely indicated to Council that they most likely seen the article in the Sunday newspaper about Reba Schafer leaving. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are grateful for her years of outstanding service and a great job as Director for the Aging Department. Mayor Wesely thanked Reba Schafer for her outstanding service. Reba Schafer thanked Mayor Wesely. Council also thanked Reba Schafer for her outstanding service.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he passed out to them a time line on how they plan to handle this process. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they will be running newspaper ads here in the next week and then work through an application process and the screening process that will ultimately result in a decision, hopefully by the end of May. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Ms. Schafer is looking at leaving in the first week of June, so if they move quickly they can deal with it and have a decision fairly soon. Mayor Wesely stated to Council the process as he understands it, is that this agency is a multi-county, so he will work with the interlocal agreement. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that the interlocal agreement has him working with the County Board and with the City Council. Mayor Wesely commented to Council so they will see about working through this process and having a decision by the end of May.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they have talked about this issue before, about Jim Morgan leaving for Madison, but he won't know official until May 2, 2000 at the City Council confirmation, so he is not taking any chances and won't be submitting his resignation until the day after. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that he has a feeling that things will go well for Mr. Morgan. So, they are gearing up to do ads and to do a national advertisement to try to solicit as many people as they can for this position. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that he knows there is interest within the department itself, but they also think there is a chance for some national interest there and they might as well see what kind of candidates they find out there. Mayor Wesely stated to Council so again they would try to have a decision, but the decision will take longer then the Aging Director position. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the Parks & Recreation decision will probably not come until early July, so they will have to have an interim Director for a period of time. Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely if there will be a Screening Committee. Mayor Wesely indicated to Ms. Seng that there will be a Screening Committee that the applications will come in and will be screened, but he is not sure how big a committee they will have for it. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely okay.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he is also publicly announcing today that Barb Hopkins has submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission, which is a loss to the City that she has done a great job on the Planning Commission. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that she is a wonderful person and she has done a lot for the City. Mayor Wesely stated that he is sorry that Ms. Hopkins will be leaving that position. Mayor Wesely stated to Council in discussing this matter with people in the last couple of weeks, since Ms. Hopkins has talked to him about it that a name came forward as an excellent person who knows a lot of the zoning issues, a lot about Planning issues and his name is Jon Carlson. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Jon Carlson is the name he will be submitting to them today for this position. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council the problem they have is that Ms. Hopkins will not be able to attend the next Planning Commission Meeting on April 19th, so in order to keep the Commission with full strength they are going to ask Council to have 1st and 2nd Reading of the nomination at City Council Meeting next week on April 17th. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that this is unfortunate because Ms. Hopkins is a great person and he is sorry that she is not going to be here anymore. (See attached memo regarding the Aging Director Search Time Line, Parks & Recreation Search Time Line and the Planning Commission replacement).

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he has some good news for them in regards to the "F" Street project. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the Legislative Bill 968 got signed. Ms. Seng congratulated Mayor Wesely. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng that he is really happy about it and they are ready to roll on it and that Don Herz is ready from the finance aspect of it. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that this is what was holding them up and Jim Morgan was excited about moving forward on this project. Mayor Wesely stated to Council so this is our best guess time line on how they put in place the "F" Street project. Mayor Wesely commented to Council which essentially means that they will be ready to roll in early June. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that this may seem like a little ways off, but they really couldn't take steps until the decision was made on the bill, that there are legal processes they have to follow, so they will get it up and running now. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it will take 18 months to open, so it will be opened in January 2002.

Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely if the community around this area are aware of everything. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng no they are not, that they wanted to tell them first, and from this point they will be sending this information to the neighborhood and to the public. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely okay because the neighborhood sure needs to be involved in it. Jim Morgan stated to Ms. Seng that the neighborhood has been following the process very closely and he thinks the word on the street is going to be quicker than the fax machine. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that it looks good, and he is glad that this problem has been taken care of by the legislature.

Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Wesely that he has one thought on the "F" Street project, that when Council had a Pre-Council Meeting on this issue some time ago, there were some thought of a possible sort poll and if this has been amended and he was wondering if he knew where they were at on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that they did a pre-assessment on the potential cost of the prime care to give them an idea of whether they are in the ballpark on the estimated cost. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Camp that they are concerned about it, that they don't know until the bids come back as to how serious the situation is. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that they hope the bids will come back as they thought they would and that they'll be within the Budget, but if they don't they will have to sit down and discuss where they go from there.

Don Herz stated to Mr. Camp that when they had the Pre-Council Meeting on this issue, he thinks they had indicated a potential shortage of questions on the dialysis, some of which he thinks would have cash, but they would still have to deal with the budget approval on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council the thing they don't want to do though, is to send a message out there that they are anticipating on higher bids coming in, so he is a little caution on what he says. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council

their hope is that they will get excellent bids back, but if not the first thing they will do is come back and tell them exactly where they are on it and they will have to make some decisions. Ms. Seng commented to Mayor Wesely but they are going forward with the project. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng that they are going to go forward with the project that they will figure something out.

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Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Item 30 [Vacating the alley north of W. C St. & west of SW 1st St.] that they removed from Pending for Council's action today, that he received a request from the Public Works Department to indefinitely postpone this item. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that he did receive a call from Mike Grieger requesting that Council take no action today, that he wishes to speak with Council in regards to this vacation, so if Council wishes to delay this item until next week for Monday, April 17, 2000. So, he can come forward and then they would probably have to open the public hearing because he did receive a call from Omadene Talley and she wanted to know if she could come forward today and he told her no, that it was not scheduled for any public hearing. Clerk Malzer indicated to Council that he let Ms. Talley know that Mike Grieger had called him requesting that no action be taken today on this item. Ms. Seng asked Clerk Malzer if he will bring this up at the Formal Council Meeting today. Clerk Malzer stated to Ms. Seng that he will bring this up at the meeting today.

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Mr. Vinci apologized to Mr. Fortenberry for the delay, but commented as you know our citizens really want the opportunity to clean out their household hazardous waste in an environmental safe and careful manor and they appreciate that. Mr. Vinci stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they are over excited because they have several other opportunities, but they like the first one.
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Mr. Camp stated to Kathleen Sellman that today Council has an item up for public hearing regarding the change in the sign ordinance and he has some questions about it. Mr. Camp asked Ms. Sellman if she had any thoughts in regards to this change in the sign ordinance. Ms. Sellman asked Mr. Camp if he was talking about the specific request that is before Council today. Mr. Camp stated to Ms. Sellman that is correct.

John Bradley stated to Mr. Camp that he wants to get his mind refreshed on it, so he would be glad to brief him prior to the Formal Council Meeting today. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Bradley okay.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

1. Response Letter from Roger Figard to Jerre Bovett - RE: Response to Letter addressed to Mr. Schwaubauer, Pavement Rehabilitation Manager.— Roger Figard apologized to Council for the delay on this response letter, and stated in the future this kind of thing doesn't need to happen.

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 Mayor Wesely commented to Mr. Fortenberry that he doesn’t know if Steve Huggenberger went over this with him or not, but one of the reasons they went to higher occupation tax was because the legislature passed legislation and took away the right-of-way reimbursement that the City got, so they are losing this revenue to cover our costs. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that he missed part of Steve Huggenberger’s presentation, so he may have missed that introduction. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that it would be very helpful to him, if he could get a cost break down of what the City used to collect vs. what this will collect. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he will have Don Herz and Steve Huggenberger work on getting him some background information on the cost break down of it.

5. Letter from Charlie Claus, Lincoln Independent Business Association - RE: Infrastructure Concerns.— Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks they met on Thursday with the School Board. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely that is correct. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he doesn’t know if they remember, but they did address this issue verbally and so Al is going to put together a written summary of where they are at on this issue. So, they can actually have it in the end because if Council remembers they have briefed the School Board, but they seem to forgotten that. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely and this is what Charlie Claus asked for. Mayor Wesely indicated to Ms. Seng that is correct, so they will get something in writing, so they can hand it out to him.

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ADDENDUM

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1. RFI #37 - Request to Lincoln Fire Chief Mike Spadt Re: Fiscal Statement of March 15, 2000. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

1. Memo from Steven Huggenberger - RE: Right-of-way ordinance (Council received this material in their Thursday packets on April 6, 2000)(Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office).— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Informational Update on Sex Offenders from the Police Department (Council received this material in their Thursday packets on April 6, 2000)(Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office). — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Faxed Letter from Russ & Judy Dlougy - RE: In objection of the B.E.S.T. School at the location of 70th & Saltillo.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
2. Letter from Rick HAAS -Owner - RE: Vince Cornell's application for a special permit for parking in the front yard.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
3. Letter from Mark A. Koller, Vice President, Commercial Federal Bank - RE: Proposed Increase in the Telecommunications Occupation Tax.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
4. Letter from David London - RE: The zoning variance for the parcel of land at the northwest corner of 70th Street & Saltillo Road.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
5. Faxed Letter from Rich Wiese - RE: Change of Zone 3232 & Special Permit 11818 - 702 West "O" Street.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
6. Letter from Guy Dean, Guy Dean Auto Sales, Inc. - RE: The Car Lot Dealer on West "O" Street.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

IV. DIRECTORS

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Jim Morgan stated to Council that he has a short announcement for them. Mr. Morgan indicated to Council in preparation for the installation for one of the new bridges in Wilderness Park that is coming up early this summer, they are doing tree removal in Wilderness Park today. Mr. Morgan stated to Council that it is a very limited number and he believes the total number is 16 trees in preparation for that contract. Mr. Morgan stated to Council, so if they hear from bikers or people in the next couple of days regarding this matter that it is for that bridge.

Ms. Seng asked Mr. Morgan if this is the Curt Donaldson's design for the bridge. Mr. Morgan indicated to Ms. Seng that is correct, financed by Lancaster County share of the Keno money and it will be south of Pioneers Blvd. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Morgan when is this bridge going in. Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. Seng that he thinks they are very close in bidding on it. Ms. Seng commented to Mr. Morgan that they need to have a celebration for this project. Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. Seng that they need to have a party for this one and he would like to come back for this special celebration.

FINANCE - Don Herz stated to Council that he actually has three items to discuss with them. Mr. Herz indicated to Council that two of the issues are related to Pershing Auditorium and the other is in regards to the material he handed out to them regarding the Year to date Tax Fund Revenues.

Mr. Herz stated to Council that it is fairly a detailed list and Mr. Camp had asked for this information. Mr. Herz stated to Council that they may go ahead and try to put it all on the Finance Departments entry level, that way they will be able to see it every month and the citizens will be able to see it. Mr. Herz indicated to Council so they are going to give this a try and see what works. (Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office).

Mr. Herz stated to Council regarding Pershing Auditorium, that he thinks he mentioned a couple of months ago that Ogden was planning to sell their entertainment part of their business. Mr. Herz indicated to Council that early last week he received a fax from them, that in fact they have sold this part to a company by the name of ARAMARK (ARA). Mr. Herz stated to Council the plan over the next several months is going to be finalizing that process. Mr. Herz indicated to Council that ARAMARK is primarily in the food business, not necessarily the entertainment side of things, so they are not quite sure what may happen. Mr. Herz stated to Council fortunately they have an Escape Claus in the contract that the City has with Ogden every year at the end of August, that they could potentially go out for bid. Mr. Herz stated to Council that they are going to be monitoring it, the problem will be if they turned it over to ARAMARK and they rented it for sometime and then turned it over to another company. Mr. Herz stated to Council that they will be watching it.

Mr. Herz stated to Council the other thing in regards to Pershing Auditorium is that they drafted a RFP to take a look at the physical problems and issues with Pershing and within the next couple of years they are going to have to do some upgrades to that facility such as the heating area, air conditioning and some asbestos issues and he thinks they need to look at it before they make that expenditure whether or not Pershing can potentially be expanded and so they are going to take a look at that possibility.

Ms. Seng asked Mr. Herz to share with the Council members about the Downtown Lincoln Association Meeting on Thursday. Mr. Herz stated to Council that there was quite a bit of discussion by that group and they were quite interested in what the pros and cons are in regards to this issue.

Mr. Fortenberry commented that this just really smells like a Task Force issue. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they can work on it. Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Mayor Wesely that this has so many reunifications, that obviously they received a huge public subsidy and with the contract starting over, you have a lot of discussions out there about what the State Fair Park is doing, County Agricultural Society, etc. on how all of these event centers are going to end up competing with one another. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that one of the things they are going to do, is that he and Don Herz are going to set up some meetings with the different amenities. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he thinks they are going to also meet with the Tourism Center, that they have tried to identify the different groups and they are going to ask them to be part of the study and part of the process. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that he is exactly right, that this is really critical, that Omaha looks like it is going to pass the bond issue that is up there for a huge project. Mayor Wesely stated to Council what in fact this has on them who knows, that it is a much bigger facility then what they are talking about, but still he knows there are Omaha interests. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that if they don't address the facility issue now and how they maintain the different activities that are going on in the City that the future is not good. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they do want to get on top of it and this study will be the first step.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Allan Abbott stated to Council that there seems to be some questions about what the City is going to do with the snow money. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council as soon as he is sure it is going to stop snowing, they will be coming back to Council with the balance and give them some indication of how much they need to hold in reserve and then they can of course use this money for street resurfacing and street construction becoming of what is going to happen to those dollars. Mr. Abbott stated to Council one of the thing that he would like to remind the Council is that although Rick Haden tells him right now, that he thinks they have all of the equipment our Personnel can handle. Mr. Abbott stated

to Council that the City is growing quite rapidly and they may need to take the opportunity to use some of this money to get a couple more pieces of the snow removal equipment because they keep on adding miles every year and you either

delay the time you get there or depend on somebody else. So, he wants to take some time to take a look at it.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated to Jim Morgan that he has a question about a bike trail along 27th Street south of Pine Lake Road on the area that is getting paved that somebody called him about this matter and he was wondering if there would be a bike path put along the side there or what was the status of it. Jim Morgan stated to Mr. Cook that they have not because there are residential streets all the way from the school and the park sites and they are not showing a new trail. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Cook that the goal is to have people within a three quarter mile access point trail and they are out there close to the South Ridge trail. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Cook if they continue to build south, the trail that crosses Pine Lake Road at 36th Street will go over the ridge line and start angling back down towards 27th Street, so rather than having two of them ½ mile apart that is the route.

Mr. Cook asked who is in charge of roosters in the City limits. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Cook that Leon Vinci is in charge of roosters in City limits. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Vinci if they have a law against keeping roosters in the City limits. Mr. Vinci stated to Mr. Cook that there are animal control regulations which would prohibit it. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Vinci that this lady said she called the Police on Saturday morning and the dispatcher said there was no law against it. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Vinci, so there is in fact a law against keeping roosters in the City limits. Mr. Vinci stated to Mr. Cook to give him the name and address of this individual and he will get in contact with this person. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Vinci okay.

Mr. Cook stated that the next item is in regards to the u-turning legislation today and he thinks it needs a little more work done on it. Mr. Cook stated to Council that he would like to talk to somebody about it, before they go forward on it. Mr. Cook indicated to Mr. Abbott that he thinks the legislation is still missing some things were clearly u-turns should be allowed, but officially are not in the law and he thinks it is very strange language. Mr. Cook commented that he keeps wondering who wrote this sort of thing in the first place so when they say “for an automatic traffic signal that is installed and actually functioned” opposed to just functioning. Mr. Cook stated that also he had a question about the ordinance, that he noticed the ordinance states that you can’t do a u-turn in the congested area which is the downtown area, the University Place and also College View that you can’t make a turn if you are headed the opposite direction going into a parking spot, so you can’t cross the street to go into a parking spot even though people do it all of the time. Mr. Cook commented that this might be of interest to Councilman Camp because in fact the congested area includes the Haymarket area, and he is wondering if given the change to the two-way streets down there and the different type of character that is downtown, that maybe they want to change it because he thinks it would be appropriate to allow people to use parking spots like that. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Camp if he has a thought on it or maybe if they should look at it. Mr. Camp indicated to Mr. Cook that he has no problem looking at it.

Mr. Camp asked the Public Works Department why do they have a double line in front of the new Embassy Suites on “P” Street and he was wondering if they are going to be able to turn left in there. (Roger Figard didn’t know for sure what Mr. Camp was talking about). Ann Harell stated to Roger Figard that she will show him later what Mr. Camp was talking about in regards to this matter.

Mr. Cook stated that he has one last question and indicated that somebody just called him about this matter and he has no other opinion about it, but he thought he would ask about it. Mr. Cook asked if there was a monument for the women who was killed on the bike trail at 32nd & South Street and he was wondering if this is on City property. Jim Morgan stated to Mr. Cook that it is on City property and that it is the beginning of a memorial plant provided back in 1990 or 1991 opposed against drink drivers. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Cook that entire row of trees paralleling to the

bike trail are all planted in memory of Lincoln Knights killed by drunk drivers. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Morgan that this person thought this memorial maybe was inappropriate to be on public property. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Cook that this question comes up frequently.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to talk with Allan Abbott after the Director's Meeting today.

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy stated to Mike Merwick that she would like to talk with him after the Director's Meeting today. Mike Merwick stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

CINDY JOHNSON - NO COMMENTS

COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng stated that she would like to thank Kathleen Sellman for attending her Citizen's Meeting this morning. Ms. Seng stated that Ms. Sellman is doing her bid on Stevens Creek Basin Planning today. Ms. Seng stated that Ms. Sellman goes to Middle Lane Neighborhood Meeting tonight and this will be a big group.

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry asked Chief Casady what is the story on the 60 or more arrests that happened at Pershing Auditorium after a concert the other night. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry that there was a concert going on at Pershing Auditorium and his street enforcement unit from their narcotics unit who was down there in the area, they issued 63 tickets mostly minor in possession of alcohol and misdemeanors in possession of marijuana or possession of drug paraphernalia and he thinks there was one arrest for cocaine. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry that this is pretty particular for them to do this at public events, where they think there is going to be a lot of drinking and smoking going on in the areas around there. Chief Casady indicated to Mr. Fortenberry last time they did it that he can recall was a Fish concert, where they made about the same number of arrests. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry nothing inside, that they were not inside of Pershing Auditorium.

Ms. Johnson asked Chief Casady if the alcohol was distributed by Pershing Auditorium or did they already have the alcohol themselves prior to going in. Chief Casady stated to Ms. Johnson that is correct, that it was people sitting out in their cars basically drinking.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he would like to talk with Chief Casady and Kathleen Sellman about the contract.

JERRY SHOECRAFT - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP

Mr. Camp commented to Mike Merwick that it seems like they are seeing more of the "Zoo Bar" & the "Royal Grove" posters around. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Camp that they are working on those posters, people are taking them down as fast as they are put up.

Mr. Camp stated that at 38th & “A” Street on the northwest corner there is a cross were and he was wondering if anyone had an idea of what it represented. Jim Morgan stated to Mr. Camp that this was a driver fatality, that they hit the public tree on that corner. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Camp that there are several other places in town where people have left flowers or markers. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Camp a lot of people at times where there has been auto accidents in the City or on the roads, they have not taken these down, but they can. Mr. Camp indicated to Mr. Merwick that he was curious of what it was for, that he thinks this is one of those things that probably should be left up. Mr. Morgan commented to Council that they eventually go away.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:53 A.M.