

**DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008  
11:00 a.m.  
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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**Council Members Present:** Doug Emery, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Dan Marvin, Ken Svoboda

**Council Members Absent:** Robin Eschliman, Chair; Jonathan Cook, John Spatz

**Others Present:** Mayor Chris Beutler, Trish Owen, Denise Pearce, Lin Quenzer, Mayor's Office; City Clerk Joan Ross; John Hendry, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff

Vice-Chair Doug Emery opened the meeting at 11:05 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 called on Directors. Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) commented you may have seen it on the news or in the newspaper this morning but they did a first time event. A number of communities at the end of the season before they let the water out of their pool, they invite dogs to come in and swim and so they did that at Star City Shores last night. The Health Department was involved and the partnership between the Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club. He thought if they had 50 dogs show up they would be doing well last night, they had 270 dogs in the pool between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. They raised about \$2,700 and will be split between the Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club. They learned from this event and will probably become an annual event, no serious problems, had a great time.

Dave Landis (Urban Development Director) reported on North 27<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege you might have seen a very attractive painted mural and is now completed. It was constructed out of the work of Clinton school children, it's bright and colorful, it has a nice attachment to the neighborhood and we did that along with NeighborWorks. There's a second mural that's now being planned, we just signed off on it's design and it will be in the Everett neighborhood area. The mural celebrates Hispanic culture merger with American culture as well but there are images that were brought to us by a local artist celebrating the Hispanic culture and we anticipate celebrating diversity and stronger ties with the neighborhood.

Police Chief Tom Casady reported this morning Firefighter Mark Eberspacher came to the Police Station which was previously arranged and was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, intentional narcotics violation and a misdemeanor count of theft. Chief Casady commented it's alleged that Mr. Eberspacher went to the home of a patient and took drugs that had been prescribed to her from her home.

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**III. CITY CLERK -**

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today, Items 10 & 11 will be called together. [**#10**, *Application of Casey's Retail Company dba Casey's General Store 2744 for a Class B liquor license at 4335 N. 70th Street.*; and **#11**, *Manager application of Tina M. Krings for Casey's Retail Company dba Casey's General Store 2744 at 4335 N. 70th Street.*]

Items 13, 14, & 15 will be called together. [**#13**, *08-107, Change of Zone 08027 - Amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the Zoning Code, by adding a new Section 27.25.080 to provide that each application for a building permit in the O-1 Office District shall be reviewed for compliance with the Lincoln Downtown Design Standards; by amending Section 27.35.020 to add prohibited uses in the area of the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District from 150 feet east of 17th Street to the eastern edge of said district; amending Section 27.35.025 to delete recycling centers as a permitted conditional use in the B-4 district and to add vehicle body repair shops as a permitted conditional use in the area 150 feet east of 17th Street to the western edge of said district; amending Section 27.35.030 to modify existing provisions regarding permitted special uses in the B-4 district and to add service stations as a permitted special use in the area of the B-4 district from 150 feet east of 17th Street to the eastern edge of said district; amending Section 27.35.070 to modify the height and area regulations in the B-4 district; adding a new Section 27.35.080 to provide that each application for a building permit in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District shall be reviewed for compliance with the Lincoln Downtown Design Standards; amending Section 27.63.180 to modify existing provisions regarding permitted special uses in the B-4 district and to add service stations as a permitted special use in the area from 150 feet east of 17th Street to the eastern edge of said district; amending Section 27.67.050 to modify special parking conditions in the B-4 district; amending Section 27.69.070 to allow certain permitted signs in the B-4 district beginning*

*150 feet east of 17th Street and continuing to the western boundary of said district and to allow certain permitted signs in the B-4 district beginning 150 feet east of 17th Street and continuing to the eastern boundary of said district; and repealing Sections 27.35.020, 27.35.025, 27.35.030, 27.35.070, 27.63.180, 27.67.050, and 27.69.070 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.; #14, 08R-187, Misc. 08007 - Amending the City of Lincoln Design Standards by amending Chapter 1.00 Request for Waiver Procedure, to add a new Section 2.5 to provide a separate process for waivers from the Lincoln Downtown Design Standards, and to add a new Chapter 3.76 to adopt Lincoln Downtown Design Standards for exterior features of projects requiring building permits in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District and the O-1 Office District.; and #15, 08-108, Change of Zone 08026 - Application of the Planning Director for a change of zone from R-6, R-7, and R-8 Residential Districts to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District; from I-1 Industrial Park District, P Public Use District and B-3 Commercial District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District; and from R-6 Residential District and I-1 Industrial District to P Public Use District, on property in the Antelope Valley area generally located from K Street to Vine Street, from 17th Street to 23rd Street.]*

Items 17, 18, 19, & 20 will be called together. For Item 17, they have three Motions-To-Amend, Motion-To-Amend #1 was in their packet and Motions-To-Amend #2 and #3 she just handed out to them. They also have a letter from Alan Wood the Ag. Society's attorney which is on their Directors' Addendum. Marvin Krout (Planning Director) stated he will be at the meeting this afternoon to answer questions. [*#17, 08R-160, Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Lancaster County Agricultural Society relating to the annexation of approximately 160 acres of property generally located at North 84th Street and Havelock Ave.; #18, 08R-161, Comp. Plan Amendment 08014 - Amending the 2030 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to designate land located at the southeast corner of North 84th Street and Havelock Ave. as Commercial in the Land Use Plan.; #19, 08-89, Annexation 08004 - Application of Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc. to amend the Lincoln Corporate Limits Map by annexing approximately 29.07 acres of property generally located at North 84th Street and Havelock Ave.; and #20, 08-90, Change of Zone 08025 - Application of Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc. for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to H-4 General Commercial District on property generally located at the southeast corner of North 84th Street and Havelock Ave.]*

For Item 26, they have a Motion-To-Amend #1 which she handed out to them. [*#26, 08R-190, Adopting the LES 2008 Rate Schedules, Service Regulations, and Cost Analysis Summary providing for a system average increase of 10.1 percent, to be effective September 1, 2008.]*

For Item 29, just a reminder, they have a Motion-To-Amend #1. [**#29, 08-100, Approving a transfer of appropriations and cash (where appropriate) between certain capital improvement projects within the street construction/vehicle tax fund, water construction fund, and sanitary sewer construction fund within the Public Works & Utilities Department.**]

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Mr. Camp stated to Dave Landis (Urban Development Director) the article that came out this Sunday on the West Haymarket Arena project noted the proposal now has been adjusted so it does include a Convention Center. He was just wondering if he could give them a little more background on it. There was discussion about the West Haymarket Arena project.

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Mr. Emery commented thank-you again to all of you who were part of your flexibility as we got through the budget this year. Everybody that he talked to was certainly very helpful and very willing to find compromises and he appreciate it, thank-you very much. Mr. Emery adjourned the meeting.

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**B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - None**

**C. MISCELLANEOUS -**

1. Letter from Alan M. Wood, Attorney - RE: Items #18, #19, & #20 on the Council Agenda for 08/18/08 - Commercial Development at 84<sup>th</sup> & Havelock - Bill Nos. 08-89, 08-90, 08R-161. - NO COMMENTS
2. E-Mail from Tadd Delozier - RE: Say NO to another LES rate hike. - NO COMMENTS
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