DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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2. Special Permit No. 1164A (Add 4 residents and a 5-stall garage - 3301 Sheridan Blvd.) Resolution No. PC-00591.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Response Letter from Joy Citta, Captain Center Team to Mr. Wineberg - RE: The Public Service Officers who enforce downtown parking frequently issue citations for the violation of expired plates (See Letter).

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

*1. Letter from Jim Visger to Dave Wolvin - RE: 70th & Holdrege Street Intersection Left Turn Lanes (See Letter).


STARTRAN

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: StarTran, in cooperation with 96KX and Barry’s Bar & Grill, will provide public transit service on April 8, 2000 between Barry’s Bar & Grill and Pershing Auditorium for persons attending the Mark Wills/Martina McBride Concert (See Release).

WOMEN’S COMMISSION

*1. Letter from the Lincoln/Lancaster Women’s Commission - RE: Advisory Report 99/00-7 — Concerned with the vote of the City Council on 3/13/00 to deny a request for $5,000 in funding for general education for the Nebraska AIDS Project (See Letter).

C. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Joel Potter - RE: An article in today’s Omaha World Herald of YMCA’s ongoing business activities (See E-Mail).

*2. Letter from Bill Roper, President of Roper & Sons - RE: Pleased to see the Stevens Creek Basin planning initiative completed (See Letter).
*3. Letter from Janet Coleman - RE: The open microphone at City Council Meetings (See Letter).


7. Letter from Robert D. Hackwith, President, Landon’s Neighborhood Association - RE: He has over the years fielded numerous complaints from their members and others about the annoying loud noise generated from large trucks slowing down for stop lights or intersections in the area. The area would include Superior from Interstate I-80 to 40th Street, 27 Street from Interstate 80 to Cornhusker Highway and further south, along Cornhusker Highway, and many other streets too numerous to mention (See Letter).

8. Letter from Jennifer Hoover to Jon Camp, Cindy Johnson, Jerry Shoecraft, Jeff Fortenberry - RE: A recent City Council decision concerning the allotment of keno funds and the Nebraska AIDS Project (See Letter).

9. Letter from Donald B. Dickerson, Ph.D. to Jerry Shoecraft, Cindy Johnson, Jeff Fortenberry, Jon Camp - RE: He is making an appeal to you to reconsider the funding for the Nebraska AIDS Project (See Letter).

10. Letter from Olga Conant with other signatures - RE: L & W Garbage Service (See Letter).

11. E-Mail from Michael Eppel - RE: Agree that Livingston’s will have to be held to a very high standard at the site (See E-Mail).


14. Letter from Jack D. Eades, Executive Director, MEDSTAR, Area Metropolitan Ambulance Authority - RE: The Request For Information for ambulance services recently released by the City of Lincoln (See Letter).

IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM MARCH 27, 2000.
Directors’ Meeting
MINUTES
Monday, April 3, 2000
Conference Room 113


Council Members Absent: Jerry Shoecraft

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, 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 stated to Council that April 1st was Census Day and one thing they are trying to do is to talk about filling out the Census form. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that it is against the law if you don’t fill out the Census form and they don’t want to get into any controversy about answering some questions, that they just want people to fill it out. Mayor Wesely stated to Council the more people who fill it out the better off they are as a City.

Mayor Don Wesely indicated to Council that they might have saw the article in the newspaper over the weekend regarding the Concert Survey and that Ms. McRoy has been involved in this effort. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are going to be trying to get some feed back and with more people looking at it, there will be more entertainment for the City of Lincoln. So, they are getting this information out to get some feed back.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they tried to get a hold of them before the news came out, but obviously they are aware that Jim Morgan is heading back home. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that he thinks this is a huge loss for the City. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that Mr. Morgan has done a great job and he has tackled a huge number of projects. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he is glad for Mr. Morgan and he knows this is going to be a challenge for them.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that his strategy at this point, is to talk some more with Jim Morgan about the leadership in the Parks & Recreation Department and get a sense of transition. Mayor Wesely stated to Council they have some time before Mr. Morgan leaves, but not a whole lot of time. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if they can first look to local talent, that he thinks this is the best way to go because this will save them time. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that he doesn’t know right now, which way to go, but he will let them know when he decides on it.
Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely when is Mr. Morgan leaving. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the decision will be in a couple of weeks from Madison, and he doesn’t anticipate there will be any problems and Mr. Morgan doesn’t want to formally take any action until that formal decision, then they will have 30 days to make the move. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he is thinking mid-May, but if they can make a decision earlier, he is sure that Mr. Morgan would be happy to get to Madison sooner. So, he will see what they can do, but again he wants to thank Jim Morgan for years of outstanding service and they appreciate what he has done for Lincoln and obviously his talent has been identified by another great City.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that in their packets they should have received the EMS Task Force Report which was led by Leon Vinci. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely that this report was on the Director’s Addendum that they received this morning. Mayor Wesely commented to Ms. Seng is that right. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he would like Leon Vinci to come forward and take a few seconds to give them highlights and to answer any questions they might have on the report.

Leon Vinci stated to Council that the EMS Report was issued late Thursday, so that is why it was delivered to you on Friday, so this is why it was on the Director’s Addendum today. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that basically as they know the Mayor formed an EMS Advisory Task Force at a particular time when priority dispatch and some other issues were hitting hard and fast; and he knows that Council had expressed their concerns as well, so the Mayor outlined it in a goal statement for the task force. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that it was a sixth question initiative that the task force then tried to get his arms around by the way of having several meetings, discussions and getting a variety of input from all of the parties involved for purposes of addressing these questions and moving on to a direction. Mr. Vinci stated to Council while they were in that process, the 911 Center (the one with emergency dispatch protocols) and some other related issues kind of all came together and quite frankly the task force job was made a little easier because of that. Mr. Vinci stated to Council the positions that the Mayor had outlined were addressed at the staff level and were actually already incorporated before the task force included their deliberations, so they felt pretty good about that and showed immediate progress. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that it was a real mechanism for bringing all parties together, as well as the Mayor and the roles that the City Council played in the process because they did get the parties together and he thinks some myths and some rumors were dealt with head on and hands on. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that between all of the parties they had the chance to have some direct eye contact and some personal dialog through the meetings.

Mr. Vinci stated to Council that there were some general consensus at the end, that many parts of the general system they had worked on, but there were some rough edges that needed to be addressed and that is one of the reasons why the task force is meeting and the Mayor has been looking at those as well. Mr. Vinci stated to Council the need for professional medical assessment was in the process because it is emergency medicine at the field level, before it gets to the emergency room location is clear to the
linkages to the positions of the medical community and hospitals as well. So it was re-enforced as a judgement as a general consensus; that there was a vote in their last meeting as to how some language would be worded and there were three or four people who certainly felt that for reasons which they decided to itemize on the bottom of page 6 (for their own personal reasons and others) they thought they couldn’t really go along with the general worded statement. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that the consensus of the group was to have a worded statement that was the general nature, so they did and as a result of that the final document was put together and circulated to the task force members for one last timing period and then released by an official. (Copy of this Report is on file in the City Council Office).

Ms. Seng asked Leon Vinci when did the Medical Society receive this report. Mr. Vinci stated to Ms. Seng that they mailed this report out to the Medical Society on Thursday, so they should have already received it. Ms. Seng indicated to Mr. Vinci okay. Mr. Camp asked if it would be possible to have a Pre-Council Meeting on this issue. Ms. Seng stated to Council that she will talk with Joan Ray about getting this Pre-Council Meeting scheduled for next week. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that he wanted to thank Leon Vinci and he thinks a lot of issues that were hanging out there got resolved and he appreciates the fact they did it. Ms. Johnson stated to Mayor Wesely that Leon Vinci did a really good job on the EMS Task Force Report and that she was very pleased with it.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he also knows they got briefed on the Entryway Study and that he is really impressed with it. Mayor Wesely thanked Mr. Fortenberry for being involved in this project. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that Mr. Fortenberry has been meeting with them for weeks, if not months, working on this project. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that this was a quick action when you think about it because they talked about it maybe towards the end of the year and in a couple of months they had gotten started on it. So, he is here to tell them again, that he stands ready to work with them on this project and to implement it and that there is also a commitment on part of the Planning Department and others to see this project happen. Mayor Wesely thanked Mr. Fortenberry for his hard work and leadership on this project.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that he was very impressed as well and he looks forward to this being duplicated to other sectors. Mr. Fortenberry asked Mayor Wesely if he was going to have a press conference on this project. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that they want to talk with him about when they should have the press conference.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he also wanted to note, that they discussed the Nudity issue earlier and again he is ready to work with them on this issue. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are putting together a report for them regarding this issue and they should have something for them by the next Director’s Meeting and any time they want to sit down and talk about it on how to deal with it to let him know. Ms. Seng commented to Mayor Wesely that he might want to check with Dana Roper
because she thinks they have another Pre-Council Meeting (Executive Session) coming up on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng okay. Mayor Wesely indicated to Ms. Seng that they would have to hear from the Urban Development and from the Police Department and get some background information that they can use.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that the City did get a contract from the Post Office dealing with the parking issue down there. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he did sign it and then he sent it back to them. Mayor Wesely stated to Council their hope is that they will sign it and they will be done, then they would be able to move forward on it. Ms. Johnson asked Mayor Wesely if they do sign it how long does he think it would take before they all sign off. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Johnson that they will move rapidly, once they get the legal hurdles cleared. Mayor Wesely asked Allan Abbott about how they could move on the Post Office project. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. Johnson they have already talked to Roger Figard about it and his staff have already started on the design itself, but obviously there has got to be a little clean up down by Burlington Northern and anticipating they will be signing the agreement, that they will be ready to go fairly soon after that. Mayor Wesely commented to Ms. Johnson that he knows the project will be down by this summer, so if things go well they will be moving quickly.

Mayor Wesely commented to Council speaking of the Baseball project, it was approved unanimously and they are already starting to do some work on it. Allan Abbott stated to Council that they are getting the Public Works & Utilities junk yard out of there. Mayor Wesely stated to Council they will have a groundbreaking here in the next couple of weeks, and of course they will all be invited to it.

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Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he has some news on it. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that the Appropriations Committee did meet this morning and agreed to put $500,000 into the Centennial Mall for an override this morning. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that this is really good news. Mayor Wesely stated to Council the way the Appropriations process works, it is a two year budget they have talked about for the City and they are in the second year of that. So in fact the second $500,000 was a promise, that they would have to go back through and put it in the budget for next year. Mayor Wesely stated to Council clearly what they wanted was to make sure the City got the $500,000 and they have agreed with that. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it looks good and it looks like they should have the Appropriations Committee behind on an override and this is a really good sign. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council by the end of the day they will know if they have this money and be able to move forward on the project.

Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely what about “F” Street. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng that “F” Street is over on final reading and he hasn’t heard anything else on it. Jennifer Brinkman stated to Council that it is in LB968 which is up for final reading today, that it has the E-Claus attached to it, so if they get enough votes on it they could move forward to start the financing right away, once it is signed by the Governor.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he wanted to ask a question about the Centennial Mall project. Mr. Fortenberry asked Mayor Wesely if he anticipates kicking off parallel private initiatives by the City taking leadership in that role. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they will have to come back and put the money in the City’s budget and then they have a private sector support group that is informed and they also have the Law Enforcement that has already raised the money on the first block, so they have been a huge help to them. Mayor Wesely stated to Council once they get the go ahead sign to do it, then they will be able to do even more in terms of fund raising.

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II. CITY CLERK

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Item 3 [Appointing Lloyd Johnson to the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term expiring October 2, 2001] he will request a motion to withdraw this particular resolution because at this time there is no vacancy. Clerk Malzer indicated to Council that this is the reason for the withdraw.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Item 5, under Miscellaneous Referrals, Council has three resolutions to vote upon, setting the hearing date for Monday, April 17, 2000 at 1:30 p.m., one is for a managers application for “Russ’s B & R IGA” at 130 N. 66th Street requesting that they have the Retail Class “B” liquor application for “Mahoney Golf Course” at 7900 Adams Street.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that he also received a request for a Retail Class “IK” liquor license & catering license for “TFG, Inc.” doing business with Capitol Dining Room located at 1445 “K” Street.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to the Pending items, they received a memo from the Public Works Department in regards to Items 22, 29, & 32 [Vacating that portion of 11th St. lying between the north R-O-W line of Y St. & the northwesterly line of Burlington Northern R.R. R-O-W in the NE 1/4 of Sec. 23, T10N, R6E; Approving an exception to the Guidelines & Regulations for Driveway Design & Location requirements of vehicle stacking for Lincoln Federal Savings at 70th & “O” Sts.; & Vacating the alley north of W. C St. & west of SW 1st. St. ] requesting that these items be removed from Pending. Clerk Malzer indicated to Council that he will request a motion to remove these items from Pending for Council action next week for Monday, April 10, 2000. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that he will inform any interested parties, especially the vacations because many of them were placed on Pending because they haven’t received the money yet. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that the request is on the chance that they indefinitely post pone these three ordinances.

Mr. Cook asked Clerk Malzer about a letter from the Planning Department regarding Item 25 [Change of Zone 3023 - App. Of the Planning Director for a change from B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business to R-5
Mr. Cook stated to Clerk Malzer that they received a memo from Kathleen Sellman on the Director’s Addendum today to withdraw this item. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that they can sure do that. John Bradley stated to Council that there is a memo from Kathleen Sellman on the Director’s Addendum recommending that Item 25 be withdrawn. Mr. Bradley indicated to Council that they worked with the City Law Department and with the applicant and they have drafted language which is going through the system now. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Bradley if Mr. Scott was happy. Mr. Bradley stated to Ms. Seng as happy as he can be.

Mr. Camp asked if Council needs to do something on the Nudity Ordinance. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Camp that she thinks Dana Roper will handle the issue. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp that he thinks he is going to let it sit, while they decide what they are going to do and if they decide they want to move ahead with it, they can. Mr. Roper indicated to Mr. Camp when they make that decision they can get it off of Pending. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp from his understanding they were going to talk about it, then decide what they want to do about it. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Roper that is fine, that he was just asking about it.

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JON CAMP

1. Response from Joy Citta, Captain Center Team, LPD - RE: Lee’s Automotive repair–27th & “T” Streets (RFI#32).— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

Mr. Camp indicated to Chief Casady that Joy Citta works very hard on responses in regards to Request For Information that Council members do to departments and he thinks a lot of times when other directors write response letters they will often mention in the process which Council member requested the information. Mr. Camp stated that he thinks it would be helpful to the constituent if they know which Council member requested the information. Mr. Camp stated that he doesn’t know how the rest of the Council feels about it, but he would appreciate it if this could be done for him.

CINDY JOHNSON

1. Response from Joy Citta, Captain Center Team, LPD - RE: The noise associated with a nightspot in the Haymarket area (RFI#143).— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

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1. Letter from Joel D. Pedersen, Assistant City Attorney to Graham Johnson, Director, University of Nebraska Environmental Resource Center - RE: Graham Johnson’s Letter of February 28, 2000 - Interested in the Lincoln Ballpark Project.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

FINANCE

1. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - Urban Development/Administration - March 7, 2000.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

3. **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT** - Mayor’s Department/Women’s Commission - March 8, 2000.— Mr. Camp commented to Don Herz on the Fiscal Impact Statements that all of the statements wasn’t listed on the Director’s Agenda. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Herz that he doesn’t know who he should talk to about this matter, but he has some questions regarding the $50,000 for the Fire Department on the contract consultant services. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Herz as he viewed a RFI process, that they need to have a level playing field when the City subsidized the $200,000 right up front and he doesn’t know what kind of message this sends out to the private sector.

Don Herz indicated to Mr. Camp his view would be that it would be a capitalized cost and the cost acquiring the contract would have to be advertised and recovered during a period of the contract if that was ever awarded to it. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Camp that this would also be the process the private sector would follow. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Camp that they have an acquisition cost and it would be advertised over the period of the contracts. Mr. Herz indicated to Mr. Camp that he would expect to see the acquisition cost be included as part of the over all cost. Mr. Herz indicated to Mr. Camp that he thinks there should be an over all cost of acquisition that would cover all costs.

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2. Response Letter from Kathleen Sellman to Eleanor Francke - RE: The Beltway Study.— Ms. Seng commented to Kathleen Sellman that this was a nice letter that she sent to Eleanor Francke regarding the Beltway Study. Ms. Seng thanked Ms. Sellman for this letter.

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION .....**

1. Final Plat No. 99055 - Autumn Ridge West 1st Addition (No. 21st Street and Atwood Lane) Resolution No. PC-00590.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
2. Special Permit No. 1164A (Add 4 residents and a 5-stall garage - 3301 Sheridan Blvd.) Resolution No. PC-00591.— Ms. Seng asked Kathleen Sellman if this Special Permit is over on Sheridan Blvd. was finalized, unless they appealed it. Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that is correct.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Response Letter from Joy Citta, Captain Center Team to Mr. Wineberg - RE: The Public Service Officers who enforce downtown parking frequently issue citations for the violation of expired plates.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

*1. Letter from Jim Visger to Dave Wolvin - RE: 70th & Holdrege Street Intersection Left Turn Lanes.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

*2. Memo & Material from Allan Abbott - RE: Article on Recycling Drop-off Sites.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

STARTRAN

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: StarTran, in cooperation with 96KX and Barry’s Bar & Grill, will provide public transit service on April 8, 2000 between Barry’s Bar & Grill and Pershing Auditorium for persons attending the Mark Wills/Martina McBride Concert.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

WOMEN’S COMMISSION

*1. Letter from the Lincoln/Lancaster Women’s Commission - RE: Advisory Report 99/00-7 — Concerned with the vote of the City Council on 3/13/00 to deny a request for $5,000 in funding for general education for the Nebraska AIDS Project.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Joel Potter - RE: An article in today’s Omaha World Herald of YMCA’s ongoing business activities.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

*2. Letter from Bill Roper, President of Roper & Sons - RE: Pleased to see the Stevens Creek Basin planning initiative completed.— Ms. Seng asked Kathleen Sellman if they received a copy of this letter. Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that she believes they did receive a copy of this letter.

*3. Letter from Janet Coleman - RE: The open microphone at City Council Meetings.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

*4. Letter from Sharla Schultze - RE: The Ambulance Service in Lincoln.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS


*6. Letter from Kristin Grosskopf - RE: The recent Council vote to withhold funding of the Nebraska AIDS Project.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
7. Letter from Robert D. Hackwith, President, Landon’s Neighborhood Association - RE: He has over the years fielded numerous complaints from their members and others about the annoying loud noise generated from large trucks slowing down for stop lights or intersections in the area. The area would include Superior Street from Interstate I-80 to 40th Street; 27th Street from Interstate 80 to Cornhusker Highway; and further south, along Cornhusker Highway, and many other streets to numerous to mention.--- Ms. Seng stated that Mr. Hackwith wrote to her and Ms. McRoy. Ms. Seng stated that she has also talked to him twice. Ms. Seng stated that this letter is all about “engine braking”. Ms. Seng asked Allan Abbott if someone is working on this matter.

Mr. Abbott stated to Council that this is the sign they talked about last week in regards to putting the signs up more frequently and they will do that. Mr. Abbott stated to Council instead of “engine brake” and it something that has been suggested in regards to the noise ordinance, that it will be enforced and that it would also cover people with bomb boxes as well as the “engine braking”. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council that this is an attempt to get signs up and they will be putting the signs up on Superior Street as far as 84th Street and they will be enforcing it. Mr. Abbott stated to Council, so if this meets with their approval they will try it this way, and if it doesn’t they can go back to something else. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that this is what they would suggest to do at this time.

Mr. Fortenberry commented to Mr. Abbott that maybe it would be helpful if they communicated this information to the Neighborhood Association Committee, and that way they could put it in their newsletter. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry okay, that he will give them a call.

8. Letter from Jennifer Hoover to Jon Camp, Cindy Johnson, Jerry Shoecraft, Jeff Fortenberry - RE: A recent City Council decision concerning the allotment of keno funds and the Nebraska AIDS Project.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

9. Letter from Donald B. Dickerson, Ph.D. to Jerry Shoecraft, Cindy Johnson, Jeff Fortenberry, Jon Camp - RE: He is making an appeal to you to reconsider the funding for the Nebraska AIDS Project.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

10. Letter from Olga Conant with other signatures - RE: L & W Garbage Service.--- Ms. Seng asked if someone would tell her about this L & W Garbage Service. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Abbott what was going on with this matter. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. Seng that he is not to sure if anything is going on. Mr. Abbott indicated to Ms. Seng that of course waste contractors are buying up a couple of hauling services in Lincoln. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. Seng that he is not aware that they are trying to buy L & W, but they did get one letter from a couple other customers and he is going to have Steve Owens give them a call and look into it. Mr. Abbott indicated to Ms. Seng that was one of the concerns they were worried about before regarding how many they would buy up within the community and move back the flow control. Mr. Abbott indicated to Ms. Seng that he just received the letter and they are going to be calling them and finding out what happened.

Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Abbott if there is anything the City can do, since the private industry doesn’t have contracts with the City and she was wondering if this was correct. Ms. Johnson commented to Mr. Abbott so there is nothing the City can do, that it is their choice if that is what they choose to do. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. Johnson that is correct.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Mr. Abbott if there are any situations in the City where the consumer has the choice of garbage service. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he doesn’t know.

Mr. Camp stated to Council that he was going to mention one thing as to what Ms. Johnson was talking about in regards to the control of it. Mr. Camp indicated to Mr. Abbott that he thinks one concern that was raised by the Waste Association was on the landfill and certain over head costs that the City has occurred, and if the new bender is going to have their own facility /sewer in Milford or something that could under mind the financial integrity of the City and stuff.
Mr. Camp stated from his understanding they are currently using the City now, but this may be an issue to monitor. Ms. Seng asked Allan Abbott if this was correct. Mr. Abbott stated to Council there is all sorts of things happening in the agreement and Dana Roper talked to two of them. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council that they were going to come forward with the flow control ordinance; then Columbus was declared unconstitutional, so they proposed that they sign an agreement that essentially says they will use the City, and that they don’t ever open up the landfill to anybody else outside the County. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that he was reluctant to sign it at this point and time because they may at some point want to do something, so Mr. Roper has been working on trying to find an ordinance the City could pass; so they are still working on it.

Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Abbott what exactly did the Columbus legislation say, that the City had to use their facility and that’s it. Mr. Abbott indicated to Ms. Johnson that they had to haul it to their facility. Mr. Roper stated to Ms. Johnson if you have garbage in Columbus, then you have to go with Columbus land, and ours was headed down the same road and the judge had ruled that it was constitutional. So this why they were going to use it, but the 8th Circuit said no that it was not constitutional. Mr. Roper stated to Council that Columbus has asked for a rehearing and right now everybody is kind of looking at what, if anything, they can do in terms of the flow control, that right now it doesn’t look very good. Mr. Roper stated to Council if the 8th Circuit stands, that it looks like this approach may be a dead issue.

11. E-Mail from Michael Eppel - RE: Agree that Livingston’s will have to be held to a very high standard at the site.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

12. E-Mail from Thomas Everson - RE: Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Traf.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

13. E-Mail from Kip Griffin - RE: The Paving District 2616.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

14. Letter from Jack D. Eades, Executive Director, MEDSTAR, Area Metropolitan Ambulance Authority - RE: The Request For Information for ambulance services recently released by the City of Lincoln.— Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely if he has seen this letter. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng that he has seen this letter.

**ADDENDUM**

I. **MAYOR**

(Mr. Fortenberry went through the Director’s Addendum.)

1. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Wesely Urges Citizens To Participate in Census.— Mayor Don Wesely discussed the Census during his comments to the Council under “I. Mayor – paragraph #1”. (See that discussion)

2. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS RELEASE - RE: Concert Survey Being Distributed in Lincoln.— Mayor Don Wesely mentioned this issue during his comments to the Council under "I. Mayor – paragraph #2". (See that discussion)

3. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS RELEASE - RE: Separation Of Grass And Leaves starts Tomorrow.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS  -NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

CITY ATTORNEY

1. Inter-Department Communication to Council from Dana Roper - RE: City of Erie v. Paps A.M. dba Kandyland.— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Mayor’s EMS Advisory Task Force Memorandum from Leon Vinci - RE: Final Draft Report (Copy of this Report is on file in the City Council Office).— Mr. Fortenberry stated that they have already gone through this Report. Leon Vinci discussed this report with the Council under "I. Mayor - paragraph #4". (See that discussion)

PLANNING

1. Memo from Kathleen Sellman - RE: Change of Zone No. 3023 (Bill No. 97-66)(#25 On the Agenda).— Mr. Fortenberry stated that Council had already gone over this memo earlier. Mr. Cook mentioned this Change of Zone under "II. City Clerk - paragraph #5". (See that discussion).

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Frank J. Dudek - RE: Reply to Selling Park Land. — Mr. Fortenberry asked Jim Morgan to take a look at this E-Mail.

2. Faxed Letter from Jerry Carlson - RE: The Public Nudity draft that Council are reviewing. — Mr. Fortenberry asked why don’t Council send out their general response to let them know that Council has received his letter.

IV. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Leon Vinci stated to Council that this is National Public Health Week.

Leon Vinci stated to Council that they did get a call today from the State laboratory confirming the substance was not “Anthrax”, that preliminary tests indicated that the substance in a jar labeled anthrax, that was found by the Lincoln Post Office on Thursday does not appear to have contained anthrax. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that although this event was a hoax, it did demonstrate the ability of the various Lincoln-Lancaster County Departments, state and federal agencies to respond effectively and they all did a great job on it.
Leon Vinci stated to Council that he has a hand out for them regarding the Household Hazardous Waste collection schedule coming up. Mr. Vinci indicated to Council that their first session this year is on Saturday at the end of Public Health Week and there will be many other activities for Public Health throughout this week. Mr. Vinci indicated to Council that on Friday they have an open house, that the Mayor is going to issue a proclamation and there will be some free screenings and other things.

Leon Vinci stated to Council that The Teddy Bear Cottage-5th Anniversary Celebration is this week. Mr. Vinci commented to Council that he just wanted to give them all of this update information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Casady stated to Council that last Thursday, the State Patrol finished classifying the first ten high risk sex offenders. Chief Casady indicated to Council that he wants to give them some scope of what is going to happen in Lincoln. Chief Casady indicated to Council that Lincoln has 167 registered sex offenders living in Lincoln as of this morning. Chief Casady stated to Council the State Patrol’s Clinical Psychologist that is contracted for this work, is guessing about 2/3 or 3/4 of all sex offenders will ultimately be classified as category 3-High Risk Offenders, which means they should have around 120/125 and stated that this number is going to grow until at least the year 2007. Chief Casady commented to Council that this issue is going to get big pretty quickly.

Mr. Cook asked Chief Casady what kind of follow up will they have on this matter. Mr. Cook asked Chief Casady if there will be monitoring to see if there is any harassment of these individuals or asked if any other act has been taken against them. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Cook only if they report something to the Lincoln Police Department. Chief Casady indicated to Council that the category briefs or public releases will be a weekly press release that comes out from the State Patrol to all Nebraska Media organizations and they will also have a very nice website for people to look it up in their own zip codes. Chief Casady stated to Council that several states have been doing this for quite a number of years. Chief Casady commented to Council that he thinks people are going to be a little bit shocked to find out about the number of sex offenders they have in Lincoln.

Ms. Johnson indicated to Chief Casady in regards to this issue she thinks that maybe a Pre-Council Meeting is necessary sometime down the road because when it becomes more and more public awareness, so they need to stay on top of it, so they can at least answer some of their concerns. Chief Casady stated to Ms. Johnson that this is why he wanted to bring it up to them because he thinks they will start hearing from people as those numbers grow.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thinks Ms. Johnson idea sounds pretty good in regards to having a Pre-Council Meeting on this issue. Mr. Fortenberry asked Chief Casady if they have a response letter to send out to them because obviously their response is going to be to turn it over to them, so he was wondering if they have a response from his community team that might be able to guide people with young children who find out they live next door to a sex offender. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry that yes they do and they will have a lot of presentations on it, they have brochures about it, and they are offering to go out to any Neighborhood Association or blocks that would like them to stop by and give them a presentation on it or talk to them a little bit about the offense that their neighbor committed. Chief Casady stated to Council that they put this information out last week when they talked to the media about it.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Roger Figard stated to Council that he has a little added information on two of the resolutions being introduced today. Mr. Figard indicated to Council that on Items 42 & 43 in regards to the Southeast Beltway, that he wanted to make sure everyone understood that this is just a formal acknowledge in the transferring contract ownership. Mr. Figard indicated to Council that one of the items is the contract from the City and the Consultant; and the other one is the interlocal between the County and the City. Mr. Figard stated that this item will be on the County Board tomorrow afternoon, so when it comes to the City Council next week the other two partners will sign it and acknowledge it. Mr. Figard stated to Council that this doesn’t change the schedule or money, that it only changes the ownership of the contract.
Allan Abbott stated to Council that in regards to Item 18 [Amending Section 10.14.200, 10.14.210, and 10.14.220 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to permit U-turns at select locations when permitted by an authorized traffic control device] one of the things they looked at when they were out looking at the “O” Street property that there was a lot of u-turns to get back to some businesses. Mr. Abbott noted that Chief Casady reminded him that this was illegal, so this is the change in the ordinance that allows u-turns when signed for you to turn. Mr. Abbott stated to Council so the purpose of this amendment is to make it legal now.

Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott that he would like to talk with him about the ordinance in a little bit more detail because there might be some other situation where there are medians. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook okay. Mr. Fortenberry commented to Mr. Abbott that he thinks u-turns ought to be permitted at the Airport because you end up turning back in the opposite direction when you don’t have the median break and you end up in a private business parking lot. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they are going to have to take a look at all the places where the u-turns can be safely made.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

JERRY SHOECRAFT - ABSENT

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Roger Figard about the manhole that is heading westbound in the right hand lane on Vine Street between 33rd & 31st Street that it needs to be repaired.

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to talk to Kathleen Sellman after the Director’s Meeting today.

ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

CINDY JOHNSON

Ms. Johnson stated to Kathleen Sellman and Chief Casady that she saw the Rights of Police Officers Symposium on Labor Relations Information System on Law Enforcement and she was wondering if someone from the City was going to attend it. Ms. Johnson indicated to Chief Casady that she would like someone to attend this event and she didn’t know if he was aware of it. Chief Casady stated to Ms. Johnson that the brochure she is holding up doesn’t look familiar. Ms. Johnson asked Chief Casady if he would take a look at the brochure. Chief Casady indicated to Ms. Johnson that he will take a look at it.
COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely that she cut this article out of the County’s Newsletter and she thinks they need to figure out a way for the County and City staff to communicate with each other. Ms. Seng indicated that this article is about the open house for the County-City Building and the Hall of Justice Building. Ms. Seng indicated to Council that the open house is scheduled for May 6, 2000 and she also knows that the Building Commission is doing something for it. Diane Gonzolas stated to Council that it was in the newspaper last month and it will be in the newspaper again this month and invitations will go out around April 11th. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Gonzolas okay.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:05 P.M.

*HELD OVER FROM MARCH 27, 2000.