Directors’ Meeting
Monday, January 31, 2000 – 11:00 A.m.
Conference Room 113

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IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Directors’ Meeting
MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Coleen Seng, Jeff Fortenberry, Jerry Shoecraft, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Cindy Johnson.

Council Members Absent: Jon Camp.

Others Present: Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor’s Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; City Clerk, Paul Malzer; Tammy Bogenreif, City Council Staff; Kevin Berkland, Rural Metro and Chris Hain, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR - Mayor Don Wesely not present. No comments from staff.

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II. CITY CLERK

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Items 6, 7 & 16 [Change of Zone 3182-App. Of the B & J Partnership ; & Declaring approx. 0.9 acres of property generally located at S. Coddington Ave. & W. “A” St. as surplus & authorizing the sale thereof; & Use Permit 118-App. of B & J Partnership ] will be called together during Public Hearing.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Items 13 & 14 [Special Permit 1135C-App. Of Hugh Sieck to amend Flint Ridge 2nd C.U.P. to add 10 dwelling units fronting on private roadways on property generally located at S. 66th St. & South Street; & Accepting &
approving the Pre. Plat of Flint Ridge 2nd Add. On property generally located at s. 66th St. & South Street] will be called together during Public Hearing.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Item 25, under Miscellaneous Referrals, Council has one resolution to vote upon, setting the hearing date for Monday, February 14, 2000 at 1:30 p.m., on the application for Lan Siu Wong dba Thai Binh for a Retail Class “I” liquor license at 1309 “L” Street. Clerk Malzer indicated to Council that this is for a transfer of ownership.

Ms. Seng asked Clerk Malzer about the reconsideration on the Towing issue and was wondering if they can vote to put it back on their Agenda and then can they actually vote on it. Clerk Malzer stated to Ms. Seng that it is on the Agenda already. [#24 - Request for Reconsideration by Council Person Shoecraft of City Council’s 1/24/00 Action on: Ord. 17596-Approving a Lease Agrmt. between the City & Phantom, Inc. For the lease of City owned property for use as an impound lot for towed vehicles AND Reso. A-79979-Approving a 4 yr. Contract between the City & Phantom, Inc. for vehicular towing & storage (was amended to extend present contract for 1 year, 1/31/01)]. Clerk Malzer stated to Ms. Seng, since there is a request for this item they can vote upon it today if they wish too. Ms. Seng stated to Clerk Malzer okay. Ms. Seng thanked Mr. Shoecraft for getting this item back on the Council Agenda for reconsideration.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Ann Harrell if they have anything to report to them regarding the Towing contract issue. Ms. Harrell stated to Ms. Seng that she doesn’t have anything for them in regards to this issue. Mr. Fortenberry thanked Ms. Harrell.

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   Allan Abbott stated to Ms. Seng that they have had some conservations with them already.

2. Response from Rick Haden, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: The “jake-brake” issue (RFI#794).--- Ms. Seng stated that she sent this Request For Information through last week and had given Dana Roper a copy of an article from a magazine that said it was illegal and that they were using a name wrong. She hopes they all saw the article in the newspaper yesterday regarding this issue. Ms. Seng stated that Rick Haden wrote a very fine response to them regarding this issue, but she asked the Public Works & Utilities Department to check and see if Mr. Haden wrote back to the individual who actually sent the Request For Information through to the City Council Office. Mr. Figard stated to Ms. Seng that he will check into this matter.
   Mr. Fortenberry commented the issue of it being a violation of a trade mark name or something could easily be resolved by just saying “engineer-brake” instead of “jake-brake”. Ms. Seng commented what Mr. Haden is saying is that they have enough regulation to address this issue. Mr. Figard indicated to Ms. Seng in the noise ordinance.
   Mr. Fortenberry asked the Public Works & Utilities Department if they would have signage for it. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Fortenberry that this would be an option. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he hasn’t had a chance to visit with Mr. Haden yet and he doesn’t know whether he has visited with the Police Department on this matter. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Fortenberry that at sometime they need to talk about the noise ordinance. Mr. Figard asked Chief Casady if Mr. Haden has had any discussion with him in regards to this issue.
   Chief Casady stated to Mr. Figard “yes” just that discussion he mentioned.
   Ms. Seng indicated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that they are receiving alot of these letters from residents near 84th Street. Ms. Seng stated that Council does receive alot of letters regarding this problem. Ms. Seng asked the Public Works & Utilities Department, if they will please discuss again the possibility of signage and then talk with Council again. Allan Abbott and Roger Figard stated to Ms. Seng okay.
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JON CAMP

1. Response from Scott Opfer, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: 20th & “K” Street (RFI#16).--- MR. CAMP ABSENT - NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS.

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when it gets closer to the date.

Ms. Seng indicated to Mr. Morgan that she remembers Bea Richmond from
along time ago, but she hasn’t seen her for years.

Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. Seng that it was a wonderful process and they heard
from people all over the neighborhood coming forth talking about Bea Richmond.

PLANNING

1. MEMO from Kathleen Sellman - RE: Recent Elderly, Retirement or Domiciliary
Projects.--- Kathleen Sellman stated to Council that this memo is some update
information for them. Ms. Sellman stated to Council they have had a number of these
updates and they thought this would be something they would want to know about.
(This memo is for Council’s information).

Mr. Bradley stated to Ms. Seng that they have about five of these in process
right now and at anytime when they see this type of activity that they let Council know
about it.

Ms. Johnson stated to Mr. Bradley that she has heard there is quite a demand
and she wanted to know if they follow that at all. Mr. Bradley indicated to Ms.
Johnson they don’t follow it. Ms. Johnson indicated to Mr. Bradley that she knows the
private sector does follow it.

Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Mr. Bradley that he appreciates this information.
Mr. Fortenberry commented to Mr. Bradley that it is interesting, given the one they
dealt with on 40th & Pine Lake. Mr. Bradley stated to Mr. Fortenberry that Savannah
Pines got alot of attention because of the friction with the neighborhood on it, but
because of that, when they saw that they had almost another half-a-dozen coming right
after it, they didn’t want it to be episode after episode, etc. They would like for them to
kind of get a bigger picture and this is something that is happening and is responding to
the market. Mr. Bradley noted to Council that the baby boom curve is heading that
way now, so everyone is getting ready for it.

2. Memo from John Bradley - RE: Commercial/Residential Interface.--- (Mr. Shoecraft
has requested that the Planning Department look for a way to minimize the conflict that
exists between used car lots and neighboring residential uses. Mr. Shoecraft cited two
specific situations, one at 9th Street South and South Street, and another on Pear
Street, one lot east of 27th Avenue North.) Ms. Seng stated that Mr. Shoecraft
received an answer from John Bradley about some used car lots. Mr. Shoecraft
commented to Ms. Seng that it really wasn’t an answer, but it was a nice letter. Mr.
Shoecraft stated to Mr. Bradley what he means by this is that he is still doing research
on it and he hasn’t really come up with an answer yet.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Bradley that Omaha faxed him something on
Friday and personally he didn’t understand it. Mr. Bradley indicated to Mr. Shoecraft that he received Omaha’s ordinance on Friday and he has talked with them. Mr. Bradley stated to Mr. Shoecraft that Omaha has buffering requirements and he hates to say it, which is superior to Lincoln’s sounds like, so he has to get into it and figure out what it is. Mr. Bradley stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he will do an update on it. Mr. Bradley stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he did receive the information in time for the Problem Resolution Team Meeting last Thursday and he hopes to get the update out before the next PRT Meeting.

Mr. Shoecraft commented to Ann Harrell that she brought this issue up when he called her prior to the Problem Resolution Team Meeting. Ms. Harrell stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she passed out copies of Mr. Bradley’s memo to the PRT members and told them more information would be forth coming. Mr. Shoecraft commented that his point to this issue is that Mr. Bradley is still working on this issue and the answer is still forth coming. Mr. Bradley stated to Mr. Shoecraft that is correct. Mr. Shoecraft thanked Mr. Bradley for addressing this issue.

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. MEMO from Wynn Hjermstad - RE: Establishing a North 27th Street Maintenance Business Improvement District.--- Ms. Seng asked Marc Wullschleger, if he wanted to talk about this issue a little bit. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that Mr. Shoecraft had asked him to give Council an update on the North 27th Street projects. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that they have four high visibility sites up there: the first one - is 27th & Vine Street-this is going to be a two block area which is now almost bull-dozed, in this area area there will only be a Walgreen’s and a McDonald’s. Mr. Wullscheleger indicated to Council that they found about 15 foundations underneath some of those parking lots, so they have ran into all kinds of trouble, they found bad soil near the gas station, which probably will be taken care of in the next couple of weeks and then they have to relocate the sewer. So, hopefully these two construction projects will start in May.

Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council the second project is “S” to “T” Streets, a little bit up the block by Midest Muffler they have one more house to sale. Mr. Wullschleger indicated to Council that he wouldn’t let them tear this house down because he thought it was an affordable housing. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Shoecraft that hopefully they will be getting someone to move this house, otherwise, they are going to have to tear it down. Mr. Wullschleger indicated to Council that RFP’s will be going out on this, probably in the next couple of weeks, that it is just about down. He stated to Council that they are looking for commercial with possible residential up above it and this one block area will be RFP.

Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council the third project is the Team Station for the Lincoln Police Department. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that LPD will be moving in within the next two weeks. Chief Casady indicated to Mr. Wullscheleger that is correct. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that there is no date set-up for the opening house yet. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council the North Bridge Community Center next door, the old Save-Way Store are still on target for January 2001 and they are about 2/3 done on the fund-raising.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that this is a great thing and thinks alot of people are
excited about it. Mr. Fortenberry asked Mr. Wullscheleger what is the maintenance improvement districts mechanism for operation and he was wondering how this was going to work. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they are going to be entirely funded by the business owners. Mr. Fortenberry asked Mr. Wullscheleger voluntarily. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Mr. Fortenberry no. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Mr. Fortenberry the single family residents will not be included, everything else that is on 27th Street will be included.

Ms. Seng asked Mr. Wullscheleger won’t this come back to Council at a later time. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Ms. Seng that is correct. Ms. Seng stated to Council what is before them today is to appoint the board to begin to work on it. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Ms. Seng that is correct. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Council that there is about a 99.5% support there. Mr. Fortenberry commented to Mr. Wullscheleger will sure there is because this is a great idea. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Council that it was the business owners idea, that they came to them and wanted it.

Ms. Johnson stated that this is what she was going to bring up. Ms. Johnson asked Dana Roper where are they at on the law suit for the downtown business. Ms. Johnson asked if it was wise for them to do another one, when they are already in a law suit or should they wait. Mr. Roper stated to Ms. Johnson let him check on it, but he thinks they are okay on going ahead with it. Mr. Roper stated to Ms. Johnson that he will double check on it and get back to her.

Jennifer Brinkman stated to Council if she may mention, the City has been working with DLA and the League of Municipalities on two pieces of legislation to address with the questions regarding BID’s because Hastings also had a problem with their BID’s and the League is caring the bill for us, but Ron Raikes is the sponsor and he has two different bills. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council that this morning she dropped off some information to the Council Office regarding Legislative Update for this session. (Council will receive this material in their packets on 2/3/00). Ms. Brinkman stated to Council that the two bills are different in one just addresses the three issues that are apparently at issue in a possible law suit and the second one are some issues that DLA has as far as some tax assessing and classification of properties. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council that she will get them some further updates on exactly what has happened.

Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Chief Casady that he thinks the Lincoln Police Sub-Station on North 27th Street looks good and he knows they have caught some criticism for it and he can’t understand why because he thinks it is fantastic. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he thinks there was some criticism real early on in the project. Chief Casady stated to Council that the LPD Station is gorgeous and that he just came from there.
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ADDENDUM

III. CORRESPONDENCE

C. MISCELLANEOUS


2. Faxed Letter from Bob & Vicki Rokeby - RE: The Public nudity ordinance.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
3. Faxed Letter from Olive Gaube - RE: The Public nudity ordinance.---NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

4. E-Mail from Jon Olsen - RE: The Towing Contract.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

5. Letter from Terry Hinkle, Representative of L&L Towing Inc. - RE: The Towing Contract.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

6. Letter regarding the City contract for towing.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

7. Two letters - RE: The Public nudity ordinance.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

IV. DIRECTORS

Ms. Seng commented to Leon Vinci that they had a huge day on Friday.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Leon Vinci stated to Council that this was an interesting week for them and as they may know the City prepared its officials Emergency Responders of the whole week in a weapons of mass destruction training exercise that was coordinated through Emergency Management and this combined with a drill on Friday. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that from all of the information that he saw the drill went very well.

Mr. Vinci stated to Council that earlier in the week he had the privilege of being in Washington D.C. at the CDC Conference on the 2010 objectives for the nations for the Board of Health. Mr. Vinci indicated to Council that locally they issued the 2010 Health Objectives to Council members. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Vinci that they received their copies of this report on Friday morning at the Common Meeting.

Mr. Vinci stated to Council that they had a Healthy People 2010 Public Health Conference on Friday afternoon where they met with a wide range of representatives around the community and they talked about these components and goals that are measurable for Lincoln and Lancaster County. So they are going to keep track on this and keep themselves accountable and move forward.

Mr. Vinci stated to Council also on Friday night was the Annual Meeting of the Board of Health. Mr. Vinci indicated to Council that the keynote speaker was Paul W. Nannis from the Federal Government and Washington D.C. and he talked a little bit about what had happened the prior week with the 2010 Health Objectives and also talked a little bit about the services that they provide. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that they also had the opportunity to award individuals from our community with Community Health Awards.
from the Board of Health. Mr. Vinci stated to Council that this was co-sponsored by the Community Health Endowment, which today is their dead-line date for applications, so the Health Department submitted a few applications already and they will be submitting a few last-minute ones this afternoon, in time for the final date; and they hope to be able to bring some of these dollars through some partnership collaboration they have set up for the local help initiative programs for Lincoln.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated to Council when they discussed the East “O” Street project they talked about doing something a little bit more with the medians and then the subject of sidewalks came up. Mr. Cook held up a design map of the Vine Street plan which has some very nice sidewalks. Mr. Cook stated to Council the sidewalks are 8 feet wide, the sidewalks are concrete and it looks really nice. Mr. Cook asked the Public Works & Utilities Department, if they have a copy of this plan, so they can look at it. Ms. Seng asked Marc Wullscheleger from the Urban Development Department, if he could get a copy of this plan to the Public Works & Utilities Department, so they can take a look at it. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Ms. Seng that he will get a copy of this plan over to the Public Works & Utilities Department.

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy asked Jim Morgan who repaints the emergency light and telephone system over in Trago Park. Ms. McRoy indicated to Mr. Morgan that she understands it is the University’s, but since it is in a City park that she was wondering which one maintains this area because the light doesn’t work. Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. McRoy that the University maintains this area and he will call it in for her. Ms. McRoy thanked Mr. Morgan.

Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady that when she was over investigating the light problem, that she ran into a couple of his officers and had them test it out for her and she told Chief Casady that these officers were very helpful in getting this turned in and calling it right in. Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady that she appreciates the officers taking the time out to help her. Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady that they were a couple of bicycle officers who were patrolling the park and she was glad to see these officers patrolling the park during the daytime.
CINDY JOHNSON

Ms. Johnson asked the Planning Department, if they are anticipating any problems with the Stormwater Management. Kathleen Sellman stated to Ms. Johnson she doesn’t think so.

Ms. Johnson asked if anyone has received any calls about vacating Liberty Lane between Dawn Avenue & Cromwell Drive in the 3-mile jurisdiction of the City (00R-37). Ms. Johnson stated to Kathleen Sellman that she received a call in regards to this item and she didn’t know if they are anticipating any opposition.

Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Johnson that she is anticipating that there will be opposition on this item. Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Johnson there will be an delegation from that neighborhood to succeed with the vacation to go on. Ms. Johnson stated to Ms. Sellman that for both of these vacations she would like the opportunity to vote on them, but she is going to be gone the next two weeks, so if there is opposition on these items she is going to ask the rest of the Council if they could delay the vote until she returns in two weeks.

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Allan Abbott that he noticed the greenery is extended all the way up to a 4 foot median in the right turning lane. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he has to look at the report.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Jim Morgan that he received another call about the animal waste problem and they said they had spoken with him regarding your interest in potentially having some ordinance that would prohibit this in City parks.

Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that animal waste in parks is a big problem. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry that people with dogs don’t care where their dogs do their thing regarding playgrounds, etc. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry that the City Parks & Rec. Department employees deal with it daily and during the summer when their mowing. Mr. Morgan indicated to Council that parents call him frequently asking who is going to clean shoes and that kind of stuff; and will they come out and shovel it up and he lets them know that they can’t do it. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that he don’t believe there is a strong City ordinance language that would allow someone to be prosecuted for it. Mr. Fortenberry asked Mr. Morgan what does he recommend them to do about this problem.

Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he recommends that people learn some manners and he is not sure how they can accomplish this. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr.
Fortenberry many cities that have addressed this issue has gone to a carry ordinance that says they must carry a mechanism for removal of animal waste, if they are on public property, and how they enforce this ordinance he doesn’t know for sure. Mr. Fortenberry asked Mr. Morgan could it be possible that for a park over 5 acres or something they could put signs up for people to clean up after their dogs.

Leon Vinci stated to Mr. Fortenberry that there are alot of animals in this community that the Health Department licenses. Mr. Vinci stated to Mr. Fortenberry that might not be a good idea if they concentrate on one particular area. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that they haven’t been successful for dog owners to keep their dogs on leases in the City parks and eventually some child will be badly bitten in one of the City parks because of it and then it will probably be a bigger issue and then there will be more support. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry that it will take more than putting up signs in the City parks and these people know they should clean up after their dogs.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Don Herz that he attended the Sesame Street Live event at the Pershing Auditorium this weekend and that it was really a fantastic show. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he will pass this along because he thinks there is a Pershing Board Meeting tomorrow. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Herz okay.

JERRY SHOECRAFT

Mr. Shoecraft commented to Ms. McRoy that he needs to read further on this issue, but he wanted to know on her proposed ordinance for a fine on trucks or other oversized vehicles parked in the streets, if she defined “trucks” in her proposed ordinance. Ms. McRoy indicated to Mr. Shoecraft that she did define the word “trucks” in her proposed ordinance. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

Mr. Shoecraft asked the Public Works & Utilities Department about a response to his Request For Information (RFI#19) regarding the sidewalks on 25th Street between “B” & “C” Street and he was wondering if anyone from the Public Works & Utilities Department has had a chance to go look at these sidewalks yet. Roger Figard stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he doesn’t know if anyone has gone out and looked at the sidewalks yet, but he will follow up on this matter and get back with him. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Figard okay. (This Request For Information was on the Director’s Agenda for January 24th under “III. Correspondence-A. Council Requests-Jerry Shoecraft” and Once the response to this RFI comes in, it will go back on the Director’s Agenda noting that it is a response to a RFI).

JON CAMP - ABSENT

COLEEN SENG - NO COMMENTS
VI.  MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:55 A.M.