DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2000 - 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 113

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2. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS RELEASE - RE: Beal Slough Plan Is Focus Of Public Meeting (See Release).


5. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Changes to the Parks & Recreation Ordinances - Chapter 12 (See Memo).

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Council Members Present: Coleen Seng, Jerry Shoecraft, Jon Camp (arrived late), Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Cindy Johnson.

Council Members Absent: Jeff Fortenberry.

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 him and Coleen Seng will be holding the Town Hall Meeting next Monday night (March 13th) and they are all invited to join them at the meeting. The Town Hall Meeting is on Monday, March 13th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Isles Reception Hall, 6232 Havelock Avenue. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council what he wants to do is have about four of these meetings and invite all of the Council Members, Department Director’s and State Legislatures. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks this is going to be great.

Ms. Johnson stated to Mayor Wesely that she is really pleased he is going to have these meetings and that he is going to be there. Mayor Wesely thanked Ms. Johnson. Ms. Seng stated that there will be coffee and cookies starting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Seng indicated to Mayor Wesely that they are also going to have a big sign out on Cornhusker Hwy letting people know about this meeting.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the second good news he has is that the Appropriates Committee did allocate $1 million to the Centennial Mall project. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they will put in a half million dollars for the next Budget year and a half million dollars in the following Budget, so it will be for $1 million over the next two years. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that this is really terrific news.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he handed out to them some material regarding the RFI’s and the timeline process on the Ambulance Certificate. Mayor Wesely stated to Council he is sure they have a pretty good proposal for them on this matter. Mayor Wesely went over the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Ambulance Services in Lincoln, Nebraska regarding the Requests For Information on the proposed Time Line with Council. (Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office). Mayor Wesely stated to Council they are presenting them with this draft, that was done by Vince Mejer and Dana Roper. He would like for Council to look it all over and if they want anymore details to let Dana Roper know. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council their hopes is to have a comfort level with the Council, so they can release this information on Friday. Mayor Wesely stated to Council they call it a RFI because the ordinance allows anybody to apply for the certificate of convenience to do an ambulance at any point and time, so it is kind of an open process; and they can’t exactly call it a Request For Proposals because right now the ordinance is opened to anyone and anyone can apply at any time for it. So, they are trying to put a structure and a time limit in place on the process, so they call it a Request For Information. Mayor Wesely stated to Council the recommendations the Mayor’s EMS Task Force that Ms. Johnson is on and the EMS, Inc. Certificate Reviews Committee that Mr. Shoecraft is on are going to try to wrap it up this week and have it back to them by this week or next week.

Ms. Johnson asked Mayor Wesely, if he knows what cities these are going to be sent too. Mayor Wesely
stated to Ms. Johnson that he understands there are six national major companies, so all six of these companies will receive it. Mayor Wesely commented as he understands it there are six ambulance companies of the size and with the network. Ms. Johnson asked Mayor Wesely if Council could have a list of the names of the companies. Mayor Wesely indicated to Ms. Johnson sure they can and Vince Mejer stated to Ms. Johnson that he will get Council a list of the names. Ms. Johnson stated to Mr. Mejer okay.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he will go over the rest of the material with them, then he would be happy to answer any questions they might have for him. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council the material regarding the City of Lincoln - Emergency Ambulance Service Evaluation is for 1993 RFI/RFP process, so they have this information to compare with current RFI’s. (Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office). Mayor Wesely went over the Informational Material and Supplemental Questionnaire For Ambulance Services with the Council. (Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office & the Ambulance Transportation Code material is on file in the City Council Office). Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that if they have feed back he recommends to talk to Dana Roper about it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Vince Mejer was really critical on the drafting of this proposal.

Mr. Camp asked Mayor Wesely, if they have feed back on this information how do they discuss it before Friday. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Wesely that he is kind of surprised they are playing with it and he is saying to Council they have four days to take it or leave it. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp if they look it over, he thinks they will find that it is pretty straight forward and if there is a problem they can delay it on sending it out, if there is a lot of conflict on it. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Wesely that this is what he hoped to discuss the last four months. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that he thinks these standards are currently in place, that they haven’t done anything new here that he knows of. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Wesely that they haven’t had the opportunity to sit down and discuss this issue, so sending it out is really amazing to him. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Camp let him clarify a little bit of it up for him, there are two issues-one is the question of who provides the ambulance services and that is the focus of this material, but the second issue, which is probably one of the greatest intention that there has been in regards to the question of paramedics and their role and the relationship which was the subject of the negotiations they had with Rural Metro. Mayor Wesely commented to Mr. Camp that this issue is really not something to decide in this matter; that this is the ambulance issue regarding the certificate and providing the ambulances, so they can continue to discuss it. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Wesely that it seems to him they are not organized up front and that it is kind of half baked. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that he disagrees with him. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Camp that the question of County is beyond their approval, that the certificate is for the City of Lincoln. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Camp that they will be talking to the County Board tomorrow. Mr. Camp asked Mayor Wesely, if they can talk about this issue more because he would like to have some input. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Camp sure they can. Mr. Camp indicated to Mayor Wesely that they need to set the standards and they need to do it with medical input. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that maybe Vince Mejer can go over some of the concerns and issues with him.

Mr. Mejer commented to Mr. Camp that he needs to be careful, that this is a supplemental information to the City’s standards application, and this information again will provide additional information, so by the time they get done receiving this information, the Review Committee will know anything about any ambulance firm that wants to do business within the City of Lincoln. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Mejer that it is to opened, and they are not going to get valid information and as a result they are not going to get as many responses back because this is people who can’t afford to spend a lot of time if it is just puffing in the wind, and they will say come back to them when they are there. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Mejer, if his intent here is to eliminate people, he is doing it and he thinks they owe it to design that Emergency Medical System and say what they have. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Mejer that he is in favor of designing the system, then asking vendors about it, that he doesn’t want the vendors to tell him what to do with their system. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that they are not, they are answering information, the system is already in place and there are certain standards.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Camp that he served on the EMS Task Force and the system is designed, that this has to go out to get the information. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Mr. Camp here is the report, that will be coming out to the Council. (Mr. Shoecraft pointed out some things to Mr. Camp that was in this report). Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Mr. Camp that this report talks about recommendations to consider on improvements to the new certificate as it is being prepared. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Camp that this is what they did on the EMS Task
Force, they went through everything and designed it, so who ever gets the certificate this is what they hope they will following in the designing and the improving of a new system. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Mr. Camp that it has already been done. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Camp that this was adopted by the EMS Board and they hope that who ever gets the certificate will following these standard procedures to have even a much better system. Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Camp that they have already done it, and here it is. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Shoecraft when will Council get this report.

Ms. Johnson asked Mayor Wesely when they send this out are they going to be asking questions about what they do with their existing arena. Ms. Johnson commented that she could see where this would be very helpful to see how other communities do and this is what she assumed this RFI was suppose to help them see on how they do it. Ms. Johnson asked Mayor Wesely, if she was understanding this correctly. Mr. Mejer stated to Ms. Johnson that is correct. Ms. Johnson stated to Mayor Wesely that she wants to make sure if they don’t get responses back that they don’t have somebody come up and say businesses are not interested in it, so it needs to go to the Firefighters and she doesn’t want to hear that. She wants to make sure this is very clear because businesses are on time and they even have strong budgets that they stay prudent too; and that is why they can keep costs down where sometimes government can’t keep it down. So if that is in deed the case, she hopes he realizes that they tried it, but it didn’t work that they go back to square one and not use that as something against private industry. Ms. Johnson stated that she is very concerned about this. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Johnson that she has the right to be concerned about it. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council when he first saw the draft ordinance he about fell over, that it was so detailed, but in fact it is pretty standard. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council after he looked it over he realized that it was mostly basic information and background.

Ms. Johnson asked Mayor Wesely if there is a whole bunch of concerns regarding this issue, can they have a Pre-Council Meeting on Monday. Mayor Wesely commented to Ms. Johnson sure they can. Mayor Wesely stated to Council to go through the material and if they what to go over the information to set up a Pre-Council Meeting. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely that they really need to know by Thursday morning if they are going to schedule a Pre-Council Meeting for Monday, March 13th to discuss this issue.

Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Camp that he understands his concerns, but he has been battling this issue for along time and they are going to disagree on some issues, but hopefully they can move forward. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Shoecraft when will the draft report from the EMS Task Force be ready. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Ms. McRoy that Ron Schwartz said that the final copy of this report will be distributed to Council at the end of this week. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council Dana Roper and Reuter Connor will be gone on Thursday and Friday.

1. Letter from Rodney E. Slater, The Secretary of Transportation to Mayor Wesely - RE: Chicago O’Hara slots.--- Ms. Seng stated that she was pleased to see the letter come back from Chicago on the O’Hara slots. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that he is going back on March 22nd to have a meeting with them in regards to this matter. Mayor Wesely stated to Council what is happening is that the Airport Authority are very concerned about losing slots. Mayor Wesely stated to Council after this meeting he will report back to them. Ms. Seng indicated to Mayor Wesely okay.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mayor Wesely what amazes him also was that he got a flight booked out of here on April 14th and he has to drive to Omaha just to get to this flight and so many people have said that it is worth driving to Omaha, if you save $50 to $125, but they shouldn’t have to do this. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Mayor Wesely that this situation is really bad and he hopes that maybe with his leadership on it that they can change it, so they don’t have to drive to Omaha to get a flight out.
II. CITY CLERK

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Items 7 & 8 [Amending Sec. 3 of Ord. 17394 relating to the pay schedules of employees whose classifications are assigned to the pay range prefixed by the letter “C” by creating the job classification of “Environmental Laboratory Specialist II”; changing the job classification title of “Environmental Technician Supervisor” to “Environmental Specialist III”; changing the job classification title of “Utility Plant Equipment Supervisor” to “Facility Maintenance Supervisor”; & changing the class code & title of “5318 - Environmental Laboratory Technician” to “5290 - Environmental Laboratory Specialist I” & Amending Sec. 5 of Ord. 17394 relating the pay schedules of employees whose classifications are assigned to the pay range which is prefixed by the letter “N” by creating the job classifications of “Maintenance Operator” & Maintenance Operator II”; changing the job classification title of “Environmental Technician I” to “Environmental Specialist I”; & changing the job classification title of “Environmental Technician II” to “Environmental Specialist II”] will be called together during Public Hearing.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council on the Pending list in regards to Item 42 [Special Permit 1423C - App. Of Dru, Guy, & David Lammle to amend the Himark Estates C.U.P. to add land, increase the assigned number of dwelling units from 240 to 300 multi-family dwelling units, & to approve the site plan for the multiple family area, on property generally located at the northeast corner of S. 84th St. & Old Cheney Rd.] that this item is scheduled to come off Pending for Public Hearing on Monday, March 13, 2000.

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   Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Johnson that she didn’t see an elected official on it. Ms. Sellman indicated to Ms. Johnson the presentation at the City/County Common Meeting, the nod was to go ahead with some appointments, but not with those elected positions. Ms. Johnson stated to Ms. Sellman okay and she asked her if they were going to be adding anybody else on it. Ms. Sellman indicated to Ms. Johnson as far as she knows this is going to be the Committee as it will be constituted. Ms. Johnson stated to Ms. Sellman okay.
Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Johnson, if she has a reason for that, they can discuss it. Ms. Johnson stated to Mayor Wesely that was fine, that the last time she heard this is what was happening, but she missed the last meeting, that it is okay.

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Jim Morgan stated to Council that the Parks and Recreation Department along with the Public Works Department and other City staff will present the proposed plans regarding the proposed Pine Lake underpass for the Williamsburg Trail at an upcoming public meeting. Mr. Morgan stated to Council that they are meeting with all of the neighborhoods this Friday night (March 10th) at 7:00 p.m. at Cavett Elementary School, 7701 S. 36th Street in the Multi-Purpose Room. Mr. Morgan indicated to Council this was the only night they could get all of the neighborhoods and the School together.

Mr. Morgan indicated to Council that they are having some very good weather in Lincoln and he heard them this morning talking about the newly heavy issue about City government, but they really need to focus on Services that the City is providing. Mr. Morgan stated to Council if they were out around town at all over the weekend, did they see the golfers and the bike trails full of people, people flying kites in the parks, the baseball teams practicing early, and all of the birds (all the birds are back in Lincoln already). Mr. Morgan commented to Council that this should make them realize that there are some good things that are happening.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Casady stated to Council that Lincoln is going to have a new place opening up in the Haymarket area pretty soon and it will be called “Buzzard Billy’s Armadillo Bar-N-Grillo”. Chief Casady stated to
Council that this is a franchise of three locations, one in Texas, one in Wisconsin and the third one here in Lincoln.

Chief Casady stated to Council what he wanted to bring to their attention was bared within the application of the material they received a letter from the applicant explaining his one and only charge of what we would call here in Nebraska a tavern violation that occurred in Texas with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Chief Casady stated to Council that they charged him with one count of drinking while on duty, which is still legal here in Nebraska, but in most States it is illegal for employees to drink on their establishments while they are working. Chief Casady stated to Council that the applicant pleaded guilty to the charge before the Commission and was fined $1,200; which is exactly what happens in Nebraska for similar kinds of incidents. Chief Casady commented to Council that he beats not to many people drink and take the risk of drinking in their establishments in Texas.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated to Kathleen Sellman that he would like to ask her some questions after the Director’s Meeting today. Ms. Sellman stated to Mr. Cook okay.

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy stated to Jim Morgan when he was talking about the nice weather they had this weekend, that she was out on her bike at the Capitol ParkWay Trail yesterday and she went under the underpass and she thought it was really dark down there. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Morgan, if it is always that dark down there. Mr. Morgan commented to Ms. McRoy that he has the same feeling when he goes through it. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Morgan that it is kind of spooky down there. Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. McRoy that is correct because it is long and it is curved. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Morgan if they are going to put anymore lights in the underpass. Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. McRoy that it fills up with water a lot, which was one of the problems with lights being down there. Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. McRoy that he will look into this issue.

Mr. Cook asked Jim Morgan what kind of lighting is planned for the Williamsburg Trail. Mr. Morgan commented to Mr. Cook that actually they do learn, but there is an opportunity here that he believes it was a center sky light. Mr. Morgan indicated to Council that the Williamsburg Trail is not the length of the Capitol ParkWay Trail, that the Capitol ParkWay Trail is one of the largest intersections in Lincoln and you have the creek, angle roads and it has a very long passive way, but they try not to do that if they can avoid it.

CINDY JOHNSON - NO COMMENTS

JEFF FORTENBERRY - ABSENT

JERRY SHOECRAFT - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

COLEEN SENG - NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.