AGENDA FOR
City Council Members’ “NOON” Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2000
Immediately Following Director’s Meeting
Conference Room 113

I. MINUTES

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II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy) – DISCONTINUED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
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Mr. Cook stated to Council there were a couple of other things in regards to the RTSD Meeting. Mr. Cook stated to Council there has been frustration from citizens because they think the underpass was not designed well, that somebody didn’t give proper thought on it and now they are stuck with the bill, but the problem is that they have to pay it. Mr. Cook stated to Council that he is a little bit worried that they are saying they might cut the LIBE because if they cut it very much, that it is not just $35,000 they could lose a numerous amount of money, which will delay a lot of the RTSD projects. So, they will just see where they are next year, but they can’t do anything about it on what they choose to do on that level, other than try to convince them how important it is.

Mr. Cook reported to Council that the Journal Star is starting the 9th Street trackable and this is for $200,000 and this doesn’t pay the whole bill. Mr. Cook stated to Council they are hoping to find somebody who will remove the tracks for scrap metal, take the tracks and ties and they will pay them for the removal. Mr. Cook stated that the $200,000 is just for the rehabilitation to put the new concrete in the street areas, sidewalks and the planting areas along the sides of the streets, so they are hoping they can work something out with the sub-contractor.

Mr. Cook stated to Council that also on the 3rd & “A” Street overpass they have ran into some problems with the negotiations with the railroad. Mr. Cook stated that they are trying to get the 4th Street track removed, but in order to do that the railroad wants them to construct some of the traffic into another part of the City and it is a lot of money. Mr. Cook stated to Council that he believes Mr. Figard will be going to Omaha tomorrow to talk with Union Pacific in hopes of coming up with a better deal. Mr. Cook stated to Council, if they can’t come up with a better deal, it might be worth it to the City to make the overpass longer.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments. — Mr. Fortenberry stated to Jennifer Brinkman that he is real concerned about the two appointments for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board being sophomores in High School. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they are required to have two student members on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Ms. Brinkman that he thought they had to have one student member on the Board.
Ms. Brinkman indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that it is two student members and what has happened in the past was that the Parks & Recreation Department contacted LPS and asked them to let them know which students they want to have on this Board. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that no student members have been on the Board since 1998 because the 1998 members were appointed and never showed up. So, they thought they couldn’t get any recommendations from LPS in 1999 from her understanding and so Jim Morgan had suggested before he left was why don’t they let LPS know what they would like to do, which was to advertise to kids who were really interested in the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and who would show up for the meetings. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry what they have done in the past was to get them on the Board for the July meeting, so they could tour the Parks projects. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they did an opening, saying if they were a sophomore and interested in sitting on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to let them know. Ms. Brinkman indicated that they asked sophomores because they will be juniors in the fall. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has a subcommittee that looked over the applications, they interviewed the students and these were the two students they recommended to the Mayor.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Ms. Brinkman if this was in the Charter. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry it is an ordinance, that they have two student members on the Board. Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Ms. Brinkman that this is a very significant responsibility for them, that it is unfair to ask 14 & 15 year olds to do it at this level. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Ms. Brinkman that he thinks there ought to be a student advisory body on the Parks & Recreation Board, but to have them as a full voting member seems to be real peculiar. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that the Mayor also had some similar concerns on it and she did express them to Jim Morgan. Ms. Brinkman stated that Mr. Morgan told her that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has felt very strongly about having student participation on the board. So she went ahead and followed the ordinance and they used their system to try and get these students on the board. Since they haven’t had a member on the board for a couple of years, that she was just trying to fill the position and this was where the students came from. Mr. Fortenberry commented to Ms. Brinkman with this said, the students have filled the applications out in a much better way than most of the adults do, but he still thinks this is an inappropriate responsibility to sign them up with a child.

Ms. Brinkman asked Mr. Fortenberry how would he like to move forward on this matter. Mr. Fortenberry asked the rest of the Council members how they felt on this issue and stated that he thinks if they want to have students on the board, that they have them as a student advisory body. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she thinks the Mayor would be willing to change it, if this was something the
Council would desire to change in the ordinance on having the students be on the board, but not as voting members. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council if they would like to discuss this matter among themselves and come to the Mayor’s recommendations that would be fine, but this was where the names came from just so they know.

Ms. McRoy asked Ms. Brinkman if the students have the power to vote now. Ms. Brinkman stated to Ms. McRoy that she believes they do, that it is a 16 member board and 2 of them have to be students.

Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she thinks she probably disagrees with him on this matter because she has been an advocate for putting youths on other boards around the community. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that many years ago when she was the president of a very large non-profit group, she worked through all of the arrangements and got a student on a board. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she thinks it is appropriate, if the board is large enough, but she agrees with him if it was a very small board. If the board was large enough she really thinks it is appropriate to have students on the board. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she has gone on the Park tours when the students have been Park Board Members and they are doing their job like the adults and maybe even better than the adults.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman that maybe Council can look at it. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council that the Parks & Recreation Department actually worked really close with Deanne Finnegan and her group to make sure these kids knew that they could apply for the position.

Ms. McRoy stated to Council that she has talked to the kids that were on the Baseball Committee and they are some sharp kids. Ms. McRoy stated to Council that the kids were asking questions and interacting with everyone else. Ms. McRoy stated to Council that she was really impressed with the kids. Ms. McRoy stated that the Parks & Recreation Department does involve a lot of youth programs because they hear from the people who use the parks the most. Mr. Shoecraft asked Ms. Brinkman when are they supposed to be voting on these appointments. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she thinks these appointments are on the Council Agenda for introduction on June 26th and for Council’s vote on July 3rd. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman that he will give her some communication by Wednesday or so, on which Agenda to put these appointments on. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft the only thing she would lay out, is that the Parks Board happens in July and the Parks & Recreation Department was really interested in making sure these board members were on the board, so they could participate in the tour. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Ms. Brinkman that he wants to confirm what they have going on and to see what the Mayor’s view is on this issue. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

— NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS – 1-2—NOTED WITHOUT COMMENT (Attend Sheet is being passed around to Council members)

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

CINDY JOHNSON - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council that he would like to share with them the conversation he had with Allan Abbott and Roger Figard regarding the Airport Entryway because a lot of things are happening along the levels and he thinks there is a lot of not miscommunication, but missed opportunities with enhanced communication. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council that they have received some letters from John Woods asking them to please inform him. Mr. Fortenberry stated that Mr. Woods is the head of a municipal corporation and they are assigning somebody from the Public Works Department to respond back to him. Mr. Fortenberry indicated that he thinks this is inappropriate because it is already confusing, that Ms. Johnson had initiated the traffic calm along Cornhusker Hwy and now it is finally coming through. But it is also detailing with potential concept to the entryway design, which the Airport Authority already understands it, as well with the Business Improvement Districts. Mr. Fortenberry stated that last year they missed the opportunity when they resurfaced out there to pull out some of the concrete that was there. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he called Mr. Woods maybe six months ago and he told him that he received a call from the Public Works Department. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he doesn’t think they are being treated with the appropriate level of respect given the authority they have and the potential they have to partner with them. Mr. Fortenberry suggested to Council that a letter needs to come from the Mayor’s Office to John Woods thanking him for their participation in the Cornhusker Hwy project, and that they are going to detail this very rapidly with an overview of the area for the entryway design and the whole concept of the Business Improvement Districts have been discussed. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thinks at this level of communication is the most important thing and indicated that this is not a criticism of what has been communicated.
Ann Harrell asked Mr. Fortenberry how did it wind up with Allan Abbott. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Ms. Harrell that they need to get everyone on the same page and he suggested to have it come from the Mayor’s Office, before they again miss a potential opportunity of partnering with somebody that is very important in this whole initiative. Ms. Harrell stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she will talk to Allan Abbott about this matter.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thinks the next thing they ought to do is for all of them to march themselves down there to the board and say here is the design, once the entryway designs are finished. So they don’t miss a potential opportunity with the design of the Cornhusker Hwy project. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council the Airport Authority already does a big favor for them by taking care of the area on the east side of the overpass, which is the City’s responsibility. Ms. Harrell stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she will following up with Allan Abbott and John Bradley on this matter.

COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng stated to Council that she received a letter from one of the chairs in regards to the Antelope Valley process about the Environmental Impact Statement has been reviewed and signed by the Federal Government. Ms. Seng stated to Council there will be newspaper tabloids and there will be channel 5 videos going on regarding this issue. Ms. Seng stated to Council there will be a lot of information on it and there will be a Town Hall Meeting scheduled for August 1\textsuperscript{st} & August 2\textsuperscript{nd} for the Antelope Creek Feasibility Study and the Antelope Valley Study Draft Environmental Impact Statement, but they will have an Advisory Committee meeting before than. Ms. Seng stated to Council that it is most likely to go to the Planning Commission in August and to the City Council in September. Ms. Johnson asked Ms. Seng, so in September they will be voting on the Antelope Valley. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Johnson suppositively. Ms. Harrell stated to Ms. Seng from her understanding the Planning Commission has cancelled the August 23\textsuperscript{rd} meeting, so this will already delay this issue. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Harrell okay.

Ms. Seng stated to Council that she received a fax letter last Monday and she gave Dana Roper a copy of it. Ms. Seng stated to Council that she will read the letter to them. [Ms. Seng read the letter to Council]. Ms. Seng stated to Council the letter was from Bob Rokeby out in Havelock, writing to her in regards to a number of people telling him that “BabyDoll’s” has a sign on the highway and it appears they put the letters up at night & take them down during the day and that they also have a sign made of red Christmas lights on the marquee. Ms. Seng stated to Council that Mr. Rokeby asked her to pass this information on to the proper department, so she gave Dana Roper a copy of this letter. Ms. Seng asked Dana Roper if he wanted to talk to them about the website material that was send out to them in their packets and about this letter. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Roper if there was anything they need to be doing on this matter.
Mr. Roper stated to Ms. Seng there is nothing that can be done about it. Mr. Roper stated to Council that the website is in color and they didn’t see anything they had the ability to do about it.

Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Roper that the little bit of the website material they received in their packets, as he recalls that some of it seemed to be misleading and indicated that activities were being conducted there which would violate the existing ordinances and so forth. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp if you looked at the website you might assume it was bottomless, but it is not. Mr. Roper stated to Council that they may take a look at some of it to see what could be done.

JON CAMP - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

JERRY SHOECRAFT

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that he has one thing to discuss with them regarding the Council Agenda for next week. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council there are two pieces of information on 1st Reading, which are the items that Ms. Johnson placed on the Council Agenda. Mr. Shoecraft asked about the things that need to accrue once someone has been selected for the ambulance services. Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Roper that legally they can’t combined all of the items together, so somebody can get up for five minutes to speak on these two items. Then they can also come back on the other items, and they legally can’t combined these items together because of the statute requirements. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council so he doesn’t know what they want to do. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that Mr. Roper suggested taking the two items that Ms. Johnson had to the following week for public hearing.

Ms. Johnson stated to Council that she thinks they should do it all together to get it over with. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Council that he has been thinking about it and he had asked if all three of the items could be combined together and legally they can’t combined all of the items together. Mr. Shoecraft stated that the subject matter contents is sort of similar to what they invited everybody to for the June 26th Meeting. So technically they can speak on each item individually, then they can talk about the EMS applications for Rural/Metro, Platte County or the Fire Department for the public hearing. Ms. Johnson asked if they can say- “unless it is anything different from what has already been spoken”. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Johnson that he didn’t know, that he was just letting them know what the potential problem is regarding her two items on the Agenda.

Mr. Roper stated to Council that he thinks as far as they are concerned they would like to postpone the ordinance changes for a short period of time, so they can decide what it is they are going to do and then they can bring all of the ordinance changes forward at one time. Ms. Johnson stated to Council that she would like to have it all done at one time because she
doesn’t think by putting it off one more week that it is going to make a difference. Ms. Johnson stated to Council that they are going to have people back doing it all over again and she would rather get it all done at one time. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council there are going to be some ordinances coming forward anyway. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council even if they have the public hearing on Ms. Johnson’s two items, the minute the Council states the direction they want to go, there will be ordinances coming forward in addition to what Ms. Johnson also has, so there will be a public hearing. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Shoecraft if they have officially decided that they were not going to vote that night [June 26th] and hold it over until the following week.

Mr. Shoecraft commented to Council what he has learned is that next week there are no legislation per say - saying A, B, C how do they choose; a motion will be called for direction after the public hearing. So, there will be some form of action, but not the final vote because then they have to bring back the legislation for them to vote on it. So there will be another public hearing regarding the ordinances after next week. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council what is going to happen next week was for them to give direction and then the legislation will come back saying what they decided to do.

Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he is a bit confused, that Ms. Johnson has the two items on the Agenda and he stated that there were other ordinances coming forward and he was wondering what else had to be done. Mr. Roper indicated to Mr. Camp that he would anticipate changing the ordinance, if they are going to be separated. If the Fire Department was going to do emergency they would want to rewrite the ambulance code depending on what they wanted them to do; if not emergency, are they going to have them get the public certificates and if so how many. Mr. Roper stated to Council there are things they need some direction on after the hearing. [The rest of Mr. Camp’s comments were inaudible because he didn’t speak up]. Mr. Roper stated that they don’t know what system they want to design and he doesn’t think they will know until after the hearing. Mr. Camp indicated to Mr. Roper if they haven’t decided on a design yet, then why don’t they do that first. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Camp that they decided to wait on it, until after the final selection. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Shoecraft they did. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Mr. Camp they did, that this was why they didn’t vote on the oversight a month ago. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Shoecraft if they decided on how they were going to handle the hearings on June 26th. Ms. Seng stated that they kind of talked about setting a time limit on it. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Seng that was what Mr. Fortenberry suggested, but the fact of the matter is now, since they have those two items for public hearing and also the other item regarding the ambulances to be prepared to be there for a long meeting. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that Mr. Fortenberry didn’t want to be there all night because he has a plane to catch, so he will be leaving early.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council that he has withdrawn this idea in regards to the time limit on the meeting because they were going to delay the vote until the following week, so they could have time to think about everything they heard that night. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that there are no resolutions, that they will give directions on which way they would like to go on it, then they will get the legislation done and put it back on the Agenda; then they will have the public hearing and the vote. Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Roper why didn’t they do the resolution the first time. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thought this was a
resolution. Mr. Camp commented that they don’t have a system [inaudible] - this is a shame. Mr. Fortenberry commented this isn’t a resolution and asked if this was a Special Meeting. Mr. Shoecraft stated that it is a public hearing on the applications that were submitted to provide the ambulance services in the City of Lincoln and this is what the June 26th public hearing is about.

Mr. Cook noted to Council that then they would make some kind of a motion of intent on what direction they want to go. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that he wanted to let them know there are two pieces of legislation on the Agenda and there are going to be ordinances coming down the road that they will have to deal with, and if they don’t want to delay the items that is fine. Mr. Fortenberry commented that then he assumes somebody will be making a motion. Mr. Shoecraft noted to Council from what he can gather, they will go through the public hearing on June 26th; then on July 3rd somebody will come back with a motion of intent and give them directions on what to do. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that somebody will say - “they would like to make a motion to give this to Rural/Metro, to the Fire Department or to Platte County, then the paperwork will be drawn up. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council there will be a motion, but there will not be any paperwork. Mr. Shoecraft stated that somebody will say- “they would like to make a motion here to give direction to the Law Department on what they would like them to do. Then someone would make a motion and a second motion; then vote on it and this will give the Law Department some direction on what to do, so they can draw up the paperwork. Then the papers are drawn up, placed on the Agenda, have Public Hearing and vote.

ANN HARRELL - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

DANA ROPER - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

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Ms. Seng reported on the RTSD Meeting, since they had this meeting at 8:00 a.m. this morning. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Shoecraft that way they don’t have to remember it for a couple of weeks. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Tammy Bogenreif remember not to put this report on the “Noon” Agenda for next week. Ms. Bogenreif stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

Ms. Seng reported that at the RTSD Meeting they approved the Legal Services Contract and they also approved the Auditing Services Contract. Ms. Seng stated to Council that they had their second look at the 2000/2001 Budget and they actually gave approval on this budget, until it goes before the County Board where they have to set the levy. Ms. Seng stated to Council they approved all of these up coming projects that are in the Budget. Ms. Seng indicated that they have one big question, regarding a real small amount of money that appears in the total budget of $35,000 for the maintenance contract for the 3rd & “F” Street underpass. Ms. Seng commented to Council as they remember, how the underpass kept on getting washed out and mud was under it, so they have worked very hard with the Urban Development Department and they put in a maintenance piece of $35,000. So, now every single year they’ll have to pay it, but there is no other underpass for public effort in the whole City or County that is quite like this. Ms. Seng stated to Council that a street was closed, then the underpass was put in and all the landscaping is done. Ms. Seng indicated to Council that there is a small contract the Public Works Department has on the water pump to be cleared out. Ms. Seng stated to Council that Roger Figard was given direction to talk with the Parks & Recreation Department, once again, to see if they can pick it up. Ms. Seng stated to Council that the County was very concerned because of their LIBA they are trying to get everything under and that the RTSD does
come under that list. So, there is a possibility that they may get it transferred around, but Mr. Figard has to do a little bit of talking with some people. Ms. Seng stated that in the past, the Parks & Recreation Department has not wanted to do it and the Public Works Department didn’t want to do it, so the RTSD has the contract. So, she doesn’t know what is going to happen with it. Ms. Seng stated to Council the major big part of the Budget was the proposal that goes to the County Board. Ms. Seng stated to Council that they will have a meeting on September 12th at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, which is on the County Board time and that today they were on City time to give final approval to the Budget.

Mr. Cook stated to Council there were a couple of other things in regards to the RTSD Meeting. Mr. Cook stated to Council there has been frustration from citizens because they think the underpass was not designed well, that somebody didn’t give proper thought on it and now they are stuck with the bill, but the problem is that they have to pay it. Mr. Cook stated to Council that he is a little bit worried that they are saying they might cut the LIBE because if they cut it very much, that it is not just $35,000 they could lose a numerous amount of money, which will delay a lot of the RTSD projects. So, they will just see where they are next year, but they can’t do anything about it on what they choose to do on that level, other than try to convince them how important it is.

Mr. Cook reported to Council that the Journal Star is starting the 9th Street trackable and this is for $200,000 and this doesn’t pay the whole bill. Mr. Cook stated to Council they are hoping to find somebody who will remove the tracks for scrap metal, take the tracks and ties and they will pay them for the removal. Mr. Cook stated that the $200,000 is just for the rehabilitation to put the new concrete in the street areas, sidewalks and the planting areas along the sides of the streets, so they are hoping they can work something out with the sub-contractor.

Mr. Cook stated to Council that also on the 3rd & “A” Street overpass they have ran into some problems with the negotiations with the railroad. Mr. Cook stated that they are trying to get the 4th Street track removed, but in order to do that the railroad wants them to construct some of the traffic into another part of the City and it is a lot of money. Mr. Cook stated to Council that he believes Mr. Figard will be going to Omaha tomorrow to talk with Union Pacific in hopes of coming up with a better deal. Mr. Cook stated to Council, if they can’t come up with a better deal, it might be worth it to the City to make the overpass longer.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments. — Mr. Fortenberry stated to Jennifer Brinkman that he is real concerned about the two appointments for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board being sophomores in High School. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they are required to have two student members on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Ms. Brinkman that he thought they had to have one student member on the Board.

Ms. Brinkman indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that it is two student members and what has happened in the past was that the Parks & Recreation Department
contacted LPS and asked them to let them know which students they want to have on this Board. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that no student members have been on the Board since 1998 because the 1998 members were appointed and never showed up. So, they thought they couldn’t get any recommendations from LPS in 1999 from her understanding and so Jim Morgan had suggested before he left was why don’t they let LPS know what they would like to do, which was to advertise to kids who were really interested in the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and who would show up for the meetings. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry what they have done in the past was to get them on the Board for the July meeting, so they could tour the Parks projects. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they did an opening, saying if they were a sophomore and interested in sitting on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to let them know. Ms. Brinkman indicated that they asked sophomores because they will be juniors in the fall. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has a subcommittee that looked over the applications, they interviewed the students and these were the two students they recommended to the Mayor.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Ms. Brinkman if this was in the Charter. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry it is an ordinance, that they have two student members on the Board. Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Ms. Brinkman that this is a very significant responsibility for them, that it is unfair to ask 14 & 15 year olds to do it at this level. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Ms. Brinkman that he thinks there ought to be a student advisory body on the Parks & Recreation Board, but to have them as a full voting member seems to be real peculiar. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that the Mayor also had some similar concerns on it and she did express them to Jim Morgan. Ms. Brinkman stated that Mr. Morgan told her that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has felt very strongly about having student participation on the board. So she went ahead and followed the ordinance and they used their system to try and get these students on the board. Since they haven’t had a member on the board for a couple of years, that she was just trying to fill the position and this was where the students came from. Mr. Fortenberry commented to Ms. Brinkman with this said, the students have filled the applications out in a much better way than most of the adults do, but he still thinks this is an inappropriate responsibility to sign them up with a child.

Ms. Brinkman asked Mr. Fortenberry how would he like to move forward on this matter. Mr. Fortenberry asked the rest of the Council members how they felt on this issue and stated that he thinks if they want to have students on the board, that they have them as a student advisory body. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she thinks the Mayor would be willing to change it, if this was something the Council would desire to change in the ordinance on having the students be on the board, but not as voting members. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council if they would like to discuss this matter among themselves and come to the Mayor’s recommendations that would be fine, but this was where the names came from just so they know.
Ms. McRoy asked Ms. Brinkman if the students have the power to vote now. Ms. Brinkman stated to Ms. McRoy that she believes they do, that it is a 16 member board and 2 of them have to be students.

Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she thinks she probably disagrees with him on this matter because she has been an advocate for putting youths on other boards around the community. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that many years ago when she was the president of a very large non-profit group, she worked through all of the arrangements and got a student on a board. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she thinks it is appropriate, if the board is large enough, but she agrees with him if it was a very small board. If the board was large enough she really thinks it is appropriate to have students on the board. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she has gone on the Park tours when the students have been Park Board Members and they are doing their job like the adults and maybe even better than the adults.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman that maybe Council can look at it. Ms. Brinkman stated to Council that the Parks & Recreation Department actually worked really close with Deanne Finnegan and her group to make sure these kids knew that they could apply for the position.

Ms. McRoy stated to Council that she has talked to the kids that were on the Baseball Committee and they are some sharp kids. Ms. McRoy stated to Council that the kids were asking questions and interacting with everyone else. Ms. McRoy stated to Council that she was really impressed with the kids. Ms. McRoy stated that the Parks & Recreation Department does involve a lot of youth programs because they hear from the people who use the parks the most. Mr. Shoecraft asked Ms. Brinkman when are they supposed to be voting on these appointments. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she thinks these appointments are on the Council Agenda for introduction on June 26th and for Council’s vote on July 3rd. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman that he will give her some communication by Wednesday or so, on which Agenda to put these appointments on. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she wants to confirm what they have going on and to see what the Mayor’s view is on this issue. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

2. Letter from Barbara Hansen, Lincoln City Libraries - RE: Library Board Vacancy — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS – 1 - 2 -- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENT (Attend Sheet is being passed around to Council members)
V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

CINDY JOHNSON - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council that he would like to share with them the conversation he had with Allan Abbott and Roger Figard regarding the Airport Entryway because a lot of things are happening along the levels and he thinks there is a lot of not miscommunication, but missed opportunities with enhanced communication. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council that they have received some letters from John Woods asking them to please inform him. Mr. Fortenberry stated that Mr. Woods is the head of a municipal corporation and they are assigning somebody from the Public Works Department to respond back to him. Mr. Fortenberry indicated that he thinks this is inappropriate because it is already confusing, that Ms. Johnson had initiated the traffic calm along Cornhusker Hwy and now it is finally coming through. But it is also detailing with potential concept to the entryway design, which the Airport Authority already understands it, as well with the Business Improvement Districts. Mr. Fortenberry stated that last year they missed the opportunity when they resurfaced out there to pull out some of the concrete that was there. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he called Mr. Woods maybe six months ago and he told him that he received a call from the Public Works Department. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he doesn’t think they are being treated with the appropriate level of respect given the authority they have and the potential they have to partner with them. Mr. Fortenberry suggested to Council that a letter needs to come from the Mayor’s Office to John Woods thanking him for their participation in the Cornhusker Hwy project, and that they are going to detail this very rapidly with an overview of the area for the entryway design and the whole concept of the Business Improvement Districts have been discussed. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thinks at this level of communication is the most important thing and indicated that this is not a criticism of what has been communicated.

Ann Harrell asked Mr. Fortenberry how did it wind up with Allan Abbott. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Ms. Harrell that they need to get everyone on the same page and he suggested to have it come from the Mayor’s Office, before they again miss a potential opportunity of partnering with somebody that is very important in this whole initiative. Ms. Harrell stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she will talk to Allan Abbott about this matter.
Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thinks the next thing they ought to do is for all of them to march themselves down there to the board and say here is the design, once the entryway designs are finished. So they don’t miss a potential opportunity with the design of the Cornhusker Hwy project. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council the Airport Authority already does a big favor for them by taking care of the area on the east side of the overpass, which is the City’s responsibility. Ms. Harrell stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she will following up with Allan Abbott and John Bradley on this matter.

COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng stated to Council that she received a letter from one of the chairs in regards to the Antelope Valley process about the Environmental Impact Statement has been reviewed and signed by the Federal Government. Ms. Seng stated to Council there will be newspaper tabloids and there will be channel 5 videos going on regarding this issue. Ms. Seng stated to Council there will be a lot of information on it and there will be a Town Hall Meeting scheduled for August 1st & August 2nd for the Antelope Creek Feasibility Study and the Antelope Valley Study Draft Environmental Impact Statement, but they will have an Advisory Committee meeting before than. Ms. Seng stated to Council that it is most likely to go to the Planning Commission in August and to the City Council in September. Ms. Johnson asked Ms. Seng, so in September they will be voting on the Antelope Valley. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Johnson suppositively. Ms. Harrell stated to Ms. Seng from her understanding the Planning Commission has cancelled the August 23rd meeting, so this will already delay this issue. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Harrell okay.

Ms. Seng stated to Council that she received a fax letter last Monday and she gave Dana Roper a copy of it. Ms. Seng stated to Council that she will read the letter to them. [Ms. Seng read the letter to Council]. Ms. Seng stated to Council the letter was from Bob Rokeby out in Havelock, writing to her in regards to a number of people telling him that “BabyDoll’s” has a sign on the highway and it appears they put the letters up at night & take them down during the day and that they also have a sign made of red Christmas lights on the marquee. Ms. Seng stated to Council that Mr. Rokeby asked her to pass this information on to the proper department, so she gave Dana Roper a copy of this letter. Ms. Seng asked Dana Roper if he wanted to talk to them about the website material that was send out to them in their packets and about this letter. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Roper if there was anything they need to be doing on this matter.

Mr. Roper stated to Ms. Seng there is nothing that can be done about it. Mr. Roper stated to Council that the website is in color and they didn’t see anything they had the ability to do about it.

Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Roper that the little bit of the website material they received in their packets, as he recalls that some of it seemed to be misleading and indicated that activities were being conducted there which would violate the existing ordinances and so
forth. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp if you looked at the website you might assume it was bottomless, but it is not. Mr. Roper stated to Council that they may take a look at some of it to see what could be done.

JON CAMP - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

JERRY SHOECRAFT

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that he has one thing to discuss with them regarding the Council Agenda for next week. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council there are two pieces of information on 1st Reading, which are the items that Ms. Johnson placed on the Council Agenda. Mr. Shoecraft asked about the things that need to accrue once someone has been selected for the ambulance services. Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Roper that legally they can’t combined all of the items together, so somebody can get up for five minutes to speak on these two items. Then they can also come back on the other items, and they legally can’t combined these items together because of the statute requirements. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council so he doesn’t know what they want to do. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that Mr. Roper suggested taking the two items that Ms. Johnson had to the following week for public hearing.

Ms. Johnson stated to Council that she thinks they should do it all together to get it over with. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Council that he has been thinking about it and he had asked if all three of the items could be combined together and legally they can’t combined all of the items together. Mr. Shoecraft stated that the subject matter contents is sort of similar to what they invited everybody to for the June 26th Meeting. So technically they can speak on each item individually, then they can talk about the EMS applications for Rural/Metro, Platte County or the Fire Department for the public hearing. Ms. Johnson asked if they can say “unless it is anything different from what has already been spoken”. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Johnson that he didn’t know, that he was just letting them know what the potential problem is regarding her two items on the Agenda.

Mr. Roper stated to Council that he thinks as far as they are concerned they would like to postpone the ordinance changes for a short period of time, so they can decide what it is they are going to do and then they can bring all of the ordinance changes forward at one time. Ms. Johnson stated to Council that she would like to have it all done at one time because she doesn’t think by putting it off one more week that it is going to make a difference. Ms. Johnson stated to Council that they are going to have people back doing it all over again and she would rather get it all done at one time. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council there are going to be some ordinances coming forward anyway. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council even if they have the public hearing on Ms. Johnson’s two items, the minute the Council states the direction they want to go, there will be ordinances coming forward in addition to what Ms. Johnson also has, so there will be a public hearing. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Shoecraft if they have officially decided that they were not going to vote that night [June 26th] and hold it over
Mr. Shoecraft commented to Council what he has learned is that next week there are no legislation per say - saying A, B, C how do they choose; a motion will be called for direction after the public hearing. So, there will be some form of action, but not the final vote because then they have to bring back the legislation for them to vote on it. So there will be another public hearing regarding the ordinances after next week. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council what is going to happen next week was for them to give direction and then the legislation will come back saying what they decided to do.

Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he is a bit confused, that Ms. Johnson has the two items on the Agenda and he stated that there were other ordinances coming forward and he was wondering what else had to be done. Mr. Roper indicated to Mr. Camp that he would anticipate changing the ordinance, if they are going to be separated. If the Fire Department was going to do emergency they would want to rewrite the ambulance code depending on what they wanted them to do; if not emergency, are they going to have them get the public certificates and if so how many. Mr. Roper stated to Council there are things they need some direction on after the hearing. [The rest of Mr. Camp’s comments were inaudible because he didn’t speak up]. Mr. Roper stated that they don’t know what system they want to design and he doesn’t think they will know until after the hearing. Mr. Camp indicated to Mr. Roper if they haven’t decided on a design yet, then why don’t they do that first. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Camp that they decided to wait on it, until after the final selection. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Shoecraft they did. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Mr. Camp they did, that this was why they didn’t vote on the oversight a month ago. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Shoecraft if they decided on how they were going to handle the hearings on June 26th. Ms. Seng stated that they kind of talked about setting a time limit on it. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Seng that was what Mr. Fortenberry suggested, but the fact of the matter is now, since they have those two items for public hearing and also the other item regarding the ambulances to be prepared to be there for a long meeting. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that Mr. Fortenberry didn’t want to be there all night because he has a plane to catch, so he will be leaving early.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Council that he has withdrawn this idea in regards to the time limit on the meeting because they were going to delay the vote until the following week, so they could have time to think about everything they heard that night. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that there are no resolutions, that they will give directions on which way they would like to go on it, then they will get the legislation done and put it back on the Agenda; then they will have the public hearing and the vote. Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Roper why didn’t they do the resolution the first time. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thought this was a resolution. Mr. Camp commented that they don’t have a system [inaudible] - this is a shame. Mr. Fortenberry commented this isn’t a resolution and asked if this was a Special Meeting. Mr. Shoecraft stated that it is a public hearing on the applications that were submitted to provide the ambulance services in the City of Lincoln and this is what the June 26th public hearing is about.

Mr. Cook noted to Council that then they would make some kind of a motion of intent on what direction they want to go. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that he wanted to let them know there are two pieces of legislation on the Agenda and there are going to be ordinances
coming down the road that they will have to deal with, and if they don’t want to delay the items that is fine. Mr. Fortenberry commented that then he assumes somebody will be making a motion. Mr. Shoecraft noted to Council from what he can gather, they will go through the public hearing on June 26th; then on July 3rd somebody will come back with a motion of intent and give them directions on what to do. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council that somebody will say - “they would like to make a motion to give this to Rural/Metro, to the Fire Department or to Platte County, then the paperwork will be drawn up. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council there will be a motion, but there will not be any paperwork. Mr. Shoecraft stated that somebody will say- “they would like to make a motion here to give direction to the Law Department on what they would like them to do. Then someone would make a motion and a second motion; then vote on it and this will give the Law Department some direction on what to do, so they can draw up the paperwork. Then the papers are drawn up, placed on the Agenda, have Public Hearing and vote.

ANN HARRELL - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

DANA ROPER - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VIII. MEETING ENDED - Approximately at 12:34 p.m.