

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
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CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Council Members Present: Jerry Shoecraft, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair; Coleen Seng, Jon Camp, Annette McRoy, Jonathan Cook, Cindy Johnson.

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Office; Joan Ross, City Clerk; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Member Camp & Council Member Johnson; Tammy Bogenreif, City Council Staff, and Mark Andersen, *Lincoln Journal Star* Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that last week the Airline Service issue did come up. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they announced last week about Northwest Airlines adding jets and then the next day United Airlines showed up. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they added jets and took away jets, that the bottom line of the situation is that Northwest is improving their services dramatically for soft planes to jets and expect additional jets if service calls for them. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that on United a number of cities including Memphis, Nashville, Jacksonville and a number of other cities larger than the City of Lincoln has went from larger planes that usually carried 104 seats to these 50 seats regional jets. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they lost a huge amount of money last quarter, so this was their response to them. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they didn't know what they wanted when they talked to them. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they wanted to keep the bigger jets and add the morning service, but the problem was the earliest flight out of Lincoln to Chicago was at 11:00, and this was very inconvenient, so this will add a 7:30 a.m. flight which will help. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that what they found just so they know, that in both cases with Northwest Airlines and United Airlines that if the service needs to go up and if the seats get filled that they promised another East and a West flight. When this happens hopefully, they will be back with the total number of seats and that will be one reason that they utilize. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that if they can get people to use the Lincoln Airport they'll see more jets happen. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that there is a lot of folks using air service, but they are just not using it out of the Lincoln Airport. Mayor Wesely stated to Council so this is kind of where they are at on this issue and in the end there could be a lot of them.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that also last week they talked about Leon Vinci and the Health Director situation. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that this situation got resolved and he wants to express his appreciation for their help on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that now they've opened up the position and the applications are coming in and he has already received some applications. Mayor Wesely stated to

Council that he will probably be back to talk with them about this issue sometime next week. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if they have some suggestions or recommendations that he would be happy to talk to them individually about it.

Mr. Camp asked Mayor Wesely how wide did he advertise the Health Director's position. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that he just advertised it in Lincoln, that they're not doing a national search. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that they are looking for someone in Lincoln, that there's plenty of candidates in Lincoln. Mayor Wesely commented to Mr. Camp that they'll find somebody from the community.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that the "Blueprint Project" came up last week and he thought it was a great project. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they might have seen it, that it is the Health Endowment focusing on the three Ethnic Census Tracts that have the highest health problems and trying to provide \$75,000 grant money. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they hope to be part of this process.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that the Antelope Valley bill, just to give them an update as they know was knocked [inaudible], so they are still working on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that there has been some concerns about it.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that finally the sod is going on the baseball field. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he has seen it. Mayor Wesely commented that it will be nice.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that going back to the Antelope Valley bill, he was wondering what would happen if it didn't pass because the portion of cigarettes was dedicated to it as well as Omaha and so where does that go. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that it goes to the General Fund. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely okay. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that actually the money, that 2¢ about 8 or 9 years ago was given to Omaha for their Civic Auditorium contract and that runs out this spring and so that's why the thought was [inaudible]. Mayor Wesely stated that Pershing Auditorium has used the funds and twice they have done bonds and the City of Lincoln is paying for it, but Omaha had gotten the State to do their bonds. Mr. Cook commented to Mayor Wesely that it goes into the General Funds, but potentially that could be voted for use in these projects. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Cook the problem is if you go into the appropriation process they only appropriate you for 1 to 2 years into your Budget and so it couldn't do a 15 year commitment bond unless the legislation provided one. Mayor Wesely indicated that with a 15 year commitment they could bond and than they would get the resources to [inaudible]. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that it is critical that this passes legislation. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks it will be fine, that he just wanted to let them know what was going on.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that before she goes through the Agenda, she has two things that she needs to talk to them about. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council the first thing would be about what they would like to do about the evening Formal Council Meeting for Monday, May 28th because of the Memorial Day, Observed Holiday.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that in light of what Dana Roper had told them several months ago or a month ago in regards to what is required from this body to meet per Charter. Mr. Shoecraft stated that it looks like they have to start meeting at least once a week according to the Charter and so he doesn't think they can

take off the week of May 28th according to what the Law Department has told them. Mr. Cook stated that this is the one week that he actually did not bring the information with him , but he wanted to talk to Dana Roper about the meeting dates. Mr. Cook stated that they made the decision to basically take off the holidays, but if their changing it, that's a pretty big deal. Mr. Cook stated that he thinks it is appropriate to take the holidays off and he understands the Law Department's concern, but he also thinks there's basis for them doing it. Mr. Fortenberry asked Dana Roper how quickly could a Resolution be done that authorizes them to do this. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Fortenberry probably in the fall. Mr. Roper commented to give it something more. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he would recommend that the new Council do it sooner than that.

After further discussion, Council decided that the meeting for Monday, May 28th would be cancelled and the night meeting for the month of May would be scheduled for Monday, May 21st at 5:30 p.m.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council the second thing is that last Monday they had passed an Ordinance, which was an amendment to the development plan agreement on Willow Springs, but these developers have not signed the agreement yet. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she knows the Planning Department has been in constant contact and she called them this morning and they still will not be able to get it signed until next week, but that's not a for sure thing. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council, so what she will ask them to do is reconsider this ordinance and place it on Pending until they get those signed agreements in. Mr. Shoecraft asked City Clerk Joan Ross what item is this on. City Clerk Joan Ross stated that this issue is not on the Agenda today, that it was on last weeks Agenda and it was passed. Mr. Shoecraft asked City Clerk Joan Ross if she has the number for it. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that it is Ordinance #17829. Mr. Shoecraft stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 5 [Change of Zone 3315 - Application of Phil and Mary Durst for a change of zone from R-4 Residential to I-1 Industrial on property generally located at South 1st and L Streets] there is a request by the applicant to place this item on Pending with no date certain. City Clerk Joan Ross asked Council if they're wanting to continue the Public Hearing on this item at the time it comes off Pending. Mr. Shoecraft stated to City Clerk Joan Ross "yes" they do. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 23 [Amending the corporate limits of the City by annexing approximately 150.7 acres of property generally located northeast of South 14th Street and Yankee Hill Road] she handed out a memo to them from the Planning Department relating to the Vavrina Meadows 1st Addition Apartment Proposal. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that if they have any questions about this item to let the Planning Department know.

City Clerk Joan Ross Stated to Council that in regards to Item 29 [Accepting the report of new and pending claims against the city and approving disposition of claims set forth therein for the period of March 16-31, 2001] they received a hand out from the Planning Department regarding the Potential for Annexation/Sewer Service to Schroeder Property.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Dana Roper that in regards to the Pending claims, he was wondering if the Roth and Cuddy letters went out. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft that these are still Pending and “yes” the letters did go out late Friday, but he will check on it to make sure. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Roper okay.

Mr. Cook stated that on Item 30 [Change of Zone 3307 - Amending Section 27.69.044 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to permitted signs in the O-1, O-2, and O-3 zoning districts to adjust the permitted sign regulations in the O-3 Office Park District to better reflect a transitional district] they delayed this item because they wanted it in writing and the legal department has kindly provided them with two choices. Mr. Cook stated that the 3rd Amendment that he wanted available was an amendment to add a restriction on the signs that are next to a Park. Mr. Cook indicated that the legal department believes that would require Planning Commission action, so he guesses it is not worth considering at this time. Although, in the case of the Holmes Lake property and the Holmes Park property that he thinks they would put the restriction on the [inaudible] sale agreement. Mr. Cook stated that the amendments are quite simple and they can discuss this issue at the “Noon” Meeting today.

Ms. Johnson asked Mike Merwick if he could be at the Public Hearing today for Item 5 [Change of Zone 3315 - Application of Phil and Mary Durst for a change of zone from R-4 Residential to I-1 Industrial on property generally located at South 1st and L Streets] to tell them a little bit about what he talked to her about on the phone. Mike Merwick stated to Ms. Johnson that he will be at the Formal Council Meeting today. Ms. Johnson thanked Mr. Merwick.

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Scott Holmes stated to Mr. Shoecraft that the two issues are completely separate. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Holmes okay. Mr. Holmes stated to Mr. Shoecraft that the Health Department inspects garbage trucks and this is one of the things they do, so as part of that they have a fee associated with doing that work. Mr. Holmes stated to Mr. Shoecraft that last year in the Budget process they proposed increasing fees in water, sewer, loan approvals, and license refuse hauler fees and this is that fee finally coming through, but the other fees have already been raised. Mr. Holmes stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they meet with the haulers and talked with their board. Mr. Holmes stated to Mr. Shoecraft that this fee has not been changed since 1986. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Holmes okay and thanked him.

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ADDENDUM

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C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Dennis P. Crawford, Attorney at Law - RE: Notice of Claim Pursuant to the Political Sub Divisions Tort Claims Act - Client William Mann in connection with an ambulance/automobile accident that occurred on or about March 19, 2001. — Mr. Shoecraft stated that he hasn't had a chance to read this letter yet. Mr. Shoecraft commented to Dana Roper that obviously they will be taking this under advisement and dealing with this issue. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft that "yes", they will be handling it. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Roper okay.

IV. DIRECTORS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Allan Abbott stated to Council that in regards to the Request For Information for RFI#66 under "III. Correspondence - A. Council Requests - Annette McRoy #3" about the pothole at North 3rd & Hartley has been fixed. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that this Request For Information keeps showing up on the Director's Agenda and this pothole has already been fixed. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that he guesses that he didn't send a letter to them to take this RFI off of the list, but maybe they can take it off, since it has been taken care of. Tammy Bogenreif stated to Mr. Abbott that she will take this Request For Information off of the Director's Agenda.

FINANCE - Don Herz stated to Council that he just wanted to mention that last week they successfully completed the financing on the QOPR Bonds, the interest rate is anywhere from 3.35% to 3.65%, so they got some really good tax breaks. Mr. Herz stated to Council the significant was on the negotiated sales transaction vs. competitive and that came in close to a [inaudible].

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook commented to Allan Abbott is it appropriate to give him a location of a pothole at this time or does he have to call it in. [laughter] Mr. Cook stated to Allan Abbott that it is on his street and he will give him the rest of the information after the Director's Meeting today.

Mr. Cook stated to Allan Abbott that he has a question about the alley paving issue for the South Street Temple that had come before them. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott that they were interested in pursuing an Executive Order, that basically they would like to pay for the portion next to their property line and they want to know how to go about it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that basically they just write the Executive Order. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott if they can do it for a portion of the alley and if they do it or do they pay the City and the City does it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that they do it. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Abbott, so the Executive Order is essentially giving them permission to pave the following area. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook for their portion. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott okay and asked if they need to file any kind of an official request with him. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that it would be good if they sent a letter saying what they wanted to do. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott where should he have them send the letter. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook have them send the letter to the Public Works & Utilities Department. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott okay and thanked him.

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy stated to Allan Abbott that she just has one thing that maybe he could pass on to the parking people about the Lumber Works parking lot down there under the vi-dock. Mr. Abbott commented to Ms. McRoy that it didn't work. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Abbott that she was down there Saturday night and there were several cars lined up and it didn't work. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy that it didn't work for him either. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy that he called it in, so hopefully they are out there this morning. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Abbott okay.

CINDY JOHNSON

Ms. Johnson asked the Mayor's Office when is the new appointments for the Health Board coming forward and asked if this legislation was coming through soon. Jennifer Brinkman stated to Ms. Johnson that it will be listed on the Council's Agenda on Monday of next week and the Hearing and Action should take place on May 7, 2001. Ms. Johnson stated to Ms. Brinkman okay. Ms. Brinkman stated to Ms. Johnson that she turned this material into the Council Office last week, so it should be on their Addendum for today. Ms. Johnson stated to Ms. Brinkman okay.

Ms. Johnson stated to Chief Casady that she would like to talk with him after the Director's Meeting today.

JERRY SHOECRAFT

Mr. Shoecraft asked Allan Abbott if he has any update information for them in regards to the East “O” Street Project about starting on 48th Street. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he got some information back from the Federal Highway Administration and there are several things that have to be done. Mr. Abbott stated that if they get on it right now they may be able to get it done quickly enough to edit the contract, but there would have to be no controversy on it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he doesn’t know how controversy it would be to try to edit 48th & 52nd Street. Mr. Shoecraft asked Mr. Abbott what would be the 2nd option. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft that the 2nd option would be to come back later. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Abbott that obviously the 1st option would be the one to suggest, but the 2nd option would be if they didn’t include 48th Street. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Abbott that there still would be this opportunity to improve it right there at that intersection because they will not have anybody on either side of the property. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft that the minium they would be doing is getting a right turn lane or an [inaudible] lane in at 48th Street and coming back to that and this they could accomplish without any major problems. But, it is when they start talking about editing the whole thing or getting involved with the Environmental document and all of that stuff. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Abbott okay.

Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott if he is talking about the controversy with the land owners or controversy regarding the environmental documentation or both. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook anything that could raise the questions whether or not the remaining portion would be challenged. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott if it is at this point just a simple property on it or is that the entire four blocks on both sides. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that is correct. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook if that is the case there may not be a problem, that he would say without any controversy they could be a lot quicker. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they will look into it and try to get it done, but all he is saying is that he would hate to hold up the remainder of the project for this piece.

Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Allan Abbott that his second question for him, which someone asked him about is in regards to 27th & Old Cheney right hand turn lane. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Abbott that if your going on Old Cheney west approaching 27th Street and you want to turn right where they put in that right hand turn lane, which they never turn right because the sign up there is “No turn on red” and that sign is always there (24 hours/7 days of week). Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Abbott so he is scratching his head too because what was the purpose of the improvement of that intersection. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Abbott that they put in that right hand turn lane and you can never turn right. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft that you can’t turn right on red because you can’t see to the left and you can’t see far enough to the side to turn right on red. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Shoecraft that you can’t turn right on red because of the sight distances not because of anything else, rather than not getting killed.

Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Abbott that they did that work there and they can't even get any benefit out of it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he agrees with him, but it's very difficult to allow a right turn on red when you can't see far enough to your left to safely make it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they don't want a 70th & Cornhusker happening at 27th & Old Cheney, that's when you get somebody killed by pulling out right and they can't see past a bunch of stuff. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Abbott okay.

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry asked when is the Tow lot scheduled to be landscaped. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he doesn't know. Don Herz stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he thought it was after they set that fence back for SunValley, but he would have to verify that. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Herz okay. Mr. Fortenberry commented so they're not going to wait until this highway issue is resolved.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that somebody complained to him about the big Airport sign on I-180. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he is not sure exactly where they are talking about, but it says "Muni Airport". Mr. Fortenberry commented that doesn't attract anybody and they may want to call it "Lincoln Airport". Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry okay. Allan Abbott asked Council what do they want to call it. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Abbott to call it "Lincoln Airport". Mr. Abbott stated to Mayor Wesely and Council okay.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that they were talking about parking earlier and stated that he has been real impressed by Amoco parking lot. Mr. Fortenberry stated that they do a very professional job.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely that he was hoping they could get some information about the first meeting for the Technology Committee. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they had an excellent turn out and he thought the presentation about potential cooperation and sharing of fiber, so he thinks everybody feels that it was a good success. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they're looking at having a second meeting next month and he thinks they're going to bring somebody in from Wisconsin to talk about cooperation they have had [inaudible] in the City and have comments about the Technology issue, so they're starting to see a real response. Mayor Wesely stated that the Downtown Lincoln Association had a Technology Fair and it was a big success and they filled rooms with presentations.

Mr. Shoecraft asked Mayor Wesely if it was still possible to add one more name to the Technology Committee. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Shoecraft absolutely. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mayor Wesely that he will give him the name. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if they have some more names for him to let him know. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mayor Wesely okay.

Mr. Fortenberry asked the Building & Safety Department if they could go over with him right quick the regulations regarding parking motor homes in residential areas. Mr. Shoecraft stated that he thinks because the Quality of Life Ordinance addressed it years ago, that now it requires that they have to be on like a concrete slab and back behind or beside the house or something like that. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mike Merwick that he can't remember the particulars about it. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he got a complaint about it and asked Mr. Merwick if he could check it out for him. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they go through this each year when people bring them back and they have been gone for awhile or whatever. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they have them park in the side yard or in the outside yard, and they have to be back so many feet so they don't have them over lapped on the sidewalks. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they have a little pamphlet/brochure that they mail out to everybody that wasn't an RV owner a year ago, so they know what the requirements are in case they had a question about it. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Fortenberry to give him the information on it and he will check into it. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Merwick okay.

COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng stated that on Friday morning she got a hold of some Police evidence and she didn't know it was evidence until she read the newspaper last night, but now she has turned it all in to the Police Department. Ms. Seng stated that it was a bible and 60 CD's.

Ms. Seng stated to Allan Abbott that some of his people were out doing alley work by her apartment building and they were so cordigial and so nice. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Abbott that they were filling in dirt and filling the gravel. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Abbott that she was about to say there goes her gravel that she paid for, but they came right over to her and said if this is your gravel that they will be putting it right back. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Abbott that they were so nice that she wanted to let him know. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Abbott that they had great communication skills. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. Seng that he will let them know too.

JON CAMP

Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that he is really impressed with the way the construction went on South Street. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Abbott if there was some different approach on the way they were doing it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp “no”, that they were just trying to get it done. Mr. Abbott commented to Mr. Camp that’s good.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:46 A.M.