

**DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001 - 11:00 A.M.  
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.

**Newly Elected Council Members:** Glenn Friendt, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner.

**Others Present:** Mayor Don Wesely, Jennifer Brinkman, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, 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; Karen Shinn, Aide to Council Member Fortenberry; Tammy Bogenreif, City Council Staff and Chris Hain, *Lincoln Journal Star* Representative.

**I. MAYOR**

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that first of all he would like to introduce to all of them Joyce Quinn the new Affirmative Action Director for the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the Lincoln Electric System. Mayor Wesely stated that he would like to have Joyce Quinn stand up and say "hello" to everyone. Joyce Quinn stood up and said "hello" to everyone. [Everyone welcomed Ms. Quinn] Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he knows that Ms. Quinn will be meeting with all of them later to talk about the work she is doing. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are really excited about it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Ms. Quinn is from Lincoln, she went to Washington for 10 years and went to Washington Law School, then was a Civil Rights Attorney, so their glad to have her back home.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he knows they have the Director's Agenda to go over, but if he could take a couple of minutes and then he has a special presentation for the three Council Members that are leaving.

Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that he started to think about what they have been working on in the last few years and he is just going to give them a partial list of what they have done. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that it seems like the last two years have just flown by and it has. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they have been working on Antelope Valley and approved that project, they have the South & East Beltway Project about ready to be finalized, they have the Comp. Plan coming along and in the matter of months it will be ready to be finalized and in the matter of weeks they have a new Baseball Park that will be opening and after that some additional overpasses and other things. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they also put limits on billboards, banned nudity, they worked on Kawasaki, Kabredlo's, Home Depot, they had the Firefighter and the Ambulance Issue, they have had Entryways and Public Way

Corridors, they have had the Stormwater Protection Ordinance, the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance; and those who were here prior started the new Libraries and Parks that these in the matter of months will be opening up and the “F” Street Rec. Center and on and on and on.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council what he would like to do is to ‘Thank’ them and present a Key to the City to each of them that are leaving. Mayor Wesely stated that first of all he would like to ‘Thank’ Mr. Fortenberry, that he has been actually great on so many different issues and has spent 4 years here and it’s been an active 4 years. So, on behalf of the City of Lincoln and from the entire Administration they would like to ‘Thank’ him for his great service to the City of Lincoln. Mayor Wesely presented to Mr. Fortenberry a Key to the City. [Everyone clapped] Mr. Fortenberry thanked everyone so much and stated that it is a bitter sweet day obviously, but it feels good to unburden himself from these big responsibilities. But at the same time there is a little bit of sadness because he is really going to miss it and all of them and he is very proud of everything they all have accomplished. [Everyone clapped]

Mayor Wesely stated that Mr. Shoecraft has been here for 8 wonderful years and he has been absolutely a joy and he has been a good leader and chairman. Mayor Wesely ‘Thanked’ Mr. Shoecraft for everything he has done and presented to him a Key to the City. [Everyone clapped] Mr. Shoecraft stated that he wishes the new Council Members well and they have a great Mayor and the current Council Members showed good vision and leadership and everyone is great. Mr. Shoecraft ‘Thanked’ everyone. [Everyone clapped]

Mayor Wesely stated that next is Ms. Johnson and she has been here for 10 years. Mayor Wesely commented that he was thinking about 20 years in Legislature and that seems like a long time, but it goes fast and commented to Ms. Johnson doesn’t it. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Johnson congratulations and ‘Thanked’ her for everything she has done and presented to her a Key to the City. Ms. Johnson ‘Thanked’ Mayor Wesely. [Everyone clapped] Ms. Johnson stated that sometimes she feels like she grew up with all of them because she has been here for so long and some of them are so new she hasn’t had a chance to work with them except for a couple of years, but Mayor Wesely has done a wonderful job in choosing them to service this community. Ms. Johnson stated that she is really pleased that they have been able to do that and stated to her colleagues coming on board that these are the experts. But, don’t always believe everything they say, that it is okay to disagree, but they’re a great group to work them. [laughter] Ms. Johnson ‘Thanked’ everyone for being a part of her life for 10 years. [Everyone clapped] [Mayor Wesely had Diane Gonzolas take a picture of all of them together] Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Johnson, Mr. Shoecraft and Mr. Fortenberry ‘Thank-you’ again for their outstanding service for so many years, that it has been a joy to work with them. Mr. Shoecraft ‘Thanked’ Mayor Wesely.

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### III. CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. Shoecraft asked Tammy Bogenreif to visit with Council real quickly afterwards to see if they want their requests to stay on the Council Requests List or have them taken off the list. Ms. Bogenreif stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she will check with them.

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4. Material from Mark & Mary Cuddy - RE: Their Claim Against the City. — Mr. Shoecraft stated that they have the Cuddy's and the Roth claims today for Public Hearing. Mr. Shoecraft stated that it is his desire that they take some action today and treat this people right and get it done and over with.

Ms. Seng stated that there is one more on those claims that she also received a call, which was on the one by the name of Davis. Dana Roper indicated to Ms. Seng that is the one who fell on a sidewalk. Ms. Seng commented to Mr. Roper that's correct.

5. Material from Doug & Janette Roth - RE: Their Claim Against the City. — Mr. Shoecraft discussed this issue under "III. Correspondence - C. Miscellaneous #4". (See that discussion)

#### **IV. DIRECTORS - NO COMMENTS**

#### **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

##### **JONATHAN COOK - NO COMMENTS**

##### **ANNETTE McROY**

Ms. McRoy stated that she just has one thing a Resolution. Ms. McRoy stated that she has been working with Nicole Fleck-Tooze from the Public Works & Utilities Department on a right-of-way for a retaining wall and she would like to have Public Reading and Introduction on this Resolution next week. Ms. McRoy stated that they are trying to help this homeowner out who is on vacation. Ms. McRoy stated that he started working on this retaining wall and then he needed all these permits to go through the process and so she has time to facilitate a process, so they can get it done while he is still on vacation because this is a big job. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross to go ahead and get this Resolution introduced and move it forward. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy that the appropriate time to make a vote on it would probably be this Council Meeting with the current Council before they would adjourn and during the voting session bring it up to waive the rules. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross for next week. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy "yes". City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy that it would be for May 21st to waive the rules at the Formal Council Meeting. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay. Mr. Shoecraft asked City Clerk Joan Ross if they will be doing it during the first Council session or the second Council session. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Shoecraft that it is not on the Agenda. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft that it is not on either Council Agenda because it came up on late Friday.

**CINDY JOHNSON - NO COMMENTS**

**JEFF FORTENBERRY**

Mr. Fortenberry thanked everyone again for all of their hard work. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he has one thing left and asked Allan Abbott if they could get that sidewalk done on Fletcher Avenue to the Highlands Neighborhood. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Abbott that he thinks it is on N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and asked him if this sidewalk was on the list. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Abbott that they have kids walking in the street now. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry that wasn't one they rejected this last year and stated to Mr. Fortenberry okay.

**COLEEN SENG - NO COMMENTS**

**JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS**

**JERRY SHOECRAFT - NO COMMENTS**

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