DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2001 - 11:00 A.M.
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*3. E-Mail from Carter Napier, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Casper, WY – RE: Deaf Child Signage (See E-Mail).

*4. E-Mail from Wendy Hassett, Assistant City Manager, City of Auburn, AL - RE: Downtown balance (See E-Mail).

*5. Material from Harvey B. Cooper, For the Firm, Law Offices of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP to City Clerk Joan Ross – RE: Special Permit No. 1873- Sprint PCS - 4700 Antelope Creek Drive (This material was brought to the Council Office by Jean Walker from the Planning Department) (Council copies placed in their Thursday packet on 9/20/01) (Copy of all this material is on file in the City Council Office)(See Material).

7. E-Mail from Kristi Aday - RE: Resources on dealing with Terrorism (See E-Mail).

8. MEDIA RELEASE from Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln - RE: Community Health Endowment Elects Officers - Election of 2001-2002 Officers (See Release).


10. Letter from Bruce E. “Mike” Michaelson to Chief Mike Spadt, Lincoln Fire Department - RE: Lincoln Fire and Rescue Agreements with area municipalities (See Letter).

11. E-Mail from David M. Curnane, Vice President-Stormdrain Solutions - RE: Proven Solution to Stormwater Pollution (Best Coalescent on the Market)- Oil, Grease, PCBs and Heavy Metals (See E-Mail).


13. Note from Elizabeth Rebman - RE: Would like to see the Nurses Home on the Bryan/LGH west campus preserved and given historic landmark status (See Note).

14. Letter from Elbert E. P. Hill Smith - RE: Needing to defend his office professional reputation at a possible racial and/or gender discrimination allegation with Manpower, Inc. (The temporary service here out on 70th Street) (See Letter).

15. Letter & Report from Bob Moyer, Family Violence Council, Lincoln Medical Education Foundation - RE: Lincoln/Lancaster Council Report on Domestic Violence for 2000 (Council copies placed in their file folders on 9/26/01) (Copy of this Material is on file in the City Council Office).

16. Letter from Marian L. Malone, President - RE: Requesting that bus service be provided out to the 84th & Havelock area (See Letter).


18. Letter & National Geographic book from Joel Sartore - RE: North Lincoln & Lancaster County are home to a rare ecosystem, the salt marshes along Salt Creek (Council copies placed in their Thursday packets on 9/27/01) (Copy of the Letter is on file in the City Council Office - No copy of book).
19. Material from Tom Price, President, Capital Sports Foundation, Ethel S. Abbott Sports Complex - RE: The City’s rink at 70th & “A” Street (Copy of this material on file in the City Council Office) (See Material).

IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Annette McRoy, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Vice-Chair; Coleen Seng, Jon Camp, Ken Svoboda, Glenn Friendt, Terry Werner.

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Amy Tejral, Mayor’s Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff and Chris Hain, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that first off, he would like to start with the good news that our Team is coming back from New York City and he thinks they’ll be landing at 1:00 p.m. and they are having a reception for them this afternoon. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he would like to ask John Huff to update them on where they are at.

John Huff stated that the Team actually departed from the Military facility where they were transported to and from about 30 minutes, that their flight time is estimated about 2 ½ hours, so they should be arriving towards the Airport some where around 1:00 p.m. Mr. Huff stated to Council that their plan right now is that they will transport from the Airport to Park Centers where they will host a reception or at least a welcome home for them and their families and there will also be an area set aside for anyone else who would like to come. Mr. Huff stated that he is pleased to report that there were no injuries, which is always a critical issue for them. Mr. Huff stated that they believe that they controlled their mission without any problems and they did a great job and they made them all proud. Mr. Huff stated to Council that he is sure that they will have more information later, so this is what’s happening at this moment.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he knows it is at an awkward time for them because of the meetings today, but if there is a way that they can accommodate them they would be glad to do it.

Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Huff that she wanted to tell him that she happened to see part of his channel 5 show yesterday and it was excellent. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Huff that she thought it was really a good explanation and indicated to Council that they’ll have to see the show on channel 5. Ms. Seng commented that it was a really good show. Discussion continued with comments and questions from the Council. After the discussion, Ms. McRoy stated that maybe after the Director’s Meeting, if they can get through the Director’s Meeting in a timely fashion that Council can discuss it among themselves before the “Noon” Meeting today. Allan Abbott asked Ms. McRoy if he should make a call to have a bus on hold for them. After a small discussion with Allan Abbott about it, Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Abbott to go ahead and put a bus on hold for them.
Mayor Wesely handed out some material to Council. Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he knows on the Budget situation that they are all anxious about what has happened with taking prudent steps on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he also wants to try to be encouraging and he hopes that they will as well and with the economy they really need to send a message that things are okay. Mayor Wesely commented that ‘yes’ they had a slight down turn, but they will adjust and they will make accommodation. But, overall they continue to see a strong economy and they want to continue to see that investment in the City and these figures are pretty encouraging for that. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he feels like they continue to see good news economically and commented that ‘yes’ there is some bad news, but let’s be positive.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they do have an unveiling tomorrow morning and he would like to invite them to attend the unveiling of their new sculpture upstairs. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks they should have received their invitations in the mail for this special unveiling. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that he encourages them to be a part of it, if they would like to be.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he would like to take a minute to ‘thank’ Chris Hain. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that he understands that this will be Chris [Hain’s] last Council Meeting and he has a small token for him to take with him to remind him of Lincoln. Mayor Wesely stated to Chris [Hain] that they appreciate his good work and it’s been a pleasure to have him here and they wish him well in Florida. [Mayor Wesely presented something to Chris Hain] Mayor Wesely ‘thanked’ Chris Hain’s on behalf of the City of Lincoln. [Everyone clapped] Chris Hain thanked everyone and stated that he has enjoyed covering Lincoln City Government a lot and working with everybody and he certainly will miss Lincoln. Chris [Hain] ‘Thanked’ everyone again.

Mr. Friendt asked Mayor Wesely if the Eagle sculpture will be an addition to the “Jehanne” (Joan of Arc) or will the Eagle sculpture replace the ‘Joan of Arc’. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Friendt that the ‘Joan of Arc’ is on loan from Robert Duncan and it stays as long as he would like it to stay, but they don’t know how long that will be. Mr. Friendt stated to Mayor Wesely okay.

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waiting for something from Mr. Pedersen about what they need to do on these items. Mayor Wesely indicated that it should be fine, that they’ll know shortly. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross so they should know by 1:30 p.m. today. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy that ‘yes’ they should. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 6 [Vacating Pine Lake Rd. from the west line of Lazy Acres Subdivision east to the west line of Lot 6 I.T., generally located west of S. 14th St. & Pine Lake Rd.] there is a motion to amend.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 18 [Approving a waiver of design standards for drive access and required pump island stacking at 3301 O Street] the applicant has put in a request to withdrawal this item, so they will have a vote on it.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 28 [Amending the pay schedules of employees whose classifications are assigned to the pay range prefixed by the letter “A” by creating the position of “Fire System Programmer”] she gave them a motion to amend for this item. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she handed it out to them this morning with the Miscellaneous Referral Sheet.

Mr. Cook asked City Clerk Joan Ross what happened to Items 29 & 30? City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook that she doesn’t know, that it might have been just missed numbered, but she will check on it. City Clerk Joan Ross commented that she hopes that’s all it is.

Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that they will look for an update on Item 2 and if she could let her know before the Council Meeting starts today or of course if they are in session already to let her know, so they can deal with it appropriately. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy okay, that she will let them know as soon as she finds out. Ms. McRoy thanked City Clerk Joan Ross.

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    Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that what they were going to do was invite them to a meeting as part of that letter, but now with the CIP Expenditures with holding the funds in CIP that he thinks they are just going to send them a letter saying that they are interested in looking at it, but it may be another phase in a future year. Mr. Cook stated to Tammy Grammer that they will continue to hold this item on the Agenda as ‘Outstanding’ until they receive the letter. Ms. Grammer stated to Mr. Cook okay.

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1. OUTSTANDING Request to Public Works & Utilities Department-Sidewalks, Harry Kroos - RE: Downtown Sidewalks (RFI#6 - 9/11/01). — Mr. Friendt stated that he is still waiting for a response to this Request For Information (#6).

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Seng stated that there hasn’t been anything in writing yet from the Public Works & Utilities Department and the Health Department about this rat problem. Ms. Seng stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that she knows they have been doing things and she knows that the Health Department has been doing things, but they haven’t had anything in writing. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Ms. Seng that they have been coordinating it and from the Public Works side they have basically baited the sanitary man holes and [inaudible] and it appears that it is not at all related to the sanitary sewers.

Bruce Dart stated to Ms. Seng that they sent them a report in regards to this problem. [The rest of Bruce Dart’s comments inaudible] Ms. Seng commented so there is no broken sewer line. Ms. Tooze and Mr. Dart stated to Ms. Seng that ‘no’ there is not. Ms. Tooze stated to Ms. Seng that if she would like something in writing regarding this issue that they can sure get it to her, but they have been out there to check it. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Tooze and Mr. Dart that she thinks they really should put together a report for them because there is a fair amount of concern in that neighborhood. Ms. Tooze and Mr. Dart stated to Ms. Seng that they will send her something in writing. Ms. Seng thanked Ms. Tooze and Mr. Dart for this information.

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FINANCE/CITY TREASURER

1. Material from Don Herz & Melinda J. Jones - RE: Resolution & Finance Department Treasurer Of Lincoln, Nebraska Investments Purchased Between September 17 and September 21, 2001. — Ms. McRoy indicated to Don Herz that she just had a formal question regarding the investments. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Herz if they are changing their strategy in light of the Stock Markets movement or are they continuing with their diversified portfolio. Don Herz stated to Ms. McRoy that most of the investments are obviously fixed investments, that it’s obviously the interest rates that are down substantially. Mr. Herz stated to Ms. McRoy that they haven’t seen to many problems after the incident on September 11th, that it was taken them three or four days to close on certain transactions, but that’s getting back to normal. So, that’s probably the only significant problem they have had on it.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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3. Response Letter from Allen Lee to Sarah Guthman - RE: Parking Meter Malfunction. Mr. Cook stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that this letter said that they thought the batteries would last 10 years, but turns out the batteries are only lasting 1 ½ years and his question is how could that be possible. Mr. Cook stated that certainly there are Cities further north that have the same kind of mechanisms and put them in before they did, so surely there would have been a history there. Mr. Cook commented that’s just unbelievable that some prediction on battery life would have been so far off and asked if they are sure there isn’t something else going on.
Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that he agrees with everything he is saying and he is slightly more than a little irritated himself to have batteries failing as quickly as they did. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that they are checking other aspects on it, but it appears to be the batteries. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that he has asked for a more careful assessment of what they replace it with and a lot more of taking a look at the meters on a more frequent basis to make sure their all operating. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that this is one of those things that he agrees with everything he is saying and he is at a complete loss of why the batteries only lasted as long as they did. Mr. Abbott commented that he is also at a complete loss as to why they would have selected these batteries. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott if they have called any other Cities? Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that they are doing that now and why they didn’t do it before, he doesn’t know. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that this is one of those situation, that he wished he had a better answer for him, but he doesn’t. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott that he would be curious as to the progress on this situation and asked him to let him know how things are going on it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that he will keep them updated on it. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Abbott to let the whole Council know about the progress on this situation because she had the same thing marked down to ask him. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that he will let them all know.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Shawn Gillen, LFUCG Council Administrator - RE: Council Public Relations. — Ms. McRoy asked Tammy Grammer if she could have Joan Ray respond back to this E-Mail and let Shawn Gillen know that they don’t have this position and indicated that maybe Ms. Ray can also give information about CIC. Ms. Grammer stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

*2. Material from James L. Wilson, President, LASER Inc. - RE: Hawkins Construction - The Contractors Critic, Hawkins Construction, edition #3 (Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office). — Ms. McRoy stated that she thinks Dana Roper has looked into this issue before. Mr. Friendt asked if they are using Hawkins Construction for any projects. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Friendt that he has a project a ‘skywalk’ that’s coming and Hawkins will be building it and there are some other things that they have built for them. Mayor Wesely stated that Hawkins actually does a good job. Mr. Friendt asked Mayor Wesely if they have had any problems with them. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Friendt ‘no’ they haven’t, that Hawkins also does a lot of work for the University. Ms. McRoy asked why doesn’t Hawkins respond to some of these allegations and commented that she would think that they might want to tell their side of the story to at least set the record straight. Allan Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy that he thinks it is
worth a call, so he will call Hawkins Construction and just say that all the Council is getting is one side of the story. Ms. McRoy commented that she was just saying in her mind that she wouldn’t take this much negative stuff without responding to it. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy that he will call Hawkins and talk to them about it. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Abbott okay and thanked him.

*3. E-Mail from Carter Napier, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Casper, WY – RE: Deaf Child Signage. — Ms. McRoy asked Allan Abbott if the City has signs in certain neighborhoods that have “Deaf Child Playing”. Allan Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy that he thinks they have some up. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy this is another situation that they have to be aware that the child are there in order to put the signs up. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Abbott okay. Ms. McRoy asked Tammy Grammer if she could have Joan Ray respond to this E-Mail and let them know that they do have some of these signs up. Ms. Grammer stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

*4. E-Mail from Wendy Hassett, Assistant City Manager, City of Auburn, AL - RE: Downtown balance. — Ms. McRoy stated that she is going to send this E-Mail to Polly McMullen. Ms. McRoy asked Tammy Grammer to send a copy of this E-Mail to Polly McMullen at the Downtown Lincoln Association, so she can respond to it. Ms. Grammer stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

*5. Material from Harvey B. Cooper, For the Firm, Law Offices of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP to City Clerk Joan Ross – RE: Special Permit No. 1873- Sprint PCS - 4700 Antelope Creek Drive (This material was brought to the Council Office by Jean Walker from the Planning Department) (Council copies placed in their Thursday packet on 9/20/01) (Copy of all this material is on file in the City Council Office). — Ms. McRoy stated that they have this issue on their Agenda today.

*6. E-Mail from Kile Johnson - RE: Water and Wastewater User Fee Review Committee. — Ms. McRoy asked Allan Abbott when are they going to get a report from the Committee regarding this issue. Ms. McRoy indicated that she heard they meet quite a while ago on the rate change structure and asked if there is going to be a report on it. Allan Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy that ‘yes’, there will be a report. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy that they have a report in and they are going to be setting the time up to brief the Mayor on it and than the next step would be to bring it forward to the City Council. So, as soon as they get the opportunity to get on the Mayor’s schedule to do it, they will be coming forth. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they got the Final Report in a week ago and so they will be getting on the Mayor’s schedule and than they will present it to the Council. Ms. McRoy thanked Mr. Abbott for this information.
*7. E-Mail from Kristi Aday - RE: Resources on dealing with Terrorism. — Ms. McRoy asked Tammy Grammer to have Joan Ray respond to this E-Mail. Ms. Grammer stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

8. MEDIA RELEASE from Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln - RE: Community Health Endowment Elects Officers - Election of 2001-2002 Officers. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS


10. Letter from Bruce E. “Mike” Michaelson to Chief Mike Spadt, Lincoln Fire Department - RE: Lincoln Fire and Rescue Agreements with area municipalities. — Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. McRoy that they will draft a response back in regards to this letter. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely okay. Ms. McRoy asked Mayor Wesely if they could send them a copy of the response letter. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. McRoy sure they can. Ms. McRoy thanked Mayor Wesely.

11. E-Mail from David M. Curnane, Vice President-Stormdrain Solutions - RE: Proven Solution to Stormwater Pollution (Best Coalescent on the Market)- Oil, Grease, PCBs and Heavy Metals. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

12. E-Mail from Arthur Jimenez, La Paloma Inc. - RE: Parking/Haymarket/Special Events. — Ms. McRoy stated that she will give Mr. Jimenez a call and talk to him about this E-Mail.

13. Note from Elizabeth Rebman - RE: Would like to see the Nurses Home on the Bryan/LGH west campus preserved and given historic landmark status. — Ms. McRoy stated that she believes this is part of the petition that they had going on and indicated that they also received some material last week on it, so she thinks the Planning Department is aware of it. Kathleen Sellman stated to Ms. McRoy that ‘yes’, they are aware of it. Ms. McRoy stated that she thinks they will be seeing a lot more of these notes.

    Mr. Friendt stated that he just wanted to make a clarification on the information that was provided to them, that no one had called him or E-Mailed him about it. So, the implication that he has been unavailable to speak to someone about this matter is not correct because nobody has tried to contact him about it. Mr. Friendt stated that he would be happy to talk to them about it.
14. Letter from Elbert E. P. Hill Smith - RE: Needing to defend his office professional reputation at a possible racial and/or gender discrimination allegation with Manpower, Inc. (The temporary service here out on 70th Street). — Ms. McRoy asked Larry Williams if he could look into this matter. Mr. Williams stated to Ms. McRoy that he also received a copy of the letter and he has already responded to it. Mr. Williams stated to Ms. McRoy that he asked him to come in and visit with him about it. Mr. Williams stated to Ms. McRoy that he sent copies of this letter to a lot of folks in City Government. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Williams if he could follow up with her on this issue. Mr. Williams stated to Ms. McRoy that he will send them a copy of his response letter. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Williams okay and thanked him.

15. Letter & Report from Bob Moyer, Family Violence Council, Lincoln Medical Education Foundation - RE: Lincoln/Lancaster Council Report on Domestic Violence for 2000 (Council copies placed in their file folders on 9/26/01) (Copy of this Material is on file in the City Council Office). — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

16. Letter from Marian L. Malone, President - RE: Requesting that bus service be provided out to the 84th & Havelock area. — Ms. McRoy stated that she would like StarTran to respond to this letter. Allan Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

17. E-Mail from Gene C. Loucks - RE: Traffic. — Ms. McRoy stated that she would like the Public Works & Utilities Department to respond to this E-Mail. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

18. Letter & National Geographic book from Joel Sartore - RE: North Lincoln & Lancaster County are home to a rare ecosystem, the salt marshes along Salt Creek (Council copies placed in their Thursday packets on 9/27/01) (Copy of the Letter is on file in the City Council Office - No copy of book). — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

19. Material from Tom Price, President, Capital Sports Foundation, Ethel S. Abbott Sports Complex - RE: The City’s rink at 70th & “A” Street (Copy of this material on file in the City Council Office). — Ms. McRoy asked Mayor Wesely if they are moving forward with the ice rink at 70th & “A” Street. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. McRoy that they are in the sense, that they have been meeting with people to raise the money for the private part of the project. Mayor Wesely stated that they are trying to see if the money can be raised to do the project, so they are trying to work with the group to raise the private money that they said they could raise. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. McRoy that Lynn Johnson has been handling it.
Lynn Johnson stated to Council that they continue to believe that the 70th & “A” Street site is the right location for it. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they had a couple of studies done on it. Discussion continued with Lynn Johnson on this issue and with comments and questions from the Council. Ms. McRoy thanked Mr. Johnson for the update on it.

[Mr. Cook, Vice-Chair read through the Director’s Addendum (for September 24th) for Ms. McRoy, Chair]

**ADDENDUM** (For September 24th - evening Council Meeting)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Don Wesely will join Deputy Fire Chief John Huff and Keith Houfek, an Emergency Service Dispatcher with the city’s Emergency Communications/911 Center, for a news conference at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 25th at Fire Station #1, 1801 “Q” Street. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Material from Rex A. Anderson - RE: Rezoning North 19th Street - #25, 01-144 On the Agenda for 9/24/01. — Mr. Cook stated that they have already taken care of this issue.

2. Letter from Judith Yeck, Irvingdale Neighborhood Association - RE: The historic status of the Nurses Home on the Bryan/LGH West campus. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
ADDENDUM (For October 1st)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Fire Chief Mike Spadt will be available to talk to the media about the activities of the local members of the Urban Search and Rescue Team in New York during a conference call at 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 1st. — Mr. Cook stated that they discussed this issue earlier. (See that discussion under “I. Mayor”)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

AGING DEPARTMENT

1. Memo from Gina Dunning - RE: The Carol M. Yoakum Aging Services Center will be open every Monday starting October 1, 2001. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

1. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE from Don Killeen – RE: NEBCO Announces New Downtown Office Building - Government public parking area to move Monday. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

REAL ESTATE DIVISION

1. InterOffice Memo from Clinton W. Thomas - RE: Vacation of the east 20 feet of South 7th Street, south of N Street. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail - RE: Water Meter Issue. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
2. Letter from Herb Salzman - RE: Time Warner Television. — Mr. Cook stated that may be someone from the Law Department could follow up on this issue and indicated that may be Steve Huggenberger could respond to it. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Cook that this letter had come to her thinking that she was still the Chair, so she made sure they all received copies of the letter. Ms. Seng stated to Dana Roper that it needs to be a carefully written letter back to them. Dana Roper stated to Ms. Seng that they will respond to this letter.

IV. DIRECTORS - NO COMMENTS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP

Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that he knows Darrell Podany talked to him about the 70th & Highway 2 situation with Home Depot and the back-up, but he was wondering if he has learned anything more about it. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Abbott that this is an issue about how traffic has been backing up on Highway 2 without a left turn signal. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that the left turn signal was one of those situations that it wasn’t warranted for when Home Depot came in, so when Home Depot comes in the left turn signal will be put in. So, there will be a left turn signal at 70th & Highway 2 by the time Home Depot opens up. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that the congestion is being added there because of the construction on Highway 2 by the State, so it has been backing up a little bit. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Abbott if he knows when the left turn signal will be put in there. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that he doesn’t know, but he will check on it and let him know. Mayor Wesely stated that the other problem is that Old Cheney is closed. Mr. Abbott stated that there’s a lot of construction going on in that area and there’s a lot of development coming in that area. Mr. Abbott stated that he would not be surprised if the public concern for moving traffic keeps coming in, that it is going to get worse before it gets better. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that 84th & Highway 2 is going to be closed off and when this construction starts with the water-line being moved and everything to accommodate 84th & Highway 2 that this is also going to impact it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that in the north part is where the water-line and where they are adding the fifth lane and the water-line is going to go all the way down, plus when the 84th & Highway 2 development goes in that the reservoir (the tank) is being moved to the south and this water-line has to be put in. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp so there is going to be a lot of construction going on in the southeast part of town.
Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Wesely that he has a question in regards to the CIP funding. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Wesely that they have the meeting regarding Holmes Lake and he was wondering if there was anything that will impact the time schedule on this project. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that’s in process, so [inaudible] projects go forward. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that there’s no funding for them in this year’s budget that the study is actually paid for by grant funds, so there is no budget impact this year. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that what they are recommending is that this is a priority project because [inaudible]. Discussion continued with Council, Mayor Wesely and Lynn Johnson on this issue.

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated to the Planning Department that he didn’t get a Planning Commission Agenda and indicated that he’s assuming that it just didn’t make it to the Council Office in time. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Cook that this material is in their file folders today. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. Seng okay, that he will check his folder.

Mr. Cook asked the Parks & Recreation Department when do they expect the letters to go out from the 33rd Street Meeting. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that the letters will go out on Wednesday. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Johnson if he could put him on the list to receive a copy of the letter. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that ‘yes’, he can put him on the list.

Mr. Cook asked Lynn Johnson if he was on the notice list for the Antelope Park Master Plan Meetings. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that he should have been on the list. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Johnson that he might have missed it, but asked him to keep him informed on when these meetings will be held. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook okay.

Mr. Cook stated that he received a call about poles on 56th & “O” Street that LES is putting up new giant electrical or something next to the street. Mr. Cook stated that he was wondering if LES knows what they are doing with widening “O” Street and asked why are the poles going up exactly where they are putting them, so he was wondering what the situation was on it. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that he will find out what is going on. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott okay.

Mr. Cook stated to Allan Abbott that he would like to talk with him after the Director’s Meeting today about a couple of other things. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook okay.
ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy stated to Diane Gonzolas that she just needs some information from her. Ms. Gonzolas stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

GLENN FRIENDT

Mr. Friendt stated to Lynn Johnson since he volunteered to be the liaison for the Ice Skating Rink Task Force that he was wondering if he could get a copy of the business plan and the study for it. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Friendt that he would be happy to get him a copy of it. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Friendt that he was going to offer to brief him on it, if he would like him to. Mr. Friendt stated to Mr. Johnson that would be super, but if would like to look at the material in advance because that would probably save them some time. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Friendt okay.

COLEEN SENG - NO COMMENTS

TERRY WERNER

Mr. Werner stated to Lynn Johnson that he would like to talk with him after the Director’s Meeting today. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Werner okay.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that as they understand it the plan took off when it was supposed to, so it should arrive on time at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if they decide that they would like to go that they do have a bus on call for them and it will take the commuter 20 minutes to get out there, so a slight delay, they are in trouble. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that what ever they want, they will commodate them. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely that they will discuss it as soon as they are done with the Director’s Meeting this morning and they will let him know what they decided to do. Ms. McRoy ‘thanked’ Mayor Wesely.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.
