DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
DIRECTOR’S MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

Council Members Present: Annette McRoy, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Vice-Chair; Coleen Seng, Jon Camp, Ken Svoboda, Glenn Friendt (Arrived late), 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; and Joan Ray, City Council Staff.

[Mr. Cook, Vice-Chair stated to everyone that Ms. McRoy, Chair asked him to conduct the Director’s Meeting this morning]

I. MAYOR

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they had a meeting this morning with the Malone Center Board. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that their Board will meet again tomorrow night and they anticipate positive response to their efforts to work with them under fiscal condition, which will allow them to go forward in conjunction with the Joint Budget Committee, the County and United Way. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks they will be able to see this one work out.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they had the “Ride for America” Day on Thursday and they had three bus services. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he actually rode the bus and found out that there were a lot of people on the bus and commented it was great. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they had over $2,000 that was raised to help victims of Terrorism. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that typically he thinks they take in about $1,600 in fare.

Allan Abbott stated to Council that the normal daily take is $2,800, but $1,200 of that is from passes and the normal ride that people get on and pay is about $1,600. So, they had $2,000 and a little over 7,000 riders of what they say, which they normally have about 5,800, so it picked up a little bit. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it was a success.

Mayor Don Wesely stated that Mr. Cook was at the Cornerstone celebration for Lincoln Southwest High School on Sunday and that’s coming along nicely.

Mayor Wesely stated that Mr. Cook and Mr. Svoboda was at the opening of the “Russ’s Market “ on West “A” Street. Mayor Wesely stated to Council so there has been some new things happening in the last week.
Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they also had on October 11th a press conference on the status insures of any potential threats again and they did announce some new additional data on Weapons and Mass Destruction. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the City of Lincoln is receiving federal funds to enhance the community’s ability to respond to an emergency incident involving biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the Lincoln Fire Department’s Urban Search and Rescue Team has also been named one of six Weapons of Mass Destruction Task Forces in the country and will receive about $580,000 from FEMA for training and equipment. Mayor Wesely asked Fire Chief Spadt to talk a little bit more about this issue. Fire Chief Spadt stated to Council that they filled out an application about 6 months ago to be part of it and they were graded by FEMA Officials and that 25 Teams out of the 28 applied for the program. Chief Spadt stated that site visits were made by representatives from FEMA to evaluate their operations using very stringent criteria and then everybody was ranked based upon that criteria. Chief Spadt stated that they finished actually best out of three regions [regions 5, 6 & 7] and mentioned that the other five Task Forces selected for the program are based in Virginia Beach, New York, Texas, Los Angeles and Phoenix. Discussion continued with Council and Fire Chief Spadt on this issue.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that the Mid-Town Route Redesign ‘kick-off’ for the new 48th Street Shuttle will be Thursday morning and all of them will be invited to it. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that this is an attempt to try and encourage folks to ride this route. [Diane Gonzolas stated to Council that the ceremony will be at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 18th.]

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3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Don Wesely’s schedule for Thursday, October 11th includes: — NO COMMENTS

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln Receives Federal Assistance For Disaster Preparedness. — Mayor Don Wesely discussed this issue during his comments to Council under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

5. Release - RE: Local Government Ready To Respond. — NO COMMENTS
II. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 4 & 5 [Vacating the north/south alley from Seward Ave. north to the east/west alley in Block 95, Havelock Add., generally located between N. 62nd & N. 63rd Streets; & Vacating a portion of N. 60th St. from Seward Ave. south 142 ft.] she just wanted to remind them that on item 4 that she does have the dollars in. But, on item 5 she has had no response from the petitioner in regards to this item.

Mr. Camp asked City Clerk Joan Ross if he doesn’t, does she want a particular motion on this item. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Camp that it can’t sit on Pending forever, if he does not respond, she presumes that they will just vote to withdraw it, which would be the plan unless there is some objection from someone else.

Lynn Johnson stated to Council this is one that they have been working on for about a year, which involves the Murdock Trail. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that the trail exists on an easement through there and they have been trying to sort of negotiate with the property owner to adjust the location of the trail away from their property. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they have not heard back from him recently and commented to be perfectly honest with them he is not sure exactly what the status is on it. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that he knows Clint Thomas was working with him to see whether that was something he was interested in doing and they have not heard anything. Mr. Johnson indicated to Council that it may be worth while to leave this item on Pending for at least another week or two weeks to give them a chance to figure out exactly what’s the status of it, if that’s acceptable.

Discussion continued with City Clerk Joan Ross and Lynn Johnson on this item with Council. Lynn Johnson stated to Council from his understanding there is a meeting scheduled at 1:00 p.m. to try to get everybody together to figure out what the status of it is. Mr. Johnson apologized to Council.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that there is a couple of setting hearing dates on the Miscellaneous Referral relating to liquor licensing.

Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that he has a couple of questions for her. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that in regards to Item 34 [Vacating W. N St. from the west line of S. Coddington to a point approx. 300’ west thereof] it says that this item has been placed on Pending for 60 days and he thought it was ‘6 weeks’ not ‘60 days’. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook that ‘no’, she thinks that Mr. Quatrochhi had come forward and thought that 30 days would do it, but then she thinks an attorney came forward and said that 60 days might be better. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that’s right, when he made his motion, but on the Action Sheet it says delayed for 6 weeks. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook okay, that she will check on it.

[Mr. Cook’s comments in regards to Items 35 & 36 were inaudible]
1. Letter from Alan Hersch, Community Relations Director, Peoples Natural Gas brought over to Council Office by City Clerk Joan Ross - RE: Information to keep you updated on their service and involvement in Lincoln. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

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2. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Potholes at 14th & Mockingbird Lane (RFI#58 - 10/01/01). — Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that the potholes have been fixed, that he didn’t know if he wanted a written response back on it. Mr. Abbott asked Mr. Cook if he wanted a written response back to this Request For Information. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott that it seems like this is a regularly occurring problem. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Cook that ‘yes’, at this area it is. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott if he could may be write her a letter indicating what their policy is for keeping up with it, so that she doesn’t have to write a letter all the time. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that he will respond to her.

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**B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

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1. Material from Don Herz & Melinda Jones - RE: Resolution & Finance Department Treasurer of Lincoln, Nebraska Investments Purchased Between October 1 and October 5, 2001. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bruce Dart stated to Council that he really wants to reiterate about Anthrax that they are going to do a comments Public Blitz to comfortable people, reassure people and let people know that risks do exist and prepared to this risk that it is probably minimal. Mr. Dart stated to Council that the Health Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department, 911 and all available parties will have the knowledge and the ability to respond to it. Mr. Dart indicated to Council that they will be working through it to educate everybody and to calm our community.

Ms. McRoy stated to Bruce Dart that as a side note to him, the Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable Chair, Carol Brown will probably be calling him about this issue. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Dart that Carol Brown had some questions about it and she said that maybe at the next Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting they could get Doug Ahlberg and the Health Department to come in and talk about what Lincoln is doing about it because she has some concerns. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Dart so she told Ms. Brown to call him and set something up for the next meeting. Mr. Dart stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

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PLANNING

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3. Letter from David Anderson, Berry Properties - RE: To ask your support for the recommendations recently made by the Water Rate Task Force chaired by Jon Carlson. — Mr. Cook asked if there was any update on when this issue will come to them for a Pre-Council Meeting. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Cook that he thinks soon. Allan Abbott indicated to Mr. Cook that they will be scheduling one fairly soon, that they will talk to the Mayor and than they will get in touch with Joan Ray and Ms. McRoy to schedule it for a Pre-Council Meeting. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott okay. Ms. McRoy commented that they have plenty of space on the Pre-Council list. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

4. Letter from Joan McWilliams - RE: To urge you to assist them in renewing the Malone Center. — Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Cook that they will talk about this issue later. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

5. Letter from The Board of Directors of the Clyde Malone Community Center - RE: The Joint Budget Committee in conjunction with the United Way. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
ADDENDUM

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Fund Raising For Skate Park Under Way - Facilities to be built in two parks. — Mr. Cook stated that this wasn’t mentioned earlier, but this also took place this weekend out at Tierra Park. Ms. McRoy stated that it was a good turn out and it was very nice. Lynn Johnson commented that it was a good turn out.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. RELEASES from Bruce Dart - RE: Bioterrorism and Local Public Health & Bioterrorism Surveillance. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-mail from Adrienne - To Annette McRoy and to Council: Re: Malone Center. — Ms. Seng asked the Mayor if he has seen this E-Mail. Mayor Wesely stated that ‘no’ he hasn’t. Ms. Seng noted to the Mayor that it is on the Director’s Addendum. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng okay.

2. Letter from Adrienne McGlone to Council Re: Malone Center. — Ms. Seng asked the Mayor if he has seen this letter. Ms. Seng noted to the Mayor that it is on the Director’s Addendum. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng okay.

IV. DIRECTORS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Allan Abbott stated to Council that he has about three things for them. Allan Abbott stated to Council that he did receive a response from Kim Hawkins on the Laser issues. [Allan Abbott passed out to Council a copy of the response letter from Kim Hawkins] (Copy of this response letter is on file in the City Council Office). Mr. Abbott stated to Council that the letter is probably self-explanatory, if they have any questions after that to let him know.
Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Svoboda that last week, he asked him to look into parking meters on the north side of the building. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Svoboda that looking into it, they decided that putting meters in probably would not be the best idea, but they are going to have effective on Wednesday the parking along “K” Street between 9th and 10th will be limited to 1 hour parking. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Svoboda that they felt that putting meters up may do more to irritate people being charged for it because they have been parking free to come in and do City business. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Svoboda that they are putting a notice out to all people within the departments.

Allan Abbott stated to Council that the Mayor already mentioned StarTran and what they did there.

Allan Abbott stated to Council that the last thing he has is in regards to the Parking Meter Batteries. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that Scott Opfer is the individual who is most responsible for understanding what’s going on with this situation. Mr. Abbott asked Scott Opfer to talk to Council about this issue. [Scott Opfer passed out to Council a memo regarding Parking Meter Batteries] Mr. Opfer stated to Council that first of all he needs to clear up a little bit of confusion and the memo states all of that. Mr. Opfer went over the memo with Council. (Copy of this memo is on file in the City Council Office). Mr. Opfer indicated to Council that within the last few months, they have implemented a Battery Replacement Program.

Discussion continued with Council and Scott Opfer regarding this matter with questions from the Council.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS

COLEEN SENG - NO COMMENTS

GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS

Ms. McRoy stated that the reason why Mr. Cook is conducting the Director’s Meeting today is because they had a meeting this morning and they thought that it might be long, so she asked him to be prepared to do the Director’s Meeting. Ms. McRoy stated that she got here on time and seen that Mr. Cook was prepared for the meeting, so she decided that he could go ahead and conduct the Director’s Meeting this morning, since he was prepared for it.

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS
KEN SVOBODA

Mr. Svoboda ‘thanked’ Allan Abbott for his quick response on the parking meter issue and he ‘thanked’ him for mentioning that the Department Heads would send a memo out to their employees about their parking over there. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Abbott that he appreciates it because that was going to be his suggestion. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Abbott that he was glad to see the construction across the street had opened up a little more parking over the weekend, that they moved some of the construction fencing back to the curb-line. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Svoboda that is for right turns, not parking, but there will be “No Parking” signs placed over there to be sure that there isn’t ‘No parking’ there. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Abbott ‘oh’, okay.

Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott why does the fencing need to be occupying that lane or can it be set back on the curb. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that originally for two reasons, one was to keep people from parking there, and not having a sidewalk area to use and forcing them to walk in the street; and the other reason was that the Construction Company [Sampson’s] needs a little bit more area over there for [inaudible]. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that these were the two big reasons for the fence being there. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott okay and ‘thanked’ him.

ANNETTE MCROY

Ms. McRoy asked Chief Casady about the newspaper article regarding “Zapata’s” and asked him if there was an update on it. Chief Casady stated to Ms. McRoy that there really isn’t anything to update. Chief Casady stated to Ms. McRoy what happened was that they served a search warrant the week before last and it is on an on-going investigation, which involves several different violations with the State and Federal Laws. Chief Casady stated that the case isn’t wrapped up and probably will not be for months. Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady okay. Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady that may be they can call this for the Internal Liquor Committee.

Mr. Svoboda asked Chief Casady if there was any problems with “Studio 14” on Friday evening with their 14¢ drinks. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Svoboda that actually from his understanding there was about the same crowd that he saw, about 20 or 30 people.

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated that he has the list of the attendees that was at the 33rd Street Meeting and he just wants to give a copy of it to the Public Works & Utilities Department and the Parks & Recreation Department.
Mr. Cook asked why are there holes in the street on Van Dorn between Highway 77 & 10th Street, that the construction involves apparently cutting holes into the concrete at regular inter-holes three at a time and he was wondering what this was for. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that first of all that’s a State project and what has happened is when the pavement was built there were no [inaudible]. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Cook so what the State is now doing is going back and retrofitting and cutting holes, and placing bars in between the slabs and then they will fill it back in so that the pavement doesn’t leak. Mr. Abbott commented that this is a difference in opinion of the design when it was built, that it was not a construction mistake and the State has since changed their standards. Discussion continued with Mr. Cook and Allan Abbott.

Mr. Cook stated to Allan Abbott that he got a call from someone who received a letter regarding over grown plants and so on, and she wasn’t sure from the letter what they were supposed to clean up. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott that he told her that they were working on some changes and commented that he needs to following up on that. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott if he should draft some things that he thinks might need to be changed and pass it on to the Parks & Recreation Department and the Public Works & Utilities Department to get their comments. Allan Abbott and Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that would be fine. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott and Mr. Johnson that he will do that.

Mr. Cook stated that he didn’t have time last week to get in touch with someone from Information Services, but he did discover that Netscape 4.7 works [InterNet Explorer], but Netscape 6 gives you the mess with the Planning Commission Agenda’s. Mr. Cook indicated that he will following up on this matter later. Mr. Cook commented that the ‘pdf documents’ still doesn’t work for him either, so they still have a problem with it.

Don Herz asked Mr. Cook if Doug Thomas got in touch with him because he thought he was going too. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Herz ‘oh’, may be he did, that he may have given him the name of someone else to call. Mr. Cook stated that he doesn’t recall now and indicated that he will follow up on it.

Mr. Cook asked Don Herz if he could clarify the Keno Funding General Revenue issue. Mr. Cook stated that any CIP Projects that have a General Revenue component are on hold and asked if it is a pure Keno funding thing is it also on hold or is only if it has a General Revenue component. Don Herz stated to Mr. Cook that if it is Keno because of those projects, that they could use that funding for a general fund type project, so that’s the reason these are also on hold. Mr. Cook commented so it doesn’t matter if it is a mixture, that if it is pure Keno it is still on hold. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Cook ‘yes’. Mr. Cook stated to Mayor Wesely okay.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:36 A.M.