DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Director’s Meeting
Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2002
Conference Room 113

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, Ann Harrell, Mark Bowen, Lin Quenzer, 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 Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. Mayor

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that first off, Allan Abbott’s father-in-law passed away unexpectedly over the weekend, so he will be gone for much of the week back in Illinois.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that on Wednesday [March 13th] in the morning they have the Economic Summit with Omaha at Mahoney State Park for a couple of hours. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that hopefully it would be of interest and productive. [from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.]

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that afternoon the first of the Comp. Plan hearings with the Planning Commission occurs and that process is certainly moving forward rapidly.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he didn’t hear all of their discussion this morning on Economic Development, but he wants to try and simplify a little bit of the issue. Mayor Wesely stated to Council the real question that they have to ask is are they satisfied with Lincoln’s Economic Development and if the answer is that their satisfied, then that’s great. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that he doesn’t happen to be satisfied, he thinks they can do better, so the next question is can they do a bit more and can they do better. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks the answer is ‘yes’ to both things and that’s the reason for this proposal to add a staff person with the City and on the team effort with the County and LES as well as the University of Nebraska is so important. Mayor Wesely stated that there is no reason to politicize this and there’s no reason to complicate it, it is clear that additional staffing is needed and what he does more needs to be done. Mayor Wesely stated to Council the way they would move forward with this is to have a coordination between LPED and the Economic Development Team will have here dealing with the vast number of projects that need attention. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that essentially they have $550,000 going in an organization that has one full-time person assigned and that key worker is supposed to be
Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he would see sitting down on a regular basis and working out which projects would be handled by who and they wouldn’t end up duplicating that they would end up coordinating and getting more done as they need to have done. Mayor Wesely stated that essentially, he thinks it appears to him that some seem willing to accept the situation that they are in and he’s not. He thinks they need to fight for every job and for every company that they need to fight to do more for the economic growth of the City and so that’s why this proposal has been put forward. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they will be dealing with this as something as a reaction and this is something he has been working on since he got elected on trying to get more done quietly with LPED and he doesn’t want to publicly criticize specific efforts and so he won’t. But, he can assure them if they want to sit down and talk about it that he can give them the specifics as to what his experience has been and why they need to make this change and move forward. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that he’ll appreciate their help when they come back to them with the final Interlocal in a couple of weeks from now. Discussion continued with Council and Mayor Wesely on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that on their Council Agenda the first four items all relate to the “Kong Liquor Inc.” applications that it is the same owners coming forward.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 6 & 7 that both of these are related to “Leon’s Food Mart” applications. Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that he wanted to ask her a procedural question because this is the second time she has given them the material on procedures. Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that this is really helpful and asked if this was a new approach to help them. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Camp that this is some first time things [Russ’s Market at S. Coddington] that they haven’t had things like this in the past, so she wanted to lay out some type of a procedure so they would be prepared when they came to the meeting. Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that he appreciates it and ‘thanked’ her. Mr.
Svoboda stated that since they are on the liquor issue and asked Chief Casady if he could expand at all on which one he would prefer on the Rodriguez application on whether he would prefer denial or pending. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Svoboda that he would prefer pending. Mr. Svoboda stated to Chief Casady okay and asked him if he will be at the Public Hearing this afternoon to explain why. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Svoboda that ‘yes’ he will be at the meeting. Mr. Svoboda stated to Chief Casady okay.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 10 [Accepting the report of new and pending claims against the City and approving disposition of claims set forth therein for the period of January 16-31, 2002] she gave them a copy of the Resolution that has been prepared on it and she understands that if Chris Holler is not there [inaudible]. (Copy of Resolution was handed out with Miscellaneous Referral Sheet)

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 18 under Miscellaneous Referrals, they have another item that they have probably not had before or in recent history and that’s to set a hearing date for Monday, March 18, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. to hear the appeal of Darius Afraid Of Hawk on the denial of a Peddler’s Permit application. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that the Municipal Code requires that the Council set a hearing date and he brings his appeal to them. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she just needs to have them set a motion for next week, if that’s agreeable. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 40 [Special Permit 1953 - Application of Bill Harrison for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises at Ho-Chunk located at 3301 “O” Street] they are ready to go ahead with it on March 18th and indicated that she will have them move it forward for Public Hearing with Action or at least Public Hearing on March 18th.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that on page 7, she did give them a hand out on it and that’s all she has for them.

Ms. McRoy asked City Clerk Joan Ross if anybody called to be on the Agenda this week. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy ‘no’. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that she appreciates the procedure information.

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1. Material from Don Herz & Melinda J. Jones - RE: Resolution & Finance Department Treasurer Of Lincoln, Nebraska Investments Purchased Between February 25 and March 1, 2002. — Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that someone wanted to speak to this last week and they generally don’t allow the public to speak on them, but they generally don’t have people speaking on these items. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy that’s because it is not on Public Hearing, but he could certainly register or he could come forth and commented that he probably would need to register. City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Ms. McRoy that she doesn’t know how they would do it. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that may be someone could talk to Dana Roper about it. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy that she will visit with Dana Roper about it. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

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4. E-Mail from Tony Moses - RE: Housing Ordinance. — Ms. McRoy asked if Mike Merwick was here. Ann Harrell stated to Ms. McRoy ‘sorry’, Mike [Merwick] and some of the staff are at a funeral today. Ms. McRoy stated to Ms. Harrell okay and indicated that they need to get a response letter from the Building & Safety Department in regards to this E-Mail. Ms. McRoy asked Tammy Grammer to forward this letter to Mike Merwick. Ms. Grammer stated to Ms. McRoy okay.
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[Mr. Cook, Vice-Chair read through the Director’s Addendum (for March 11th) for Ms. McRoy, Chair]

ADDENDUM - (For March 11th)

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1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Announces City Economic Development Team And Public Partnership (Council received their copies on 3/7/02 in their Thursday packet). — Mayor Don Wesely discussed this issue during his comments to Council under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

2. 2 NEWS RELEASES - RE: CITY OF LINCOLN - SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORTS. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

II. CORRESPONDENCE

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JON CAMP

1. Article from Jon Camp – RE: Economy needs pro-active mayor, not one who postures. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
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1. Material - RE: Update on Proposed Ordinance on Body Art (tattooing, body piercing, etc.) (Copy of this Material is on file in the City Council Office). — Mr. Camp stated to Bruce Dart that he was trying to thumb through this material and the way this came out they have ‘Body Art’. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Dart if he could summarize what the current proposed ordinance says on tattooing and body piercing as far as minors are concerned. Bruce Dart stated to Mr. Camp that they will be discussing it tomorrow night at the Board of Health Meeting and what they will be discussing is do they want to keep it the same or do they want parental consent for any teenager. Mr. Dart indicated to Mr. Camp that if they don’t add all teenagers in, what’s going to happen is that they will still have the issue of kids possibly getting tattoos or piercing illegally. Mr. Dart stated to Mr. Camp that they hope to resolve this issue tomorrow night and bring it forward after that. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Dart so right now, it still treats tattooing and body piercing the same. Mr. Dart stated to Mr. Camp ‘yes’ that they used the term ‘Body Art’ to cover both facts of entities so when they say ‘Body Art’ they are referring to both tattooing and body piercing. Mr. Dart stated to Mr. Camp that they will be discussing this issue at the Board of Health Meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Dart that he appreciates what he, Scott Holmes, Tonya [Skinner] and others have done and they have all done a wonderful job.

Mr. Svoboda stated to Council that prior to tomorrow’s night meeting, if there’s any comments that any of them have that he could portray to the Board of Health on this matter that he would appreciate it.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Board of Directors, Home Builders Association of Lincoln (with signatures) – RE: We believe that the proposed Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan should be revised to include substantially more land in the “Future Urban Area - Tier1”. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
2. Faxed Letter from William E. Vocasek, President, West A Neighborhood Association - RE: The renewal of the liquor license of Russ’s Market at Coddington & West “A”. — Mr. Cook noted that Mr. Vocasek is saying that they support the store.

IV. DIRECTORS

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Casady commented to Council that the weather is getting warm with dandelions, crack grass and motorized scooters. [laughter] Chief Casady stated to Council that last year they had just a real blossoming of motorized scooters running around the City and he believes they ended up handling 146 complaints about people with scooters. Chief Casady stated to Council that basically the kind of complaints they get usually revolves around noise, which is the gas power scooters in particular. Chief Casady stated to Council that in making them go faster generally involves removing the muffler among other things. Chief Casady indicated to Council that they saw it coming quite a while ago and if they look at a map of where these complaints are coming in that it is about a 2-square mile area for the most part, which would be 48th Street (if it went through)-south of Old Cheney between the Knoll’s. Chief Casady stated to Council that they have already had several complaints this year. Chief Casady stated to Council that scooters are illegal to operate on the street or on the sidewalk, so the only thing you can do with a motorized scooter is drive it perpendicularly to the street from one private property to another private property. Chief Casady stated to Council that lots of parents are buying these things for their kids and he thinks that they are unaware or not caring about their legality they have. Chief Casady stated to Council that they tried to get some press coverage for it last year before the Christmas shopping season thinking that they might be able to prevent some parents from spending $600 or $700 on a toy that their kids can’t use and that didn’t seem to work very effectively, but they are going to try it again this year. Chief Casady stated to Council that they have met with a couple of people here in Lincoln that sales these things to let them know that these are not legal. But, he thinks that they will have lots of complaints about it, so he just wanted to forewarn them and let them know that they are on top of it. Ms. McRoy asked Lynn Johnson if they have been riding them in the Skate Park. Lynn Johnson stated to Ms. McRoy ‘no’ and indicated that they are also not allowed on the trails. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Johnson and Chief Casady okay and commented so it’s basically your driveway. Chief Casady stated to Ms. McRoy that’s correct. Discussion continued with Council and Chief Casady on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS
Ms. Seng stated that Mike DeKalb was out at her Citizen’s Meeting this morning. Ms. Seng stated that she thinks they had 26 people there and she left Mr. DeKalb with 7 people to get down here for the Pre-Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Seng stated that Mike [DeKalb] did a marvelous job and asked Kathleen Sellman to tell him that he was just marvelous. Kathleen Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that she will tell him. Ms. Seng stated that there were two opinions on the Yankee Hill cross-over, which was really a hot topic and indicated that they also got into Floodplain issues. Ms. Seng stated that it was a very good meeting.

Ms. Seng stated that she is sending through a RFI (Request For Information) to the Finance Department and the Law Department about using the wheel tax outside of the City limits in the 3 mile area. Ms. Seng stated that this gentleman lives on Driftwood, which she thinks it is in the Wedge Wood area and he has gone to a great deal of effort to work with the State people to find out what to do different. Ms. Seng stated that this gentleman really thinks there is some possibility on the charging of wheel tax to the folks that live outside of the City limits. Ms. Seng stated that they have gone through this issue before, but he thinks there has been something changed at the State level, so she is sending it through to them.

Ms. Seng stated that Mike Merwick isn’t here, but asked Ann Harrell if she could let him know that at the East “O” Street Meeting the other night that it was just deadly dull and then the staff was so glad when she showed up because there just wasn’t anything there. Ms. Seng stated that nobody was there to talk about anything, except the people that live right across from that AllTel commercial area [right, South of “O” Street on Cotner] and they are madder than hawks about a sign that shines into their front windows. So, she is shipping a little message through to the Building & Safety Department to check on it.

GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy stated that she has a number of RFI’s that she is going to be sending through to departments.

Ms. McRoy stated to Marc Wullschleger that this morning they didn’t have a chance to talk about the new Committee that Urban Development is forming for couches on the porches and she just thought that they could update the Council on it. Ms. McRoy stated that she thinks it is a very interesting new method and asked Mr. Wullschleger if he could share a little bit with them about it. Marc Wullschleger stated to Ms. McRoy that
he doesn’t have anything now that he’ll get back to her on it. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Wullschleger okay. Ms. McRoy stated that they formed a Committee with the North Bottoms and she believes with the Clinton neighborhood people to look at volunteering compliance and she’s going to sit on it with them. Ms. McRoy stated that she believes from years ago that this is how the Junk Car Ordinance got started that they went to a Voluntary Committee forum and a Voluntary Compliance and of course it didn’t work and then they went with the Ordinance. Ms. McRoy stated that she is excited about it and she is glad to see that Urban Development is taking the time.

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to talk with Kathleen Sellman after the Director’s Meeting today. Mr. Friendt stated that he needs to talk with Kathleen Sellman as well.

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.