

**DIRECTOR'S MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2002 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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***HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 12, 2002.**

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

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Lin Quenzer, Ann Harrell, Darl Naumann, Kent Morgan, 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 they have a very brief announcement and indicated that Chief Spadt is going to need to leave and he has some good news that he wanted to share with them. Chief Spadt stated to Council that he would like to introduce to them Assistant Chief Richard Furasek and Assistant Chief John Huff that part of the department restructuring and reorganization these two individuals are going to serve as the Assistant Chief's for the Lincoln Fire & Rescue. [Everyone clapped and congratulated them]. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the reorganization was approved a few weeks ago and of course they have been a long team member of the Fire Department and they do a great job. Mayor Wesely stated that they're really excited about having them and taking on the responsibilities, he welcomed them aboard.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he also has some good news from Don Herz on the evaluation issue and asked him if he would share it with them. Don Herz stated to Council that they received their final property evaluations and they come in almost exactly on what they had used in their budget, so Steve [Hubka] missed it by only \$2 million. Mr. Herz stated to Council that he actually had \$2 million more in evaluations than they had estimated, but remarkably close, so this means that the numbers they used during the budget process won't be valid. Mr. Cook 'thanked' Mr. Herz. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they don't have the Sales Tax Revenue numbers yet, but they are waiting for them and they should be getting them, which usually comes in today or tomorrow, so hopefully that will bring them some good news as well.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that next weekend will be a hectic one for this community because they have the State Fair starting on Saturday, they have a little football game, football season is starting on Saturday, there will be a baseball game in the afternoon prior to the football game, they have school starting on Monday and the University of Nebraska starts on Monday as well. Mayor Wesely commented that they

have gotten through it before, but it will be kind of active this weekend coming up.

Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely on that note in regards to 17th Street by the dorms are they going to block it off in light of everything going on this weekend because that gets really hectic with people trying to move in and then with all the traffic. Ms. McRoy stated that she read somewhere that they wasn't going to close the streets for loading. Chief Casady stated to Ms. McRoy that they have it handled, they are going to have it close sometimes during it's off peak hours and then when they need to they will have it opened back up.

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II. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that on their Agenda for today, she just wants to confirm how she should call some of the Public Hearing items.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 6 & 7 [Reappointing Patricia Taft to the Cable Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring July 1, 2005; & Appointing Herb Friedman and Donna Behlen to the Cable Advisory Board for three-year terms expiring July 1, 2005] she would like to call these two items together and asked if that would be okay with them. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross 'yes'.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 18 & 19 [Directing submittal to the voters of a proposed general obligation bond issue in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 to be allocated for repairs, renovation, and improvements to certain existing pedestrian, bicycle and other non-motor vehicle sidewalks, paths, and trails within the City of Lincoln; & Directing submittal to the voters of a proposed general obligation bond issue in the principal amount of not to exceed \$8,000,000.00 to be used for two fire stations, modification and repair of existing fire stations, and purchase of equipment] she would like to call these two items together and asked if that would be okay with them. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross 'no' that these two items are separate. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook okay and indicated that she will call these two items separate.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 20, 21 & 22 [Appointing Glenn Friendt to the Community Development Task Force for a one-year

term expiring August 31, 2003; Reappointing Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, and Coleen Seng to the Railroad Transportation Safety District for one-year terms expiring August 31, 2003; and Reappointing Annette McRoy to the Joint Budget Committee for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2004] she can call these items separate or together and asked them what they would like to do. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that since these three items all involve Council Members to go ahead and call these items together. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook okay.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 36 & 37 [Application of Pho-Suha Inc. dba "Pho-Suha" for a Class J liquor license at 1819 "O" Street; and Manager application of Irfan Osmanovic for Pho-Suha Inc. dba "Pho-Suha" at 1819 "O" Street] that he brought in money orders to pay for all of it, so it is guaranteed and so now it will be up for action. Mr. Werner asked Chief Casady whether he knows if the Police Department would recommend approval now and asked him if he's familiar with it. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Werner that he's really not. Mr. Werner stated to Chief Casady okay. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that if they recall last time in question that if he made good on the past amount that he had no objections to it. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that they'll discuss it later.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 53 [Approving the appointments of Steve Kiene, Terry Werner, Mary Arth, Helen Boosalis, Tom Boatman, and Gil Lundstrom to the LES Utility Billing Check-Off Program Committee for one-year terms from September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003] they will have a substitute Resolution for it. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that apparently they will need to make an Appointment just for Terry Werner on this item and stated that maybe Dana [Roper] can explain it further. Mr. Cook stated that he thinks it is somebody else's job to do the other Appointments either the LES Board or the Mayor.

Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that in regards to Items 2 & 3 [Change of Zone 3368 - Application of Pioneer Woods, L.L.C. for a change of zone from R-3 Residential to O-3 Office Park on property generally located at the northeast corner of S. 70th Street and Pioneers Blvd.; and Change of Zone 3369- Application of Ridge Development Company and Southview Inc. for a change of zone from AG Agricultural to R-4 Residential on property generally located northwest of the intersection of South 27th Street and Yankee Hill Road] both of these items are connected to other items. Mr. Cook stated that Item 2 is connected to 02R-170, which is Item 13 [Use Permit No. 144 - Application of Pioneer Woods, L.L.C.] and Item 3 is connected to 02R-169, which is Item 12 [Special Permit 1978 - Application of Ridge Development Company and Southview, Inc.] so they probably should call the items together. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook 'yes', she will and 'thanked' him.

Ms. Seng stated that she saw that the paperwork came through for the last piece on the Champoux's effort out on Adams and she asked the Planning Department about it. Ray Hill stated to Ms. Seng that he thinks the Public Works Department could probably answer because it is part of the annexation agreement. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Ms. Seng that if she's talking

about the memorandum from her on the Director's Addendum that's just trying to make sure that they have all the facts related to the time period for the project as well as their basis for asking the developer to pay all costs associated with Leighton Avenue as a collector street. Ms. Tooze asked Council if they have any questions on it. Ms. Tooze went over the memo with Council regarding the Prairie Village Annexation & Zoning Agreement. [Copy of this memo is on file in the City Council Office] Mr. Cook stated that they will read over the memo and then they may have more questions at the Council Meeting.

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1. Information from Bruce Dart - RE: Hepatitis A – New Immunization Fee – Animal Bites - Physician Advisory Available By E-Mail. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

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1. Memo from Nicole Fleck-Tooze - RE: Item No. 02R-154 – Prairie Village Annexation & Zoning Agreement. — Mr. Cook stated that they already discussed this issue earlier. (See that discussion)
2. Public Works & Utilities Advisory - RE: Storm Sewer Bond Project 701316 - Cotner and Orchard to 70th and Aylesworth - Public Informational Open House on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - at Meadow Lane Elementary, School Auditorium, 7200 Vine Street. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Faxed Letter from Tabitha Health Care Services Case Management Staff - RE: The possibility of eliminating some of the positions related to the work done by the LIFE Office and the LIFE Counselors. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

2. Letter from Ben Goble - RE: "Thank you" for restoring the funding for the School Resource Officers. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

IV. DIRECTORS - NO COMMENTS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS

COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng stated that she is sending a RFI (Request For Information) through in regards to some items that are placed out on the public right-of-way in Bethany and the owner of the business who's not the owner of the property finally got the letter from her landlord recently, so she called her right away. Ms. Seng stated that this is an Antique Shop that has a spotted cow out in front and then two other things and she thinks Building & Safety has probably been out there because in talking with her and her receiving a letter. Ms. Seng stated that the more she thought about it that this is probably not so far fetched from our river rock issue. So, she was hoping that may be the Building & Safety Department could hold off on this deadline date for the owner of this business and indicated that she would like to request that they have a Pre-Council Meeting as soon as they can in regards to what they are going to do out in the terrace area. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng 'certainly'. Ms. Seng stated that it just keeps getting more and more complicated and she thinks that they should probably do everything the same and commented that it seems to her that this is some what related to river rock or shrubbery plantings in the terrace area. So, she is sending this RFI through and commented but if there's anyway the Building & Safety Department could give this women a little bit longer. Ms. Seng noted that the business is called "Bittersweet Antiques" at 66th & N. Cotner. Discussion continued with Council, Allan Abbott and Mike Merwick on this issue. After discussion, Ms. Seng stated that she really thinks that they need to have a Pre-Council Meeting on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng okay. Mike Merwick stated to Ms. Seng that they will get together with Public Works and the Planning Department to discuss it and then they'll get back with her. Mr. Cook stated that most of the changes that he's working on deals primarily with residential areas, but he knows that there are some commercial areas especially the older ones. Mr. Cook commented that he knows the Urban Development Department has done projects where they put things out there and so they need to discuss how this might work together.

GLENN FRIENDT

Mr. Friendt stated to Mayor Wesely that this is really a follow up question to the Pre-Council Meeting this morning regarding the Trails and Sidewalks Maintenance. Mr. Friendt asked Mayor Wesely why are they using this approach to take care of this and asked if they are going to increase the property tax and the levy to pay for these bonds. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Friendt that he thinks on the sidewalks they already put in \$250,000 a year, they have a \$4 million bond [inaudible], so that's a differential of \$150,000, which he thinks in that case it is more in the budget, hopefully. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Friendt so he doesn't think that would actually end up increasing property tax rates. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Friendt that the fire bond is a bigger number and then the stacking of it, so there they would see some property tax adjustments to uncover it. Mr. Friendt stated to Mayor Wesely that for Fire facilities, he can understand that's a one time capital investment and indicated that this is really his follow up question on what do they do if they get the \$4 million and they do it, should they not be setting some money aside to take care of maintenance on a regular basis. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Friendt 'well' they should and they are going to have to make some adjustments and indicated that basically they have had trouble getting contractors for the little amount of money that they put into sidewalks. Mayor Wesely stated that one time they had nobody bid at all and usually they have just one bidder, so they thought if they brought more money to bare and then have a real aggressive plan for the next 3 years that they would get more people bidding and participating and knowing that there will be some work there and they think they would get a better price as a result of it and see more for their money that way, so that's the reason they thought they would do it that way. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that as the follow up, after 3 years they would have to evaluate how it went and then decide if they want to do another bond or adjust to keep on going maintenance at an on-going basis. Mayor Wesely stated that he thinks they will know more in 3 years to see if it works or not.

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy asked Dana [Roper] if his staff has been working with [inaudible] on his lien over at 23rd & "T" Street and asked Jonathan [Cook] if he has talked to Dana [Roper] about it. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. McRoy 'yes', he did. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Cook remember when they talked the other day about it and she wanted to follow up on it because of the bond for the building in the right-of-way, which he now has a lien on his house and so he's unhappy about that. Ms. McRoy stated so she was wondering what they could do to help him and asked if it is in conjunction to what Jonathan [Cook] is doing with the right-of-way ordinance are they going to phase it out now because they don't need a permit to legally put plants in their retaining wall in the right-of-way. Ms. McRoy commented that he's probably the only person in Lincoln that's ever went through the process. Mr. Roper stated to Ms. McRoy that's one of the things that they're going to have to look at in this whole issue of what gets to go in the right-of-way and

what kind of risk and liability that they are willing to assume in doing this. Mr. Roper stated to Ms. McRoy that he thinks this is probably a policy issue for the near future and he doesn't think that those decisions have been made. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Roper okay and asked if they are going to work on it. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. McRoy 'yes'. Mr. Roper stated to Ms. McRoy that is going to come up. Mr. Cook stated that this individual replaced it with some nice stone and tried to be official about it and now he has to pay a lease every year to keep his retaining wall out there and so they're punishing him for having made those improvements. Ms. McRoy stated that this individual wants the lien off of his house because he can never get a loan and so if he ever wanted to do improvements or whatever that they would not be able to do it. Ms. Seng commented that they've never put a lien on anybody's property before for something like this and asked Mr. Roper if that was correct. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. McRoy that will definitely be part of the package. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Cook okay that she just don't want them to forget about it because he's really upset about it.

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated that in regards to the Sidewalk Bond Issue and asked if they are going to do a lot of work at once and indicated that he just wants to make sure that they cover the tree root issue because it came up last year when there was some work done. Mr. Cook stated that he thinks it was maybe by some Omaha companies where they shocked into the tree roots very badly when they were putting in sidewalks and commented that if they end up killing a 50 year old tree with their sidewalk replacements that's not a good offering. Mr. Cook stated that he knows Steve Schwab has worked with Harry Kroos and others to come up with a policy on it, but he just wants to make sure that as they go forward with it that any contracts that they have to cover this as well. Ms. McRoy stated that hopefully they will hire local companies instead of companies out of Omaha. Mr. Cook stated that would help, he thinks. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that gets back to what he mentioned before that they didn't have very many bidders and so they think that this more aggressive package will attract more interest and it should allow them better quality of work and better price.

Mr. Cook asked if they could get a list from the Public Works & Utilities Department of planned traffic signals over the next year or two or whatever they have on it. Mr. Cook stated that he knows that they have had presentations on it in the past, but it's been a couple of years since they've seen a presentation. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that they did one last year, but he will get one for him. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott okay. Mr. Cook stated that he doesn't know if they need a Pre-Council Meeting on it, but they will first look at the material and then decide if they need to have one. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook okay.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:32 A.M.

***HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 12, 2002.**

