DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2003.
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Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell (arrived late), Corrie Kielty, 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 commented to Council that they haven’t gotten together for a couple of weeks. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they do have the new Emergency Communication Center up and running in Northwest Lincoln, which he thinks is an important step forward. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that maybe they can talk about it sometime later and stated that he’s pleased to see it.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they also announced the donation by the Becker’s of Tennessee of some land at 98th & Adams, which will be Burns Park. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks the total amount is about 30 acres of land, so that will be a nice addition. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Mrs. Becker is from Lincoln and some of her family is still here and so they have a connection with us.

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Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they also thought that they should remind folks that jobs are up significantly over the last year that over 5,000 more people are employed in the Lincoln area compared to a year ago. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that our unemployment rate is 2.9%, which was one of the lowest in the Country and indicated that at one point they may have been the fourth lowest in the Country. Mayor Wesely stated that he thinks it is important to be accurate in reflecting the economic news that they have in trying to relate to folks and commented that it is strong in not only the Sales Revenues and jobs, but also construction records have been breaking.


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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 4 [03-36 – Change of Zone 3386 - Application of Gary and Carolyn Christensen and Delisi Brothers, Inc. for a change of zone from H-3 Highway Commercial to I-1 Industrial on property generally located southwest of S. Coddington Avenue and W. O Street] they should have copies perhaps with their Director’s Addendum for today, a letter from Mark Hunzeker asking that they continue the Public Hearing for Items #4 & #12 to March 10th because he will be out of town this week.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that just as a reminder, they have a Motion to Amend for Item 9 [03R-47 - Authorizing Nader Sepahpur dba Osoburrito to occupy a portion of the public right-of-way at 1451 “O” Street for use as a sidewalk café].

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she doesn’t have anything else for them and asked them if they had any questions. Mr. Friendt asked City Clerk Joan Ross why the replacement on 03-34. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Friendt that there was some language in there that could have been confusing down the road as to what covenants and restrictions applied that they wanted to get cleared up. Mr. Roper stated to Council that originally their language said that they’ll comply with the restrictions and covenants and easements of record as long as it didn’t interfere with their development and they thought that needed some further massaging before it was agreeable and they got it done.

Mr. Roper stated to Council the other thing that he should point out to them is that they will be getting an Amendment for the Claims Report. Mr. Roper stated to Council that they have a claim and the amount that they asked for was the amount that they filed, not the amount that they settled on and so there’s a substantial reduction in what the settlement actually was on it, so that’s what the Amendment is about. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Roper okay.

Mr. Cook stated that his plan on the LES continued Public Hearing is that the same people can’t speak, new people can speak and LES will get a chance to rebuttal at the end. Mr. Cook stated to Council that otherwise, it won’t be a new presentation and asked them if that sounds okay. Council agreed that would be okay. Mr. Cook stated to Council ‘alright’.

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Mr. Camp asked Mr. Abbott if they’re making any progress on maybe working with them to get that median break. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that like he said in his E-Mail back to him that they can not give median breaks to every individual along there that wants one, when they can in fact get access off one of the intersecting streets. So, unless they’re going to change our policy and allow a median break to anyone who wants one along our arterials that they’re not going to be able to allow that median break. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Abbott that maybe after the Director’s Meeting, he can visit with him a little more about it and thanked him.

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**2. Finance Department /Treasurer’s Resolution & Report on Investments purchased February 10 - 14th, 2003. — NO COMMENTS


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1. Letter from Mark A. Hunzeker, Pierson, Fitchett, Hunzeker, Blake & Katt Law Firm - RE: Bill Nos. 03-36, Change of Zone 3386, and 03R-50 Preliminary Plat of G & C Addition - Request that Public Hearing be continued to Monday, March 10th, for hearing and possible action on that date, will be out of town on Monday. — Mr. Cook stated that this is the letter from Mark Hunzeker asking for a delay on these two items. [City Clerk Joan Ross mentioned this letter during her comments to Council under “II. City Clerk”. (See that discussion) ]

   Mr. Cook stated that these other Items #2 through #5 are related to things that they might act on today.

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5. Letter from Charles G. Simino, Sprint - RE: This letter serves as Sprint’s opposition to the proposed LES Ordinance. — NO COMMENTS
IV. DIRECTORS

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief Casady stated to Council that him and Vice Chancellor Jim Griesen held a news conference this morning to announce the latest evaluation data from NU Directions Campus-Community Coalition on the news of drinking by college students. Chief Casady stated to Council that Harvard the School of Public Health has the contract to do the evaluation, they’ve been collecting data now since 1997 on binge drinking rates and [inaudible]. Chief Casady stated to Council that they are 1 of 10 coalitions funded around the Country and they’re the only one of those coalitions that’s showing any positive results and our results are really rather remarkable. Chief Casady stated that they had a consistent multi year drop in the binge drinking rates and they have also had a pretty significant drop in the rate of which students report both driving drunk and riding in a vehicle with someone who’s drunk. Chief Casady stated to Council a significant drop in secondary effects like having to babysit any drunken student, having one’s sleep or study interrupted and being a victim of a unwanted sexual advance and so their data is really really good. Chief Casady stated to Council that they’ve noted today that there’s been a real obvious change in the environment towards alcohol in Greek houses and on campus. Chief Casady stated to Council that they have had a tripling number of MIP arrests by the Lincoln Police Department and it’s gone up even a higher rate on campus by the University Police Department. Chief Casady stated to Council that they are looking at a very very strong social trend and no one else seems to be doing it, but it seems to be working in Lincoln and he thinks the City Council is able to take some good credit for it. Chief Casady stated to Council that having the City Council and Public Officials stand behind them when they’re trying to encourage responsible service and better performance by those who hold liquor licenses and special designated licenses, which has been really important to their accomplishments in Lincoln.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - Marc Wullschleger stated to Council that they have an announcement and commented that they all know June [Remington] and indicated that the Aging Department and the Urban Development Department have both moved and they would like to do an Open House. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that they have decided on a date of April 11th [Friday] and they’re going to combine them and both locations are going to be opened on Friday, April 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that they’ll try to get some announcements out to them and commented so please come and see both of their spaces.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS
JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated that he has a few things. Mr. Cook stated to Mike Merwick the “Kmart” signs at 27th & Highway 2 were up this weekend again and he doesn’t know if they had taken them down and then put them back up or what the status is on it. Ms. Seng stated that the signs were also all down 27th Street [27th & Cornhusker]. Mike Merwick stated to Council that they’re involved in a Federal bankruptcy and our Sign Ordinances does not apply to them when they’re involved in a Federal bankruptcy. Council commented to Mr. Merwick ‘what’. Dana Roper stated to Council that they have bankruptcy protection under a law. Mr. Merwick stated to Council that they have taken some of their signs out of the right-of-way, but most of the signs and commented that they’ve just got a lot of them and there back on the grass. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Cook that they went out there and the one was gone. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Merwick that he knows some are in the right-of-way because there in that little triangle, which he is pretty sure that the City owns it. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Cook that they try to take them out of the right-of-way, but the rest of them and stated that Dana [Roper] can answer that better than he can. Mr. Merwick stated to Council that there’s a Federal bankruptcy that allows it and indicated that it has gone to court to make that a fact and it isn’t “Kmart”, it’s other Federal bankruptcies that have occurred in the past. Dana Roper stated to Council that they have Federal protection under the Federal Bankruptcy Laws that on complying with the local zoning ordinance as it pertains to signs and it’s a specific prevision. Mr. Roper stated to Council that he will try to get them something on it, so that they’re more informed. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Roper okay and commented that’s fascinating, but they can still make them remove their signs from our property in the right-of-way, right. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Cook that’s what they have been doing and indicated that they have to go out and pick them up. Further discussion continued with Council, Mike Merwick and Chief Casady on this issue with comments and questions.

Mr. Cook stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that as he was driving down this morning, he saw that they were digging a hole at 27th & Sewell Street and commented digging up bricks. Mr. Cook asked Allan Abbott if all of those bricks will be put back and commented that’s all being done carefully, right. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook ‘yes’. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott if they could just make sure ... and commented that this has been an issue on other streets.

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

Mr. Friendt stated that he would like to talk to Diane Gonzolas after the Director’s Meeting today.

COLEEN SENG - NO COMMENTS

TERRY WERNER

Mr. Werner stated that he has already talked to Chief Casady about his Haymarket experiences last weekend, so he’ll talk to the Mayor about it. Council commented to Mr. Werner did you get ticketed again. Mr. Werner stated to Council ‘no’ and stated that he was in the parking garage. Mr. Werner stated that it concerns him about giving tickets on a Saturday night at 10:00 p.m. and indicated that he understands the dilemma that the Police have and so on. Mr. Werner stated that he saw some tickets being given that were not safety issues in his mind, so he will visit with the Mayor about it and see if they can resolve it. Chief Casady stated to Council that they give tickets in a parking garage for handicap stalls. Mr. Werner asked Chief Casady what about old tickets, if they have tickets do they go through and get those out. Chief Casady stated to Council that they’ll occasionally tow someone out of the parking garage that has lots and lots of unpaid tickets.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:27 A.M.

*HELD OVER FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2003.
**HELD OVER FROM FEBRUARY 24, 2003.