DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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VI. ADJOURNMENT
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Council Members Present: Terry Werner, Chair; Ken Svoboda, Vice-Chair; Patte Newman, Glenn Friendt, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Jon Camp

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Ann Harrell, Darl Naumann, Lin Quenzer, Mayor’s Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; Newly Elected City Council Members, Robin Eschliman, Dan Marvin and Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng stated Lin Quenzer graduated from College of Saint Mary with highest distinction so she thinks Lin (Quenzer) deserves congratulations. Everyone congratulated Ms. Quenzer.

Mayor Coleen Seng called on Directors. Marc Wullschleger (Urban Development) stated it’s budget time and in their budget this year they will see again street trees from Urban Development and Parks & Recreation.

Mayor Seng said she received a couple of really nice letters from someone that had dealt with the City Clerk’s Office. She gave the letters to Joan Ross, she thought they deserve to see the nice letters. City Clerk Joan Ross commented it was all Jaime (Phillips).

Mayor Seng noted Karl Fredrickson (Public Works) has some really great news for Council. [Karl Fredrickson handed out material to Council regarding the construction on 84th Street progressing South.] Karl Fredrickson stated this is their press release on 84th Street and the first map to show how residents would access areas. Mr. Fredrickson went over the press release with Council. Mr. Fredrickson stated their goal is to get this done hopefully prior to Thanksgiving. Mr. Svoboda commented all four lanes they’re anticipating being opened including the two they are working on now to the north of Pioneers. Mr. Fredrickson said yes, all paving lanes, but there maybe seeding following spring and a lane closed. [Copy of Press Release on file in the City Council Office.]
Mike Merwick update Council regarding 3900 Industrial Avenue. They are working out there, they have a rock crushing plant and there is a lot of concrete and asphalt that they’re recycling. The problem is they need a special permit which is going before the Planning Commission on May 25th. They have a lot of people involved looking at it, the Health Department for the dust, Parks & Recreation and Public Works at floodplain issues. They are getting all the information together and will be given to Planning when the public hearing is next week they will resolve all these issues. Mr. Merwick noted they received a lot of complaints on it.

Ms. Newman questioned is there no fines for someone who moves in and starts to open up a business without having a special permit. Mr. Merwick said they can send them to the Law Department, but usually what they have tried to do and have always done in the past whether it is a business or home or anyone that violates a zoning ordinances they try to work with them to bring them in conformance. If they are not getting in conformance than they prosecute them, but they usually don’t prosecute, fines are only [inaudible] by the courts so they would have to prosecute through Law and then they would go to court end from there.

Ms. Newman mentioned it’s right next to the bike trail and there is dust blowing all over. So, the Health Department is monitoring that and they have to wet it down so the dust is not blowing around and they have to do that until their special permit comes through. Bruce Dart said that’s correct and they are going back out there this week to make sure their in compliance. Last week was so windy even though they wet it down they really don’t know how well it would of worked. Ms. Newman inquired about the noise issue. Mr. Dart said right now that area is an industrial zoned area so noise is really not an issue because how they are zoned, so they haven’t planned on doing any noise monitoring yet. Ms. Newman inquired about a more appropriate place for this closer to the interstate that they could relocate without problem. Mr. Merwick replied he doesn’t know if there is or not, nobody has explored any of that, but that’s I-1 zoning out there which is where rock crushing is permitted so they need a special permit. Ms. Newman noted she has already sent an e-mail to Marvin Krout on when is it appropriate to start talking about rezoning when a City grows around a I-1 zoning area. Mr. Krout stated he will try to layout some thoughts on it. Ms. Newman indicated she thinks it would be important when the special permit comes forward to know about what other options. Ms. McRoy inquired about the special permit, it will not come before the Council. Mr. Krout responded if the Planning Commission decision is appealed either by the applicant or by an agreed party which would not include a bicyclist on the trail, it would have to be a property owner nearby or appealed by a City Council member.
Diane Gonzolas reminded Council that today is the reservation deadline for the Mayor’s Arts Awards, if they did not get an invitation for some reason let her know. The event is June 1st (Wednesday) and they have two City related winners Carol Connor is the recipient of the Literary Heritage Award and the Lincoln Mall Renovation won the Urban Design Awards.

Police Assistant Chief Jim Peschong stated to Council at Noon there is a ceremony out in front of the Hall of Justice for fallen officers. Mr. Werner stated they all plan to be there and ‘thanked’ him for mentioning it.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today, Items 1 & 2 will be called together. [Application of Little Mexico of Lincoln, LLC, dba Little Mexico for a Class I liquor license at 5100 North 27th Street, Suites A-3, A-4, A-5.; and Manager application of Anita L. Webster for Little Mexico of Lincoln, LLC, dba Little Mexico at 5100 North 27th Street, Suites A-3, A-4, A-5.]

They have a pretty short public hearing and then after their adjournment they will go on to the next portion.

But, she wanted to say to Glenn (Friendt) and Terry (Werner) that she has enjoyed working with both of them. It’s always interesting and sometimes challenging and always fun to meet new people and work with them and get to know their style. So, it’s been great, she appreciates that opportunity to meet new people. Mr. Werner ‘thanked’ Joan Ross and commented the feeling is mutual, thank-you.
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JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook stated he would like to speak with Mike Merwick after the Directors’ Meeting today.

GLENN FRIENDT -

Mr. Friendt stated he wants to extend his personal thank-you to all the Directors and staff of the City for the past four years the opportunity to work with them. He appreciates their professionalism and talents they bring to the City, it wouldn’t be the same without it and he’ll miss that, thanks.

TERRY WERNER -

Mr. Werner stated he would like to express the same, it’s been a honor to work with all of them and the City staff often gets bashed and they shouldn’t. They’re lucky to have quality people they have in this community, so thank-you.
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ADDENDUM - (For May 16th)

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2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Left Turns Restored At 27th & Vine. — NO COMMENTS

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Construction On 84th Street Progressing South. — Karl Fredrickson mentioned this issue to Council under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

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B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:15 a.m.