

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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JONATHAN COOK

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6. Letter & Article from Nancy Russell - RE: The Convention Center idea for Lincoln -(See Material)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Council Members Present: Ken Svoboda, Chair; Patte Newman, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Jon Camp, Dan Marvin, Annette McRoy

Council Member Absent: Robin Eschliman

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Lin Quenzer, Rick Hoppe, Darl Naumann, Mayor's Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative; and Coby Mach, LIBA.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng stated that Annette (McRoy), Patte (Newman) and Robin (Eschliman) were speakers at the workshop designed for women wanting to run for an elected office called "Ready to Run" at Mahoney Park on Saturday. There were probably 50 to 60 women there that are thinking about running for office and their number one question is why can Lincoln elect women to office and they can't in Omaha.

She hopes they all seen LIBA's statement in regards to RUTS that is on the Directors' Addendum.

Regarding the 48th & "O" Street project news conference, there was an area manager from "Perkins" that was in attendance which he spoke and gave high praise to our public process on the street construction. He gave high praise to employees from the City and Olsson's Associates that have the contract to do the project. They were surprised they did not know that was going to come out from him but he was very complimentary.

There was an evacuation at the Lied Center on Saturday evening, the smoke machine set off the alarms but nobody contacted the Fire Department. So, people evacuated, very orderly and the ushers did a marvelous job but all the time it was blasting out proceed to the nearest exit there is a fire in the building and everyone stood outside for about 15 minutes. She thinks they normally turn off the smoke detectors in the beginning when that is going to be in operation. There happen to be a firefighter in the audience who called the Fire Department and asked why they were not there that were going to get blamed for not being there and the call had

already been cancelled. So, she wanted them to know about it because Council might run into someone that will be blaming the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Spadt commented the Mayor did a pretty good job of describing everything. The smoke detector was sounding, a maintenance man was called from three miles away, he arrived and circumvented call went through the University of Nebraska dispatcher which in return calls our Dispatch Center who dispatches them that never happened. They received their phone call from an off duty firefighter attending the show. Right now they are in the process and Ann Harrell also from the Mayor's Office is working on this with the University so that never happens again that's a dangerous situation and very dangerous practice. Our response time was less than 1 minutes, it was about 40 seconds, it was not 20 minutes which they may hear from the public.

Police Chief Casady commented some of them will recall a year ago in July they had a visit in Lincoln by the National Socialist Movement. They had 225 police officers and law enforcement officers on duty for that event and it was hot but they got through it without any problems other than fatigue. Chief Casady reported that Toledo, Ohio had the same National Socialist Movement group and about the same size visit their City on Saturday and they spent the weekend on the national news. They had Burnings, looting, riots broke out, several police officers injured, several vehicles-ambulances and police cars damaged and turned up side down and one business burned to the ground, so it was a really ugly event for Toledo. He knows there were some negativity on the amount of money that we had spent on the project that they put together for the National Socialist Movement when they were in Lincoln. They spent a little over \$40,000 for the Police to run the event when they were in Lincoln and that's why they did it. Toledo had fewer people on duty than we had and we had planned for it for months, they had contacted us a few times and so we've had some conversations with them in advance. Lincoln was mentioned in most of those news reports as being one of the most recent places the National Socialist Movement has been. Mr. Marvin commented he thinks that's a good example of good planning, and how they're never rewarded for being a good planner and when you don't plan the consequences that come down on you.

Mayor Seng commented if you recall there was an event held at Pioneers Park "No Place For Hate", it was mainly because of Chief Casady that it was held at Pioneers Park. To get it as far away from the State Capitol as possible and there was lots of community involved. So, she thinks they really need to remember that this was very well done and was a great event and it was one of those events where they had nothing bad happen.

Dana Roper (City Attorney) reported they have a paralegal who among her other duties collects on bonds. They have to post bonds for improvements and when they don't get put in it gets referred to her. In the four years since she has been working on collecting or having them installed or getting the money, she just recently passed the \$10 million dollar mark in her collection agency efforts.

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III. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda for today, Items 1 & 2 will be called together. [*Application of Downtown Brakes and Oil Inc. dba 16th Street Liquor for a Class D liquor license at 1601 N Street.; and Manager application of Walter Jon Scott for Downtown Brakes and Oil Inc. dba 16th Street Liquor at 1601 N Street.*]

Items 3 & 4 will be called together. [*Application of Playmakers, Inc. dba Playmakers for a Class C liquor license at 640 W. Prospector Court, #300.; and Manager application of Jamie Jakub for Playmakers, Inc. dba Playmakers at 640 W. Prospector Court, #300.*]

Reminder for Item 6 they have a request for 2nd & 3rd Reading. *[05-149, Change of Zone 05050-Application of Lincoln Sports Foundation for a change of zone from AG Agricultural to H-2 Highway Business on property generally located at N. 70th Street and Arbor Road.]*

Items 7 & 8 will be called together. *[#7, 05-150, Change of Zone 05065-Amending Sections 27.27.080, 27.28.090, 27.31.100, 27.37.070, 27.51.100, 27.57.180, 27.63.025, and 27.82.110 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to modify the City Council's action on a matter appealed from the Planning Commission to the City Council.; and #8, 05-151, Misc. 05021 - Amending Sections 26.11.037, 26.11.060, and 26.31.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to modify the City Council's action on a matter appealed from the Planning Commission to the City Council.]*

Regarding Items 9, 10, 11, & 12 should she call these items together or separate. Mr. Svoboda stated he would say together and asked Bruce Dart (Health Director) about it. Bruce Dart replied they can be called together. *[#9, 05-152, Amending Section 6.04.150 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to shelter fees to increase the fee for release of any animal held or impounded in the animal shelter.; #10, 05-153, Amending Sections 6.08.130 and 6.08.260 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Dogs to increase the fee for the release of a dog held or impounded in the animal shelter.; #11, 05-154, Amending Section 6.10.050 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs to increase the registration fee of potentially dangerous dogs from \$5.00 to \$25.00.; and #12, 05-155, Amending Sections 6.12.100 and 6.12.220 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Cats to increase the fee for the release of a cat held or impounded in the animal shelter.]*

IV. COUNCIL

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JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook noted they haven't received a memo yet regarding 48th & Adams. Marvin Krout stated they don't have a definite date yet, but it definitely will not be on October 31st. The current tentative date is November 7th and when they have it they will let Council know.

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JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

KEN SVOBODA -

Mr. Svoboda stated he would like to speak with Karl Fredrickson (Public Works & Utilities Director) after the Directors' Meeting today.

PATTE NEWMAN -

Ms. Newman stated to Police Chief Casady that she received an e-mail from a constituent on North 30th Street who is absolutely thrilled with the Center Team and she said we've got our neighborhood back. They had a problem with a rental property and the landlord was contacted, they came in and worked real hard. She thinks it was about a two month process and her and Annette (McRoy) were involved in it about two months ago. They were very frustrated, but they were thrilled with the Center Team.

There were two letters in their packet about funeral escorts, what is the process. Police Chief Casady commented he hasn't seen the letters. Chief Casady replied they don't do funeral escorts. Back in '87', '88' or '89' when he was at the Sheriff's Office, his predecessor Al Curtis in a move to try to reduce the work load to a more manageable level. Mr. Curtis stopped sending Police Officers to keys locked in cars, to traffic accidents in private parking lots and funeral escorts which he thinks are the three, so they haven't done them for probably 15 years. There are some private providers in Lincoln and Omaha that do funeral escort services. Ms. Newman asked if this is something off duty Police officers can be hired out to do? Chief Casady replied yes, but it is expensive to do that, he thinks that is why some of the funeral homes are using a private contractor. Chief Casady added he looked this morning and there are six funerals in Lincoln today. Ms. Newman commented funeral processions are emergency vehicles, they're ranked right behind fire vehicles and police vehicles under State statutes, correct. Chief Casady responded a funeral procession is not an emergency vehicle, however, it is illegal under municipal ordinance to drive-thru a funeral procession or interfere with it. Ms. Newman commented so they have the law on their side, they have the right-of-way under normal circumstances if they have their lights on and flag. Chief Casady replied yes, he will check into it.

DAN MARVIN -

Mr. Marvin asked Marvin Krout if he would talk a little bit about the history for Item 6 regarding the 2nd & 3rd Reading issue? Marvin Krout stated they had a groundbreaking in May for an indoor tennis facility as part of the Abbott Sports Complex which they were told later and some of them may have attended that event. The first they heard about it was sometime in July [inaudible], when they contacted Public Works there was a concern about floodplain because almost all of the Abbott Complex is in the 100 yard floodplain. So, they had a meeting with Watershed Management and agreed they would subject this rezoning in their recommendation to add certain controls on the floodplain which would allow limited amount of additional floodplains for this complex. It would also have a requirement for creating additional storage on the Abbott property closer to the creek to compensate for that fill [inaudible], the Planning Commission approved it in August. The attorney who was representing the case kind of dropped out of the process and there was a period of time where they were not getting the signed agreement back and reviewed. Later, someone took over in the Abbott organization that did not understand that it also had to go through the City Council for approval and so there was a delay until they got that squared away. They scheduled it actually the day after the deadline the Clerk usually uses for accepting these items and they appreciate that. He thinks their problem now is that they want to be able to complete a certain amount of construction before the winter sets in and so that's why they are asking for 2nd & 3rd Reading. [*#6, 05-149, Change of Zone 05050 - Application of Lincoln Sports Foundation for a change of zone from AG Agricultural to H-2 Highway Business on property generally located at N. 70th Street and Arbor Road.*]

ANNETTE McROY -

Ms. McRoy stated she would like to talk with Police Chief Casady about pawn shops after the Directors' Meeting today.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - ABSENT

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ADDENDUM - (For October 17th)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of October 15 through 21, 2005-Schedule subject to change -(See Advisory). — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Coby Mach, Executive Director For the Board, Lincoln Independent Business Association to Lancaster County Commissioners - RE: RUTS Position Statement. — [Mayor Seng mentioned this letter earlier during her comments.] - (See that discussion)

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11: 26 a.m.

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