DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM OCTOBER 24, 2005.*
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MINUTES
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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 Grammar, City Council Staff; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative; Pat Talbott, Shadowing Council Member Patte Newman; and Coby Mach, LIBA.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng mentioned she received a note from Chuck Hagel. He is really complimenting Lincoln on the rating where they are the 3rd best area in the country for new business and entrepreneurs. There was an article in the newspaper and he wanted them to know that he had seen it.

There was an article in the newspaper this weekend about Sunken Gardens.

There was some comment about Mr. Zucker and his report and Darl Naumann will talk about it.

Mayor Coleen Seng called on Directors. Darl Naumann (Economic Development Coordinator) reported that Paul Zucker (Zucker Incorporated) was in town on Wednesday and Thursday doing continued review of the permit process. He met with Planning, Public Works, and Building & Safety for those two days and anticipates that he will have the draft ready sometime this fall. Mr. Svoboda asked Mr. Naumann if the draft will be available to the public? Mr. Naumann replied yes.

Police Chief Casady reported they responded to 64 wild party complaints over the weekend which as far as he knows that is probably the highest number they have ever responded to in a three day period. Part of the dynamic was Halloween which is a big time for parties and the weekend proceeding Halloween when it follows early in the week so they were quite busy over the weekend. Mr. Svoboda commented 64 separate parties, not just 64 complaints and 5 parties.
Chief Casady replied yes, there might be couple of duplicates in there. Ms. Newman asked if it was all neighborhoods? Chief Casady stated the usual places, several out by Southeast Community College; he thinks they had four in the area near 14th Street and Meadowlark Hill Top; and four or five in the North Bottoms. Mr. Svoboda asked if there were any arrests? Chief Casady replied yes, several. Chief Casady noted they have a few landlords getting their phone calls today.

Diane Gonzolas (Citizen Information Center) mentioned that they sent out a release on Friday that the committee for the Veterans Memorial Garden is working with Parks & Recreation on a Veterans Day event this year. It will be at 11:00 a.m. on November 11th at the Veterans Memorial Garden in Antelope Park. Part of the ceremony will be the dedication of Nebraska’s Liberty Bell and they will also be dedicating the first Seabees Memorial in the State.

Bonnie Coffey (Women’s Commission) reported for the past six months the Women’s Commission has been researching project that occurs across the Country. Movies specifically for parents of small children, they turn the lights down and turn the sound down, it’s a new community program called “My Movies for Mommies (And Daddies Too!)”. They have been collaborating with Douglas Theatre, BryanLGH Medical Center, and My 106.3 FM Radio and they get to launch this new community program in November at SouthPointe. They had enough funding to do this for a year to see how it works, it has been going on in Omaha for quite sometime, and so they will see how it works in Lincoln.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda for today, Items 1 & 2 will be called together. [Application of Foreman Fuels, Inc. dba Fast Fuel #1 for a Class B liquor license at 5501 Superior Street.; and Manager application of Helen R. Foreman for Foreman Fuels, Inc. dba Fast Fuel #1 at 5501 Superior Street.]

Mr. Cook commented at the end of the Formal Council Agenda, Joan (Ross) has to read the whole part about putting your name on the Agenda, and he doesn’t think anyone has signed up for sometime. He was thinking thought perhaps they would want to reconsider whether or not if they want to continue that practice. Of course, people can still sign up and speak at the open mic, he’s just not sure they need to read all these text every week. City Clerk Joan Ross commented to Council whatever they want to do, she is reading it because of previous Council directed that she do so. Following discussion with no objections, Council decided not to have City Clerk Joan Ross read the statement. Mr. Svoboda noted to Tammy Grammar that will still remain on the Agenda, but Joan (Ross) will not read it.

IV. COUNCIL

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ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

DAN MARVIN -

Mr. Marvin stated there were two things in the Directors’ packet that talked about our sales tax revenue. It showed that they were off projection by about a quarter million dollars, but from my sense of looking at what they are doing in terms of rebates most of that $200,000 seems to be they’re giving away more money this year than they’ve given away $600,000 fiscal year-to-date vs. last year $400,000. So, most of the off target had to be with us giving away more refunds. Don Herz (Finance Director) stated the $600,000
included next month’s refunds, (inaudible) last year their refunds were the lowest they have been in the last 5 years. The amount of refunds for the first 3 months, if you look back at prior foyers there kind of back on target where they have been, but yes your right they are a couple hundred-thousand dollars over last year.

Mr. Marvin noted the other large number that he noticed was the cash balances the City shows in the report of where it showed $225 million dollars. Mr. Marvin commented these would be all the different enterprise funds but did he get a decimal point wrong some place or is that correct the $225 million in cash balances. Don Herz responded he believes that’s close, he thinks it has been normally in the around of $250 million but that would be correct. Mr. Svoboda commented with that they need to come up with a different term or something for the rebate instead of posing giveaways. Mayor Seng commented it’s refund. Mr. Svoboda commented he’s assuming they are getting a great deal in return for the rebate that they have given.

PATTE NEWMAN -

Ms. Newman stated she has a visitor today, Pat Talbott, who is shadowing her today. Ms. Newman stated they are participating in a walk-a-mile program done by Appleseed, it’s to match an elected official with a low-income resident and she believes the Mayor signed up for it as well.

Pat Talbott introduced herself, she is participating in the Appleseed program because she thinks it is important they understand that people with low-income are very active and very vital in the community. She has been very active and does a lot of volunteer work within the community. One of the reasons she is not employed at this point in time is because of her very low-income. She is also on medicaid benefits and is allowed to earn $100 a month, but if she earns more than $100 a month along with her social security income she would lose all her benefits. So, she thinks that is something they are trying to get the community aware of and make the State aware that there is a lot of people out there that really would like to be more productive and be out paying taxes if they could.

KEN SVOBODA -

Mr. Svoboda asked the Parks & Recreation Department if they have restocked Holmes Lake with fish? Noting, somebody e-mailed him over the weekend that they have friends coming in this weekend that love to fish so is there fishing at Holmes Lake now. Steve Hiller (Parks & Recreation Department) replied yes, they’ve restocked with trout on the south end of the lake. Mr. Svoboda questioned would the fish be large enough to catch at this point. Mr. Hiller replied yes.
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III. CORRESPONDENCE

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B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

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VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:23 a.m.

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