DIRECTORS’ MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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VI. ADJOURNMENT
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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, Robin Eschliman.

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Lin Quenzer, Rick Hoppe, 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 in the “Nation’s Cities Weekly” there was a nice article about Afterschool Celebrations and they had one in Lincoln which was held at the Haymarket Park. They mentioned Lincoln in the article and she thinks other years, they have had their pictures in the newspaper but this time they are mentioned.

Mayor Seng stated that Marvin Krout received a really nice letter from the Social Superintendent for Business Affairs and [inaudible] giving appreciations to Stephen Henrichsen (Planning Director).

Diane Gonzolas (Citizen Information Center) has a new grand child of about 4½ hours. Council congratulated Diane (Gonzolas).

Mayor Seng called on Directors. Diane Gonzolas (Citizen Information Services) stated she’s sending around to Council the recycling insert that was in Saturday’s newspaper in case they didn’t see it.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze (Public Works & Utilities) stated she’s handing out to Council an executive summary regarding the Open House on the Turner Ditch Drainage Study which also has a map on the back. They all should have received a post card for the Turner Ditch Open House that they are having tomorrow night. This is a follow up on the briefing they gave to Council a couple months back on the Urban Drainage Study that they are doing. Noting, they wanted to have a specific meeting on this area because of all the issues that had been raised when the Andreas Court Development came forward. Ms. Tooze went over the handout with Council. [See Attachment ‘A’]
Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) stated regarding Item 17 on the Agenda today, Council is going to see a Motion-To-Amend the Resolution presented by Mark Hunzeker this afternoon. They have a small park area there now and there has been an offer to donate some additional park land. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board wrestled with this for about two months and they finally recommended that the land be accepted but it not have a specific name different than the park area to the north. The staff recommendation on this was that consistent with the naming policies that this is a donation and that it be named something other than park and so the suggestion was that it be named Herizen Green at Mendoza Park. He wanted to give Council a heads up that this one is coming forward. Mr. Svoboda commented so staff is recommending approval and the Committee is recommending not. Mr. Johnson stated they have recommended accepting the land but not naming it and the Motion-To-Amend will have a naming provision within it. So, what’s on their Agenda today, unamended is to accept the land, but not to change the name and Mark Hunzeker will be bringing forward the amendment. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Johnson if anyone from the Parks Board will be at the meeting this afternoon to testify. Mr. Johnson replied he will present the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommendation and the staff recommendations. [05R-257, Authoring acceptance of a donation of approximately seven acres of land for park and open space purposes generally located along Antelope Creek in the Boulder Ridge residential development, northeasterly of S. 84th Street and Pine Lake Road.]

Mr. Johnson stated Friday was the Veterans ceremony and Annette (McRoy) and Ken (Svoboda) attended, he thinks they had about 300 people attend. They are planning on this becoming an annual event which would be the City’s annual celebration for Veterans Day. They also had the Liberty Bell dedication.

Last night was the naming of the Helen Boosalis Trail and they had about 80 people there which Dan (Marvin) attended.

Mr. Cook asked Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) if he will be at the meeting this afternoon to talk about the Forestry Advisory Board change. Mr. Johnson said yes.

Mr. Cook asked Dana Roper (City Attorney) if Steve Huggenberger (City Attorney’s Office) will be at the meeting this afternoon to talk about the Cable Advisory Board item. Mr. Roper said yes.
Don Herz (Finance Director) stated they had a new report in their packet and he thinks it’s on the ‘Miscellaneous-Referrals Sheet’. City Clerk Joan Ross commented yes, it is and it will be part of the Action Sheet. Mr. Herz mentioned it is a new format as a following up to our new investment policy that they are going to be reporting to Council quarterly and they will be seeing this. It lists for the first time, every single investment in our short term pool which includes everything other than the Community Health Endowment and the Police & Fire Pension.

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III. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today, Items 2 & 3 will be called together.  [ #2-Application of Pickfair Entertainment Corp. dba Big Red Keno Sports Bar & Grill for an addition of an outdoor area measuring approximately 10' by 24' to the east and the reconstruction and expansion of an outdoor area measuring approximately 9' by 20' to the south of its presently licensed premises at 955 West O Street.; and #3-Manager application of Troy Olson for Pickfair Entertainment Corp. dba Big Red Keno Sports Bar & Grill at 955 West O Street.]
Items 4 & 5 will be called together.  [#4-Application of The Melting Spot, Inc. dba The Melting Spot for a Class CK liquor license at 227 N. 9th Street.; and #5-Manager application of Calvin Simmons for The Melting Spot, Inc. dba The Melting Spot at 227 N. 9th Street.]

Items 6 & 7 will be called together.  [#6-Application of JIS Properties, LLC dba Zen’s for a Class CK liquor license at 122 N. 11th Street.; and #7-Manager application of J. Irene Severin for JIS Properties LLC dba Zen’s at 122 N. 11th Street.]

Reminder for Item 8, they have a request for 2nd & 3rd Readings today.
[05-166, Approving (1) Site Lease from the City and the County of Lancaster, Nebraska to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, (2) Lease Agreement from the Commission to the County and the City and (3) the issuance of not to exceed $2,000,000 of the Commission’s Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, series 2005, all with respect to the acquisition of the Courthouse Plaza Building.]

Reminder for Item 11, they have a request for 2nd & 3rd Readings today.
[05-168, Declaring approximately 35,500 square feet as surplus property generally located at 305 and 345 F Street.]

Items 14 & 15 will be called together.  [#14, 05-171-Amending Chapter 5.16 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, Cable Communications, to incorporate the cable communications regulations currently found in Chapter 5.16 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as updated to be in conformance with federal law with the newly negotiated cable television franchise, and repealing current Chapter 5.16 in its entirety.; and #15, 05-172 -Granting Time Warner Entertainment Advance/Newhouse Partnership a communication system franchise for cable television within the City of Lincoln pursuant to and subject to the provisions of the Lincoln Municipal Code.]

Items 19, 20, & 21 will be called together.  [#19, 05R-271 -Misc. 05017-Application of Developmental Services of Nebraska, Inc. for a Reasonable Accommodation under Title 1 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow a group home in the R-4 Residential District to locate within the required 1,200 ft. separation from another group home, on property generally located at 424 N. Coddington Avenue.; #20, 05R-272 -Misc. 05018 -Application of Developmental Services of Nebraska, Inc. for a Reasonable Accommodation under Title 1 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow a group home in the R-3 Residential District to locate within the required one-half mile separation from another group home, on
property generally located at 1661 Timber Ridge Road.; and #21, 05R-273 -Misc. 05019 -Application of Developmental Services of Nebraska, Inc. for a Reasonable Accommodation under Title I of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow a group home in the R-2 Residential District to locate within the required one-half mile separation from another group home, on property generally located at 5516 Hunts Drive.

They have already talked about the “Miscellaneous Referrals”. Also, Council probably noticed their “Consent Agenda” is a little bit different, thinking maybe that would speed up people so they will have two speaking places. Mr. Svoboda commented this will be immediately following their normal public hearing, so during the voting on the “Consent Agenda” they will reopen public hearing at that point. City Clerk Joan Ross stated only if someone would ask to pull an item off with their consent which they have always had the ability to do and Council can also do that for discussion but because the appointments are here, she thought it would be a good idea to put that little notation in writing for them. Mr. Svoboda commented when Joan (Ross) and I talked about this the only problem that he had with it was the fact that the general public would not have that ability to speak. Even though nobody does traditionally, unless, a Council Member asks for it to be pulled or if they notify the City Clerk or the Chair prior to the meeting saying they would like to express comment on a particular appointment that’s the difficulty that he had with it. Mr. Cook suggested changing the end of public hearing and move that after the “Consent Agenda” and just call the entire “Consent Agenda” as a single public hearing item each week which would be the last item. City Clerk Joan Ross commented if it doesn’t work out they can switch it back. Mr. Svoboda stated he thinks when they announce that portion of the public hearing on the Agenda than he will simply make a comment about anything on the “Consent Agenda Items” of anybody wishing to speak and they will identify them. City Clerk Joan Ross commented if it gets confusing they can change it back.

IV. COUNCIL

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JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook stated he would like to speak with Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) after the Directors’ Meeting today.
JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp stated he would like to speak with Mike Merwick (Building & Safety Director) after the Directors’ Meeting today. Chuck Zimmerman stated he is sitting in for Mike (Merwick) today. Mr. Camp stated okay.

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DAN MARVIN -

Mr. Marvin commented Robin (Eschliman) had a letter about bus ridership and Mark (Bowen) was also going to check on bus ridership. Mr. Marvin stated they had similar questions and Robin’s numbers that they got back seemed to be for fiscal year end 2005. Mr. Marvin indicated he would be more interested in where they are year-to-date. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated okay, she will check on that for him.

ANNETTE McROY -

Ms. McRoy commented to Police Chief Casady they had the vandalism this weekend over in the downtown and the Malone property neighborhoods. Are people required to pick up the glass from the broken windows because she noticed Saturday when she was driving around the area there were lots of areas that had broken glass in the streets but the cars had been moved. Police Chief Casady replied the vandals are because
anyone who deposits debris in the roadways is required to clean it off so who ever committed the vandalism will be required by law to clean up the mess they’ve made. Ms. McRoy commented so the owners are not responsible. Chief Casady stated not that he can think of.

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

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ADDENDUM - (NOVEMBER 14TH)

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II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Memo from Bruce Sweney - RE: Summary of the proposed assessments for the two assessment districts that will be before the Board of Equalization at the November 14th 2005 Meeting -(Council received this Memo in their Thursday packet on 11/10/05). — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Mary O’Hare - RE: Written Testimony on DSN’s Request for Reasonable Accommodation matter on the Council Agenda today. — NO COMMENTS

[End of Addendum]

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:33 a.m.
Open House
November 15, 2005
Turner Ditch Drainage Study

This open house is being held to provide the residents in this area the opportunity to review and comment on the Turner Ditch drainage study. The purpose of this study was to determine the impact of recent and future development on flooding along Turner Ditch and to evaluate drainage improvements to offset any adverse impacts. JEO Consulting was retained by the City to perform the Turner Ditch drainage study. The following provides a summary of the Turner Ditch drainage study:

- Turner Ditch is located between Superior St. and Cornhusker Highway, west of 48th St. and discharges into Salt Creek through an existing twin 5-ft by 5-ft box culvert structure southwest of 40th and Superior St. The Turner Ditch study area is approximately 640 acres draining into Salt Creek. The study area consists of mainly residential uses with some commercial development.

- Following a field survey, an analysis was performed to determine the impacts of development on flooding along Turner Ditch. The analysis indicates:
  - Recent development north of Turner Ditch results in some increase in flood heights when compared with conditions prior to that development. The special permit for this development required that these impacts be offset by improvements to the drainage structure at the outlet to Salt Creek.
  - Full development downstream of 40th St. (includes recent development north and potential development south of Turner Ditch) results in an additional increase in flood heights compared to conditions prior to recent development.

- An additional 60-inch pipe through the Salt Creek levee would be needed to offset the increase in flood heights under full development conditions.

- Because the existing structure at the Salt Creek levee includes twin 5-ft by 5-ft box culverts, for constructability purposes an additional 5-ft x 5-ft box culvert could be built instead of a 60-inch pipe. This 5-ft x 5-ft box culvert would also provide additional flood reduction benefits beyond what would be provided by a 60-inch pipe.

- The City is making its best efforts to require a contribution from new development. The City and NRD are also working on beginning detailed engineering and design for the drainage improvements. Funding options to cover the public portion of the project are also being pursued.