

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113**

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MINUTES
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CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

Council Members Present: Ken Svoboda, Chair; Patte Newman, Vice-Chair (arrived late); Dan Marvin (arrived late), Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Jon Camp, Annette McRoy.

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Rick Hoppe, Darl Naumann, Ann Harrell, 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 updated Council on the Sex Offender Ordinance that she asked them to put on pending a while back. The Legislature passed LB1199 and the Governor signed the legislation last Thursday. The bill makes a number of changes regarding sex offenders including some guidelines on residency restrictions, the bill prohibits communities from enacting restrictions of more than 500 feet from schools and day-cares. Noting, as you may recall the proposal ordinance that you put on pending had 1,000 feet from schools. We are working right now with Police Chief Casady and the Law Department to bring our proposal into conformance with the new State law which she asked them last Wednesday to do. So, in the next couple of weeks you should have it. She really wants to thank the Legislature for listening to their concerns, she does believe it helped that we had one drawn up and placed it on pending that gave them some empathized to move on. But, what they did they spent an awful lot of time pushing for the uniform State-wide Law on residency and then they responded to other suggestions and she believes that the new State-wide standards are going to solve some problems that we asked them to address.

Regarding EMS, last week we began discussions about the implementation of Jon Camp's Committee recommendation for the EMS System. The steps that she's taken and what she has asked to get these recommendations moved forward, she has appointed a working group to meet weekly and coordinate the implementation and that group will include Fire Chief Mike Spadt, Finance Director Don Herz, Dave Engler of the Fire Union and Rick Hoppe, her Aide. They're tasked with implementing the newest changes that are called for in the report, we have been working on some of the changes that were recommended and we have already been working on those for some time. We already have and will continue to work with the Federal and State representatives to increase the medicare reimbursement break. The fact is that the Federal Government pays only about

55% of its bill to transport medicare patients and that's one of the main reasons why the ambulance service is in the financial bind. We have encouraged our congressional delegation to increase the Federal reimbursement rate to ambulances which is one of the items that she stressed when she attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors back in January when she was in Washington. She has prepared a follow up letter to Congressman Jeff Fortenberry updating him to the seriousness of the situation and the importance of improving the medicare rate to cover the actual cost of the transport which we've talked about before but this is an actual letter so he can have it to work from. They started discussions with the County Board regarding EMS service outside the city limits last year one recommendation was to implement on the vehicle locator technology. As we begin discussions of the Capital Improvement Plan the technology system has been included, contact with the hospitals have been made and we are scheduling a meeting to discuss a potential relationship in patient building.

Mayor Seng called on Fire Chief Spadt to give Council a progress update on some other items that are in the report. Fire Chief Spadt commented we are taking this report very serious in working with Dave Engler through some of these issues and ones that we can implement immediately we have done so like stand-by service. We have been trying to do a blend of that with on duty staff, where previously it was all done with overtime payments and rehired people. We are working on paperless system which we have changed our reporting system some time back and working with the hospitals and our billing agency to make that completely paperless. Billing discussions which is a big component and in the report that many other recommendations hinge upon that being suggested and possibly being done. We have a meeting with myself, Joan Anderson who is the Executive Director for EMS Inc., and the two CFO's at the hospitals to discuss the possibility of the hospitals providing billing services for this ambulance program which is currently done with a group out of Michigan. Increasing our medicare reimbursements and performance, Nebraska is a little bit different than anybody else in the rest of the country and we are trying to suggest to the Nebraska carrier that maybe we do things like the rest of the world that would increase our possibility for revenue. Have been discussing response time measurements. As the Mayor mentioned we've had on going discussions with the County and very successful discussions with the County in making improvements out there. Other items in the report, they're going to take some time in dealing with labor and negotiations and those sort of things. We're trying to implement as many things as we can within the department that we have the ability to do.

Mayor Seng stated the remaining issues in the report are going to need Council approval, so she's anticipating that Jon (Camp) will probably be introducing ordinances with the following changes that cannot be done from the Administration side. The report called for establishment of the fee structure for all non-transport calls, it was determined that some calls to EMS were for medical assistance that did not result in transport such as calls to have the City paramedics help move patients and the committee felt someone should be billed for those calls and that is going to require Council action. A 22% rate

increase for service was proposed and this cannot be done administratively, so she's assuming Jon (Camp) that you're probably going to do that since this was your committee, you'll need to introduce an ordinance for Council consideration. The Medical Oversight Committee, EMS Inc., is currently funded by the Fire Department and local agencies and the report recommends that user fees be imposed specifically to fund this oversight mechanism which also requires Council action. Also, we understand that some Council members have discussed waiving the debt owed by the EMS service to the general fund in amount of approximately \$640,000 which was not part of the EMS Committee Report. But, if the Council is really serious about it this would be the time to step forward so we get this left into the budget. We should not consider proposals for change without certainty on the financial goals that we need to meet, waiving the debt would change those goals and that's what needs to be part of the current discussion.

Mayor Seng called on Don Herz (Finance Director) to explain our inter-fund loans. Don Herz reported the last actual numbers that we had as far as the cumulated deficit for the EMS fund as of last August 2005 was \$640,000. The inter-fund loan is greater than that because we had a significant amount of receivables that are always outstanding and we have discussed that before.

Mayor Seng noted she wants to publicly thank Russ Bayer and she wrote to him on Friday. Mr. Bayer and the committee really worked very hard. She also wants to give a very special thanks to the City staff that really worked hard on it, they prepared a lot of data and reports to the committee. Mayor Seng commented the committee is finished and it's now time for City Government to do our side of it and everyone on the administration side is ready to move forward.

[Mayor Seng held up an article regarding public gas authority.] This article was in yesterday's newspaper when Nebraska the City of Lincoln sold gasoline which was kind of a historical view. There has been some talk about this because it's an idea that staff has been looking at as an alternative to an occupation tax on fuel sales. The City of Lincoln does have authority to sale gasoline to the public and as this article noted we used that authority into the early 1960's. We have looked at the possibility of bringing back a City owed gasoline station as a way to raise money to build street infrastructure and help close the funding gap. This could be a volunteering way for drivers to buy gasoline knowing that the profit from the gasoline sales would go directly to help build the local streets they drive on. We are going to continue to have the staff research and look into this on how a City owed gasoline station might operate, how much to charge per gallon and how much revenue will it generate but nothing definite.

Mayor Seng commented Don Herz has some information on Norman Agena's (Assessor/Register of Deeds) revaluation. Don Herz (Finance Director) reported the total increase in Lancaster County is 17.5%. The portion that was attributable to revaluation was 14.2% which was a 3.2% increase attributed to growth and the 3.2% was the fourth highest of all the counties in Nebraska preceded by Seward, Washington and Sarpy county. We think this is fairly significant, and just in round numbers that total of 17.5% represents approximately \$2 billion dollars increase in the tax space in Lincoln.

Karl Fredrickson (Public Works & Utilities Director) handed out information regarding impact fees and went over it with Council. *[Copy of this information on file in the City Council Office.]*

Diane Gonzolas (Citizen Information Center) stated the Parks & Recreation Department and the Mayor are inviting the public to the kick-off of a fund-raising campaign for the Antelope Park Rose Garden on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Sunken Gardens Pavilion. We have already received a sizable donation for the project and that will be announced at the event on Thursday as well.

Mike Merwick (Building & Safety Director) stated in regards to 1840 "E" Street, we have been meeting with them but Landon Osborne asked that this matter be delayed for another week. *[#35, 06R-66, Approving the use of public right-of-way by Landon Osborne for installation of a fence/wall at 1840 "E" Street.]*

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: EMS Priorities. — NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Kick-Off of Rose Garden Campaign. — [Diane Gonzolas mention this event earlier.] (See that discussion)
3. Washington Report - April 7, 2006. — NO COMMENTS

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Letter from Joe Rexwinkle to Marcia Kinning, E.S.P. - RE: Vavrina Meadows 26th Addition Final Plat #06021 Generally located at Executive Hills Drive & Cody Drive. — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Memo & Material from Marvin Krout, Planning Director - RE: Miscellaneous # 06001- Proposed Amendments to the Planning Commission Rules & Procedures. — NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. ADVISORY - RE: L55X & Cornhusker Highway Intersection Safety Project, # 702185. — NO COMMENTS
2. ADVISORY - RE: Public Open House-Stormwater System Improvement, 50TH & "R" Street - 52nd & "Q" Street-Project #702200. — NO COMMENTS

III. CITY CLERK -

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda for today they have the Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Items 3, 4, & 5 will be called together. [*#3, 06R-72, Approving the Harrison Heights Conditional Annexation and Zoning Agreement between the City and Developments Unlimited LLP relating to the annexation of approximately 90.58 acres, generally located at N. 91st Street and Leighton Avenue.; #4, 06-58, Annexation 05017-Amending the Lincoln Corporate Limits Map by annexing approximately 90.6 acres of property generally located at 91st Street and Leighton Avenue.; and #5, 06-59, Change of Zone 05074-Application of Ridge Development Company for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District on property generally located at 91st Street and Leighton Avenue.*]

Items 8 & 9 will be called together. [*#8, 06R-74, Approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City, the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, and the Lower Platte South NRD for the continuance of the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership for the management of the Implementation Plan for the Conservation of Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands for a three year period.; and #9, 06R-75, Approving a Cooperative Agreement between the City and the Nature Conservancy for the continuance of the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership for the cooperative management of the Implementation Plan for the Conservation of Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands for a three year period.*]

Items 10 & 11 will be called together. [*#10, 06R-59, Approving a Conditional Zoning Agreement between B&J Partnership and the City to prevent specific uses for the development associated with a change of zone from R-5 Residential to B-3 Commercial on property generally located at 15th Street and South Street.; and #11, 06-51, Change of Zone 06013-Application of B&J Partnership for a change of zone from R-5 Residential District to B-3 Commercial District on property generally located at 15th and South Streets.*]

For Item 23, they have a Motion-To-Amend #1 to accept the Substitute Ordinance. [*06-53, Authorizing the execution and delivery of the Southwood Lutheran Church, Buckshot Farms and Sundance Conditional Annexation and Zoning Agreement and authorizing the issuance of (1) a water revenue obligation, (2) a sanitary sewer revenue obligation and (3) a highway allocation obligation to evidence certain of the City's obligations under the Agreement.*]

For Item 27, they have a Motion-To-Amend #1 Substitute Ordinance. [*06-52, Authorizing the execution and delivery of the Waterford Estates Conditional Annexation and Zoning Agreement and authorizing the issuance of (1) a water revenue obligation, (2) a sanitary sewer revenue obligation and (3) a highway allocation obligation to evidence certain of the City's obligations under the Agreement.*]

For Item 31, Ken Svoboda has a Motion-To-Amend. *[06-54, Approving a contract between the City and Lincoln Haymarket Development Corp. to operate and regulate a Saturday public market in the Haymarket area, 7th Street from P to Q Streets and P Street from 7th to 8th Streets.]*

They have already talked about Item 35 to delay action one week. *[06R-66, Approving the use of public right-of-way by Landon Osborne for installation of a fence/wall at 1840 "E" Street.]*

For Item 36, Jonathan Cook had asked that this item be moved to pending-no date certain. *[06-16, Repealing Chapter 14.44 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Obstructions on Corner Lots as the requirements set forth in Chapter 14.44 would be more appropriately addressed in the City of Lincoln Design Standards.]*

Mr. Svoboda asked Council members and Directors to review the "Pending List-Date Uncertain" and see what items we might be able to remove from the "Pending List" and bring that information forward.

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JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook asked if there are any amendments planned from staff for the 15th & South Street issue? Marvin Krout (Planning Director) replied yes. Mr. Krout commented you had asked a question about the fact that they had a buffer area on their permitted parking lot and would they agree to ship that to be a curbside landscape. Their answer was yes and said so publicly to the South Street merchants and to other groups. My suggestion was that if you're interested in that you could amend the development

agreement and add in a requirement for pedestrian easement in the 6 foot area and they reserve a buffer, so basically that is what you would be doing is extending the sidewalk into that area and having (inaudible). They said that they could not afford in their site plan to give any more than the 6 foot they had shown in their site plan for that purpose. Mr. Cook asked if they could have an amendment ready for the meeting? Mr. Krout stated this would take an ordinance so he thinks we need some direction from Council after testimony as to whether or not you wanted us to submit any kind of amended development agreement. Mr. Krout stated he will check with Rick Peo (City Attorney). Adding, we also need to confirm that it is 6 feet, so it probably would be best to give it a week and let us look at those details. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Krout if he will have information on how it effects transportation in the community and into the neighborhood to the north? Mr. Krout stated Planning and Public Works will be at the meeting to try to respond to your questions.

Mr. Cook stated he would like to speak with Marvin Krout (Planning Director) after the Directors' Meeting today.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

Ms. Eschliman pointed out to Mike Merwick (Building & Safety Director) that there was a letter addressed to him in the Council packet on Thursday.

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AD D E N D U M - (April 17th)

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- 2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Invited To Open House On Stormwater Improvements. — NO COMMENTS
- 3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Traffic To Move To West Lanes Of 48th Between "M" & "R" Streets. — NO COMMENTS
- 4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Set For Safety Improvements To 56th & Cornhusker. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Cancer-Learn To Put Prevention First. — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Harvey Schwartz - RE: Support for Change of Zone for Glenn Hillhouse at 21st & K St. — NO COMMENTS
2. E-Mail from Jerry Sieck - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05082 Glenn's Carstar Body Shop. — NO COMMENTS
3. E-Mail from John Huff - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05082 Glenn's Carstar Body Shop. — NO COMMENTS
4. E-Mail from T. Carl Knoell - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05082 Glenn Hillhouse's Carstar Body Shop. — NO COMMENTS
5. 2 E-Mail's from William Baker [same e-mails] - RE: Support for Zoning Change-Glenn's Carstar Body Shop. — NO COMMENTS

[End of Addendum]

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:36 a.m.

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