

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 11:00 A.M.**

I. MAYOR - None

II. DIRECTORS

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WOMEN'S COMMISSION

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Council Members Absent: Jonathan Cook

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Lin Quenzer, Darl Naumann, 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; John Becker, Talent Plus; and Coby Mach, LIBA

Location Announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act: A Copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is Located on the Wall at the Rear of this Room

Ms. Newman noted Dan (Marvin) went over to kind of tone up the salvage ordinance amendment. Jonathan's (Cook) father passed away on Saturday, he will not be here this morning but will be in this afternoon.

I. MAYOR -

[Mayor Seng held up an article.] Mayor Coleen Seng commented if Council did not see this article in yesterday's newspaper from Women's Commission, please go back and take a look at it.

Mayor Seng called on Directors. Dr. Bruce Dart (Health Director) stated Council should have received an email in their Directors' Addendum packet regarding the proposed changes on the Child Care programs. In case you have not had a chance to read it, Council had a letter in their Directors' Agenda packet from Julie Delp, who is a Director of a Child Care Center. She has concerns about the child care regulations. We talked with her, she's fine, she misunderstood what we were trying to do and she's completely good with it now.

Don Herz (Finance Director) stated there is a couple of articles in today's Omaha newspaper about Enhance 911 which is the ability to locate cell phones. Just so you know, there is a spreadsheet that we maintain on the 911 website which provides the status in Lancaster County. We can identify five of our eight cell phone providers that do provide enhanced 911 and there's still three of those that are left to be serviced. One item in the article which I was not aware of until I read this, Julie Righter had mentioned that some of the older cell phones have only a single chip which causes some delay in the

audio portion. It can only transmit the GPS location (inaudible) and apparently it's a problem until those older cell phones are replaced. If you are interested in the status of that it is updated once a month and you can see where Lancaster County is at. The gist of the article is basically that in Nebraska there is only four counties that provide enhance 911 services, Sarpy, Douglas, Lancaster, and I think Red Willow. So, they're a little bit behind state wide but at least Lancaster County is closing in on completing that project.

Fire Chief Richard Furasek reported we were called on Saturday evening to a possible gas leak to a house in Northwest Territory on Oregon Trail, we entered the house and found a deceased male and female. It is still under investigation, we turned it over to the Police and I think waiting for an autopsy.

Mayor Seng stated today Council is going to have public hearing on the early retirement legislation, we spent quite a bit of time on this when we were putting the budget together and worked with the unions. The only concern I have with this is how we're affording it, I think the concept is really great. The County has done some work on it and Don Taute (Personnel Director) is really on top of this so you may want him at the meeting this afternoon.

Mayor Seng stated I want to take a few minutes and discuss an item on today's agenda regarding our EMS System. She read her EMS Resolution Statement.
[See Attachment 'A']

Following reading of statement, Mr. Marvin commented I think when you can get a group of people together like that and then can agree on an outcome that's pretty good. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Seng I'm glad you did this, I'm rather disappointed that no one called me about it, I first heard about this last Friday afternoon from Dan Marvin. I was the only one who took action last December when I compiled the study group as a result. I just feel that's a side step despite the progress been made and I just have to register my disappointment in the manner of which you proceeded Mayor.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today, Items 4, 5, & 6 will be called together. For Item 6, you have a Motion-To-Amend #1 requested by the applicant. [*#4, 06-187, Annexation No. 06014-Amending the Lincoln Corporate Limits Map by annexing approximately 4.67 acres of property generally located at North 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.; #5, 06-188, Change of Zone No. 06053-Application of Hartland Homes, Inc. for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District on property generally located at North 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.; and #6, 06R-204, Appeal of Hartland Homes Inc. from the conditions of the Planning Commission approval of Special Permit 5015A, for the development of Hartland's Garden Valley Community Unit Plan on property generally located northwest of N. 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.*]

For Item 15, you have a substitute ordinance Motion-To-Amend #1. [#15, 06-137 / 06-137S - Amending Title 5 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Licenses and Regulations by amending or repealing sections within Chapter 5.41, Salvaging, Recycling and Composting Operations, to delete provisions relating to salvaging operations and to make Chapter 5.41 apply only to recycling and composting operations; adding a new Chapter 5.43 entitled Salvage Dealers and Salvage Collectors to establish and relocate provisions dealing with salvaging operations previously found in Chapter 5.41.]

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK - ABSENT

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - NO COMMENTS

DAN MARVIN - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

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KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN -

Ms. Newman commented anyone in this room have the power to turn up the heat, it's cold in here.

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ADDENDUM - (For October 23rd)

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of October 21 through October 27, 2006 - Schedule subject to change. - NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Snow operation reports. - NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

HEALTH

1. Response & followup from Scott Holmes and Response from Bruce Dart - RE: Heritage Lakes Academy Letter from Julie Delp, Director - the proposed changes to Chapter 8.14 of the Lincoln Municipal Code on Child Care Programs. — Dr. Bruce Dart (Health Director) mentioned these email's earlier under "I. Mayor". (See that discussion)

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Russell Miller, Nebraska Recycling Centers - RE: Changes to salvage ordinance. - NO COMMENTS
2. E-Mail from Jack Gregg, Associate Broker, HOME Real Estate - RE: Scrap Metal Ordinance. - NO COMMENTS

[End of Addendum]

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

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EMS Resolution Statement
Mayor Coleen J. Seng
October 23, 2006

I wanted to take a few minutes and discuss an item on today's agenda regarding our EMS system.

I am pleased to announce that we are taking further steps toward balancing the EMS Fund budget. As you know, the EMS fund has developed a deficit over the years due to a number of factors: declining federal Medicare reimbursements, County service that is not being paid in full, and others.

An independent review team conducted a Lincoln Fire and Rescue Emergency Care Five Year Review and made several recommendations to address the situation. In recent weeks, my staff has worked closely with Russ Bayer, the Chair of the independent review committee, Joan Anderson of EMS Inc, Jay Wilger and Jeff Shullaw of Midwest Medical, the Fire Department and Council members Dan Marvin and Ken Svoboda to develop consensus around the resolution on today's agenda.

This group is committed to establishing a public-private partnership, where we end the divisiveness of the past regarding EMS and find ways for a private ambulance provider and our public service to work together to provide the highest level of care while balancing the books.

The Friday before last this group got together to finalize the proposal and make the commitments that are critical to moving forward. The resolution presented asks EMS Inc to conduct four separate studies: a review of the least emergent calls, known as Alpha calls, to determine the impact of potentially referring them to the private sector. Other studies call for an evaluation of the need for staffing five ambulances 24 hours a day, seven days a week; measurement of response time based on when the first ALS provider arrives on scene; and the future of special medical transports.

I pledged to the group to abide by the outcome of the studies, which we expect to be completed in the next two to three months. Whatever

recommendation comes from those studies, I will implement. All the others at the table, and that is the group I mentioned before: Russ Bayer, Joan Anderson, Jay Wilger, Jeff Shullaw, Dan Marvin and Ken Svoboda, agreed to live with the outcome of those studies as well.

The group further agreed to support an increase in ambulance rates as recommended by the independent review committee. An initial increase would go into effect November 15th. A review by the Finance Department would occur before the second increase would go into effect June 1st to ensure it is necessary.

The resolution also calls for establishing a direct line between Midwest Medical and the City's 911 center. It also calls on the City to begin the RFP process for a billing service provider which we are in the process of issuing, and a review by the Lincoln Fire and Rescue to evaluate their stand by service.

Finally, I need to report that we continue work with the County to ensure that we are being compensated appropriately for ambulance services outside of the City limits.

We are united behind a common goal of providing outstanding medical care and a quick response time in a fiscally responsible manner. I believe this process has taken down some of the barriers that have separated members of the community and allowed us to focus on the goal of providing Lincoln residents with an outstanding emergency services system.

I want to thank Russ Bayer, Joan Anderson, Jay Wilger, Jeff Shullaw, Dave Engler, Dan Marvin, and Ken Svoboda for their commitment to moving forward. Thank you.