

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007
11:00 A.M.
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR -

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

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III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

ANNETTE McROY

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting convened at 11:00 a.m.

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.

I. MAYOR -

Mayor Coleen Seng had nothing to report. Mayor Seng called on Directors.

Don Herz (Finance Director) reported there was an article in the newspaper regarding Lincoln Electric System's \$9.1 million payment due to the annual revenue tax payment. The City's portion of that is \$1.385 million which is about \$86,000 more than we received last year so that would be about a 6% or 7% increase. It's a percent of their retail sales from last year, so that payment comes in at the end of April.

Police Chief Tom Casady reported we've had a number of incidences in the past week. We've had two different students that were arrested for disturbing the peace.

Yesterday morning just before 7:00 a.m. we received two separate calls from two separate citizens who reported gun fire in the East High School parking lot. Both citizens reported seeing a man who got out of either a gray or silver car, set up a target on the parking lot and preceded to discharge a firearm at it several times. We found 76 shell casings last he heard but we are still counting there may be more. Ms. McRoy asked any leads on who it was? Chief Casady stated a white guy, 20's or 30's described either has having a medium build or stocking build, one of the two witnesses said he was wearing a white tank top shirt, driving either a silver two door or gray Sedan that's the description we have right now. The description came from one guy that was driving by and another person who lives across the street so two different sources, independently, no connection between those two people.

We also over night on Friday and Saturday Sargent Mike Bassett from the Southwest Team organized a project using about five officers and we did a prostitution detail in the area of 14th & E Street. We arrested six men for soliciting an act of prostitution and we actually arrested under the class four felony of pandering and just to give you an idea of what we are dealing with here. One of the guys is a person that's pretty well known to Lincoln Police officers, LPD has arrested him 33 times of kidnaping, first-degree sexual assault, use of a weapon to commit a felony all the way down to third-degree assaults and trespassing cases that's excluding all his arrests for any warrants for either to appear in court and traffic violations and he's done three terms in prison for various offenses. Chief Casady commented he's darn glad they have people that are both willing to do it and able to do it because it's dangerous and difficult very few people can pull that off.

June Pederson (Aging Director) stated on Saturday morning at the Embassy Suites the agencies Foster Grandparents Program celebrated the annual recognition event for them. We have 43 grandparents in the program, they work in schools all across the city both public and private. We had six children that were recognized for their artwork and their foster grandparents and teachers were also in attendance and we had about 140 attend. The Mayor participated in giving away the awards, it was great fun and it's an excellent program funded mostly by Federal Government. Our Lifetime Health Program provides an annual review of their health conditions and encourages them to participate in the exercise programs that we have at the downtown center. They love it, the teachers love it, the schools are enthusiastic about it, and we're hopeful that the program will continue to grow.

Dana Roper reported the Commission of Industrial Relations entered an order and reported election on the "M" Class employees there were 67-yes votes; 5- no votes; and 9 challenged votes. The nine challenged votes are fire personnel, the fire union during the time it actually was on the ballots had gone out and a few days before they were to be counted local 644 objected to the inclusion of some of the chiefs in the "M" class. Saying that they should appropriately go into the prior union so those are the nine pending ballots that are challenged. Obviously, they are not going to make any difference to the outcome of the election but they have also filed another petition on representation. So, we will probably have a hearing and a discussion on it of probably a disagreement on who would represent them.

Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) stated every year we have been planning an annual Arbor Day event and this is the 30th year that Lincoln has been recognized as a Tree City USA community. This year the event is at Woods Park starting at 10:00 a.m., the children from St. Teresa's School are going to be there helping plant trees during the program.

Mr. Johnson stated regarding Item 3 on their Agenda today which is a five-year lease/purchase agreement for 32 pieces of golf equipment, we are requesting 3rd Reading be expedited on this item. We had hoped to have this equipment in place and in operation for this season. We started this back in November, we did an initial bid and that bid came in higher than what we had budgeted. So, we did a second bid and reduced the number of pieces of equipment that's why this has been delayed, it was the second bid that took about a month to accomplish. So, if possible, we are asking 3rd Reading be expedited and that the City Council take action today on this item and then we will get this finalized and get the equipment here. [*#3, 07-64, Approving a five-year lease/purchase agreement between the City and Municipal Services Group, Inc. for the lease of golf course maintenance equipment.*]

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today under ‘Public Hearing-Liquor Resolutions’ we have just two manager applications.

We have already talked about Item 3. *[#3, 07-64, Approving a five-year lease/purchase agreement between the City and Municipal Services Group, Inc. for the lease of golf course maintenance equipment.]*

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP - No Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Comments

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

Ms. Eschliman stated she would like to speak with Mike Merwick (Building & Safety Director) after the Directors’ Meeting today.

DAN MARVIN -

Mr. Marvin stated he would like to speak with Nicole Fleck-Tooze (Public Works & Utilities) and Don Herz (Finance Director) together after the Directors’ Meeting today.

ANNETTE McROY - No Comments

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ADDENDUM - (For April 23rd)

I. MAYOR -

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2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Promotes Infant Immunization. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Scott Baird, President, Near South Neighborhood Association - RE: Supports the designation of Trinity United Methodist Church as an historic landmark. — NO COMMENTS

2. E-Mail from Virginia Wright - RE: Grand Island Independent-Pete Letheby - The Same Can Be Said For Lincoln. — NO COMMENTS

[End of Addendum]

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:13 a.m.