AGENDA
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
11:00 A.M.

I. MAYOR
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will proclaim October 7, 2008 as “Joseph Hall Day” (Elvis impersonator) at 4:00 pm today at 555 South 10th Street in the Mayor’s Office. Hall will help City promote their annual charitable giving campaign.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler to participate in international “Walk to School Day”.
4. Drinking water samples tested for Total Coliform and E coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will officially open the new Harris overpass with a ceremony at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 10th at 9th and O Streets.

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Clean out hazardous waste before upcoming holidays.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL
1. Response to Kelli Hogeland on dangerous dogs. (Also listed under miscellaneous 4)

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
1. NEWS RELEASE. “Read to a Dog this Fall” story time returns to Lincoln City Libraries.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Email from Connie Sykes relating to Special Permit #08038, Bill #08R-249, schedule for public hearing on October 13, 2008.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Paving Project #701906. West Adams Street and Northwest 56th Street.

WEED CONTROL
1. City of Lincoln combined weed program, September, 2008 monthly report.
III. CITY CLERK
1. Letter from Mark Ottemann, State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, Noise and Air/Utilities Engineer regarding Stone Bridge View Community Unit Plan. North 14th Street and Humphrey Drive.

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Email from Mike Muehling. Need to have lower speed limit on Highway 2 as there are too many terrible accidents.
2. Email from Katherine Sedlacek. Suggestion to help with discarded couches resulting from the no couch on the porch ordinance.
3. Letter and documentation from Victor E. Covalt III on pension benefits and the IRS standard for acceptable living expenses in bankruptcy for a single person over age 65.
4. Email from Kelli Hogeland regarding dangerous dogs in city. (Also refer to answer from Animal Control under Health/Animal Control)
5. Email from Shandra and Jim Bescheinen. Request Area 12 be deleted from proposed annexations for 1009.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Council Members Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Ken Svoboda, John Spatz, Jonathan Cook, Dan Marvin

Others Present: Mayor Chris Beutler, Rick Hoppe, Denise Pearce, Mayor’s Office; City Clerk Joan Ross; John Hendry, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Secretary

Ms. Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:03 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 Chris Beutler reported there were 33 people who took them up on the retirement incentive program this last year and those 33 people have a total of 918 years of experience averaging 28 years apiece.

Mayor Beutler stated he just got done talking with Public Works, other City staff, and with the consultants HDR on the idea of having a Landfill Gas Recovery/Utilization System program out at the landfill. He asked them to update the Council and County Commissioners later this week and early next week to get input. They’re thinking seriously about putting out a request for qualifications to get ideas and to get interest from different firms.

Mayor Beutler reported on Pershing Auditorium. The public information campaign related to the arena and related topics continues on Wednesday, October 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium. He hopes some of the Council will be able to join them. The public can listen in and comment on the concept of Pershing Auditorium re-use or the non-use, whichever the case may be.

Mayor Beutler stated Lynn Johnson wants to tell them about Project Serve, which is a big volunteer effort, as he understands it, among the church community primarily. Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) commented he feels like he should let Robin (Eschliman) do this because she was intimately involved with this. Mr. Johnson reported that over the weekend there were 16 churches involved, and about 3,300 volunteers who touch the needy organizations and agencies throughout the community within the City.
They had volunteers at 34 different sites. They were involved in tree trimming, re-roofing buildings, painting the inside of restrooms, a whole variety of activities. They made a huge impact. He thinks four libraries as well.

Mr. Johnson stated for us this is kind of the kick-off of our second annual “Hands On/Help Out”. Last year they had about 650 volunteers who gave about 1300 hours. They touched about 60 of the parks, so about half of the parks last year. They’ve got a great start on getting through the “Hands On/Help Out” program this year and he understands from the event last night that they are going to do it again next year. So, this is an amazing event, and they’re very appreciative of having been included in it.

Dave Landis (Urban Development Director) stated they might have seen the mural on North 27th Street with the Clinton school kids images certainly was a delightful success. The mural was completed about six weeks ago. Last week they had the formal opening for a mural on 13th & “F” Street across from the Center. The mural celebrates Hispanic and Latino cultures. It includes the flags of a number of countries, images from those countries, and includes some of the images from the day of the dead. It will be a chance to learn about other cultures. In the formal opening there were between 60 and 100 people from the neighborhood that would get behind the project. It’s a good sign and they’re not done. They hope to do this at other locations where there are blank and unattractive walls to celebrate our neighborhoods and their country. The artists were local, and our partner was NeighborWorks.

1. Special Olympics Release - RE: Harrison Ford to chair Cessna 2010 Special Olympics Airlift. - NO COMMENTS

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler will proclaim October 7, 2008 as “Joseph Hall Day” (Elvis impersonator) at 4:00 p.m. at 555 South 10th Street in the Mayor’s Office. Hall will help City promote their annual charitable giving campaign. - NO COMMENTS

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler To Participate In International “Walk To School Day”. - NO COMMENTS

4. Drinking water samples tested for Total Coliform and E coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis. - NO COMMENTS

5. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler will officially open the new Harris Overpass with a ceremony on 10/10/08 at 10:00 a.m., at 9th & “O” Streets. - NO COMMENTS

II. DIRECTORS -

HEALTH -
1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Clean out Hazardous Waste before Upcoming Holidays. - NO COMMENTS

HEALTH/ANIMAL CONTROL -
1. Response E-Mail from Jim Weverka, Animal Control to Kelli Hogeland’s E-Mail listed under “V. Miscellaneous #4” - RE: Dangerous dogs. - NO COMMENTS

LIBRARIES -
1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: “Read To A Dog This Fall” story time returns to Lincoln City Libraries. - NO COMMENTS

PLANNING -
1. E-Mail from Connie Sykes - RE: Bill #08R-249, Special Permit #08038 - schedule for public hearing on 10/13/08. - NO COMMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION ..... 
1. Special Permit #08042 - Expansion of nonconforming dwelling (302 North 30th Street) - Resolution No. PC-01144. - NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES -
1. ADVISORY - RE: Paving Project #701906 - West Adams Street & Northwest 56th Street. - NO COMMENTS

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY -

III. CITY CLERK -

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today under “Public Hearing-Ordinances” Items 17, 18, & 19 are related, so these items will be called together. She pointed out that under “Public Hearing-Resolutions” Items 28 & 29 are also related to those items. So, Items 17, 18, 19, 28, & 29 will be called together. Usually, they would have been all together under the Ordinances and then would of had action date probably on the Resolutions the 20th. So, they might take note and point that out or have a vote at the meeting, so it’s clear for next week agenda. #:17, 08-133, Amending Chapter 2.62 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the Police and Fire Pension Plan A to provide a 1.5% COLA and a 4% increase in member contributions.; #:18, 08-134, Amending Chapter 2.65 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the Police and Fire Pension Plan B to provide a 1.5% COLA and a 4% increase in member contributions.; and #:19, 08-135, Amending
Chapter 2.66 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the Police and Fire Pension Plan to provide a 1.5% COLA and a 4% increase in member contributions. [#28, 08R-240, Approving the labor contract between the City and IAFF, Local 644, effective August 21, 2008.; and #29, 08R-241, Approving a transfer of appropriations and cash within the 2008-2009 operating budget from the Fire & Rescue General Fund, EMS Enterprise Fund, Grants-In-Aid Fund, Building & Safety Fund, Social Security Fund and Police General Fund for reallocation to the Police and Fire Pension Fund in the amount of $356,342.00.]

Items 23 & 24 are related, will be called together. [#23, 08-139, Change of Zone 08046 - Request of the Historic Preservation Commission, on behalf of AgInvest, for a change of zone from B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District to R-3 Residential District on approximately 2.7 acres generally located at N. 14th Street and Morton Street.; and #24, 08-73, Change of Zone 08022HP - Application of Danja Pegram Siders, on behalf of Aginvest LLC, to designate the Dr. Slattery House at 5230 North 14th Street as a historic landmark.]

For Item 30, they have a Motion-To-Amend #1. [#30, 08R-249, Special Permit 08038 - Appeal of Thomas E. Madsen to the Planning Commission's denial of his application to expand a nonconforming use by adding an outdoor café at the bowling alley/restaurant that sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, on property generally located at N. 48th Street and Dudley Street.]

Items 31 & 32 are related, will be called together. [#31, 08R-250, Misc. 08013 - Amending the City of Lincoln Design Standards by adding Chapter 1.10 to establish a process for amending the City of Lincoln Design Standards, and to amend Chapter 2.15, Urban Public Street Design Standards.; and #32, 08R-251, Amending Section 3.2.3 of the Drainage Criteria Manual by amending Table 3-2, Allowable Maximum Encroachment for Minor Storms.]

Items 34 through 39 will be called together. Rick Hoppe stated he will make sure Kit Boesch (County Human Services Director) is at the Council meeting to answer any questions. [#34, 08R-253, Approving a two-year Grant Contract between the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln Literacy Council to provide grant funds in the amount of $10,000.00 per year for its English Language Academy Program.; #35, 08R-254, Approving a two-year Grant Contract between the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, Inc. to provide grant funds in the amount of $37,000.00 per year for its Alcohol and Drug Education and Prevention Programs.; #36, 08R-255, Approving a two-year Grant Contract between the City of Lincoln and the Asian Community and Cultural Center to provide grant funds in the amount of $10,000.00 per year for its Family Resource Program.; #37, 08R-256, Approving a two-year Grant Contract between the City of Lincoln and the Friendship Home to provide grant funds in the amount of $189,362.00 per year for its Emergency Shelter Program.; #38, 08R-257, Approving a two-year Grant Contract between the City of Lincoln and the Clyde Malone Community Center to provide grant funds in the amount of $35,000.00 per year for its After School Program.; and #39,
08R-258, Approving a two-year Grant Contract between the City of Lincoln and the Family Violence Council to provide grant funds in the amount of $26,259.00 per year for its Programs to Stop Violence and Abuse.]

1. Letter from Mark Ottemann, State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, Noise & Air/Utilities Engineer - RE: Stone Bridge View Community Unit Plan (North 14th Street & Humphrey Drive). - NO COMMENTS

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp stated to Police Captain Joy Citta that he had an inquiry. Apparently a couple weeks ago there was a windshield shot out at 11th & “E” Street. Is it a major situation or just an isolated incident? Police Captain Citta stated she thinks that was just an isolated incident, but she can go back and look it up.

JONATHAN COOK - NO COMMENTS

DOUG EMERY - NO COMMENTS

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - NO COMMENTS

DAN MARVIN - NO COMMENTS

JOHN SPATZ - NO COMMENTS

KEN SVOBODA -

Mr. Svoboda stated he would like to speak with Police Captain Joy Citta after the Directors’ Meeting today.

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

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2. E-Mail from Katherine Sedlacek - RE: Suggestion to help with discarded couches resulting from the no couch on the porch ordinance. - NO COMMENTS

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3. Letter & Material from Victor E. Covalt III - RE: Pension benefits and the IRS standard for acceptable living expenses in bankruptcy for a single person over age 65. - NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail from Kelli Hogeland - RE: Dangerous dogs in city (Response E-Mail to Ms. Hogeland listed under “II. Directors- Health/Animal Control”). - NO COMMENTS

5. E-Mail from Shandra & Jim Bescheinen - RE: Request Area 12 be deleted from proposed annexations for 2009. - NO COMMENTS

**ADDENDUM - (For October 13th)**

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of October 11 through October 17, 2008 - Schedule subject to change. - NO COMMENTS

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: New Harris Overpass Open. - NO COMMENTS

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Volunteers Invited To “Help Out” With Fall Park Projects. - NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - None

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - None

C. MISCELLANEOUS - None

[End of Addendum]

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:14 a.m.