AGENDA
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008
11:00 a.m.
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR -

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln named nation’s top digital city.
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II. DIRECTORS -

FINANCE/BUDGET
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   a.) Actual compared to projected sales tax collections;
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FINANCE/CITY TREASURER

LIBRARY
*1. Library Director’s Report.

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PUBLIC WORKS/STARTRAN
1. Memo from Greg MacLean - RE: StarTran Advisory Board Actions.

PUBLIC WORKS/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

III. CITY CLERK - None

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM NOVEMBER 24, 2008.
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice-Chair; Ken Svoboda, Dan Marvin, John Spatz, Jon Camp

Council Member Absent: Jonathan Cook

Others Present: Mayor Chris Beutler, Rick Hoppe, Denise Pearce, Trish Owen, Lin Quenzer, Mayor’s Office; Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier; John Hendry, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Secretary

Ms. Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:06 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 announced they had another successful year with the City of Lincoln’s charitable giving campaign. As you know, they all get together and raise money for the United Way, Community Health Charities, and Community Services Fund. This year they raised $130,807 so thank-you for a highly successful campaign. Also, thank-you to Joseph Hall who you will recall was our City endorsed Elvis impersonator who helped them tremendously with this campaign. The winner of the Mayor’s Cup for the large department division is Engineering Services who had the highest percentage participation, thank-you. Greg MacLean (Public Works & Utilities Director) accepted the Mayor’s Cup for their department. The winner of the Mayor’s Cup for the small department division is the Mayor’s Office. Trish Owen organized the campaign and she’s going to accept this on behalf of the Mayor’s Office. [Everyone clapped and congratulated them.]

The Mayor gave an update on the Spam Challenge. They now collected in-hand or pledged over 310 cans of spam. Super Saver put in 100 cans, Scott Young put in 100 cans, and he pledged 200 cans, so they are up to 510 cans of spam. The campaign continues through December 15th. They will soon have spam barrels in the Libraries.
Mayor Beutler called on Directors. Bruce Dart (Health Director) stated Item 25 on the Agenda today under ‘1st Reading’, he would like to request City Council place this item on indefinite pending for right now. They need to go back and take a look at it. If you give them three to six months to look at it and then they will make some decisions after that.  

[#25, 08-157, Amending Section 5.38.050 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to increase permit fees for motels, hotels, rooming, lodging, and apartment houses; and repealing Section 5.38.050 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.]

Jerry Shorney (Parks & Recreation) handed out to Council invitations to their Holiday Ball. They have this event every year for people with special needs. The Holiday Ball has three nights you can attend on December 8th, 10th & 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Auld Community Center.

Mr. Camp stated to the Mayor they had a pre-council this morning on the West Haymarket situation. Kent Morgan mentioned that he would need to visit with you about getting some of the preliminary cost figures to Council. Would it be possible for them to get involved here rather than wait until next February or March? Mayor Beutler replied they are certainly not going to wait until next February or March. The Council is at the top of the list in terms of people who need to be persuaded that this is a good thing overall. They will have figures to Council first, certainly before they become public. They want to get far enough a long so they are not throwing out a lot of possibilities for people to worry about. They want to get it down to a set of ideas they can work with Council and then hopefully give to the public only those things they really need to worry about. Nothing has been decided, they continue to work on alternative options and different ways of doing things all of which is throwing into temporary confusion by the ISG offer. It’s some what continuance upon when ISG gets back to us. They have to get back to us before the end of the month and then the long process should begin in January.

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*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: West lane of 40th closed from Normal to Van Dorn. - NO COMMENTS

*3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: “N” Street closed between 21st & 23rd Streets. - NO COMMENTS

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9. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler forms Advisory Committee for reform of Development Services (Forwarded to Council on 11/25/08). - NO COMMENTS

10. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler issues “Mayor’s Spam® Challenge” (Forwarded to Council on 11/25/08). - Mayor Beutler mentioned this issue earlier under his comments. See that discussion under “I. Mayor”.

11. NEWS RELEASE - RE: 5 City-TV’s “Live and Learn” features Ted Sorensen-Lecture and theatre dedication also airing on channels 5 and 21. - NO COMMENTS

12. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Pedestrian signal at 66th & Mopac out of operation. - NO COMMENTS

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PUBLIC WORKS/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT -
1. E-Mail Information - RE: Resolution 08R-308 - Hazard Mitigation Plan for 12/08/08 Public Hearing (Forwarded to Council on 11/24/08). - NO COMMENTS

III. CITY CLERK -

Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier stated on their Agenda today, Item 19 under “Public Hearing Ordinances - 2nd Reading” just a reminder on November 17th Council voted to have 2nd & 3rd Readings. The Public hearing and action on this item today. [#19, 08-160, Change of Zone 08053HP - Application of Engineering Design Consultants on behalf of Kevin D. and Carla J. Pinneo to designate the Foster House at 1021 D Street as a historic landmark.]

For Item 23, they have a request from Public Works to place this item on pending indefinitely. [#23, 08R-297, Approving a Cooperative Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Lincoln regarding State of Nebraska Grant funding from the Stormwater Management Plan.]

As Bruce Dart (Health Director) mentioned on Item 25, they have a request to place this item on pending indefinitely. [#25, 08-157, Amending Section 5.38.050 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to increase permit fees for motels, hotels, rooming, lodging, and apartment houses; and repealing Section 5.38.050 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.]

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp commented to Greg MacLean (Public Works & Utilities Director) that he was glad to see the article in the newspaper today about the anti-ice solution. People have called him saying they’ve seen the same street has been covered like four times. How long does that last? Mr. MacLean replied it can last up to a week, it depends on if they have any moisture and that type of thing but it’s a low cost application. It does have an effect on frost
build ups, so even if there’s no precipitation there is a safety factor build in. The crews go out and take a look at it to make sure it’s still effective. Mr. Camp asked what does it cost per application? Mr. MacLean replied he doesn’t know, but he can check and get back to him.

Mr. Camp asked Greg MacLean for an update on the work that’s being done in West Lincoln pass Southwest 40th Street? The re-lining of the 30 inch sanitary line that’s not connected to anything. Mr. MacLean gave an update on the West O trunk sewer project. On that particular project they had a problem with the pipe supplier. They put a pipe in that was failing. There was a manufacture default, they put a pipe in that was failing. They worked closely with legal and the wastewater department to come up with a solution. As part of the warranty work they are putting a liner in to make sure that pipe functions in the form it supposed to. Mr. MacLean noted you’re right, there’s nobody connected on which was good that gave them time to make that correction and that is part of the original construction contract. It does not cost them any extra to make the fix, it’s part of the warranty. That particular manufacture went out of business. They’ve had some other problems.

Mr. Camp stated to Don Herz (Finance Director) a question came up in the last week or two about the JPA that they formulated on the jail and when the assessment starts on it. Could you explain exactly what’s going on because it sounds like for this year or this December that people’s homeowners property tax statements will have an assessment for the JPA. Mr. Camp commented Steve Hubka had sent him some information but there’s still questions of some other party. Don Herz replied he thinks their assessment will be effective for calendar year of 2009 to be paid in 2009. Mr. Camp commented so it’s a 2008 comp-assessment. How can you have anything assessed when there is no authority. The concern came up of how do you assess something when they just voted to create the JPA. It wasn’t in effect the whole 2008, and doesn’t have a board yet.

Mr. Marvin commented Eschliman is on the board. Ms. Eschliman commented they had one meeting. She will get Mr. Camp the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Herz next week can you give Council some information on it and explain the City with the savings about $1.4 million. His understanding right now there’s no intent to lower the City’s levy so that would be excess funds that they would receive. Mr. Herz stated okay.

JONATHAN COOK - Absent
DOUG EMERY - No Comments
ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - No Comments
DAN MARVIN - No Comments
JOHN SPATZ - No Comments
KEN SVOBODA - No Comments

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*2. E-Mail from Jodi Delozier - RE: Questioning why, and if, the City Council would approve a rate hike increase for LES. - NO COMMENTS

*3. Press Release - RE: Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) news report. - NO COMMENTS

*4. Letter from Melinda Deinert - RE: Suggesting consideration of an inter-city light-rail between Lincoln and Omaha. - NO COMMENTS

5. E-Mail from William Stone - RE: Camera enforcement on speed limits and red lights. - NO COMMENTS

[No Directors’ Addendum for December 1st]

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:24 a.m.

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