

**AGENDA**  
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**  
**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRE-COUNCILS**

**I. CITY CLERK**

1. Agenda Items Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 23:
  - a) Antelope Village;
  - b) Little Saigon Project; and
  - c) Matt Talbot.

**II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL**

**PRESENTATIONS BY:**

Lincoln Police Department. Challenges 2009 - 2010.

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- 1. Lincoln Water and Wastewater Systems Fiscal Year 2007-08 Audits. (Delivered to Council on January 23, 2009)

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB AND REAL ESTATE DIVISION**

- 1. Street and Alley vacation No.08012. East/West alley 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Street, North of W Street.

## **III. COUNCIL RFI'S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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### **ROBIN ESCHLIMAN**

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## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* HELD OVER FROM JANUARY 19, 2009.**

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

**Others Present:** Mayor Chris Beutler, Rick Hoppe, Trish Owen, Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office;  
City Clerk Joan Ross; Rick Peo, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Police Chief Tom Casady; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Secretary

Ms. Eschliman opened the meeting with the new format of the Directors' Meeting at 11:25 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.

Mayor Chris Beutler noted the new format of the Directors' Meeting will begin today. As you may recall, it had to do with a process they're starting internally in the Mayor's Office. It is to go through the departments and ask each one of them to come forward with their objectives and answer questions given to them relating to future planning and future objectives. Police Chief Casady gave a presentation to department heads, and today he will give a presentation to Council. Mayor Beutler commented he would be interested in any comments on the presentation, on the objectives format, and of any changes.

Mayor Beutler reported they're asking Chad Blahak, from Public Works, to take on an extra project, which is the organization of their efforts with regard to responding to the Federal Stimulus package. Ms. Eschliman commented that if you would like to have Denise (Pearce) make a presentation during their Organizational Meeting in the next couple weeks that would be great. Mayor Beutler commented that if you would like a presentation in a week or two, by that time Chad (Blahak) would be updated and ready to make that presentation to Council.

Mayor Beutler thanked Ms. Eschliman for the quick contact she made with them with regard to Lincoln Benefit Life. They all made immediate contact with them. They're waiting for additional information, but they have certainly made provisions for future discussions. They are truly grateful for being alerted to that early.

## **I. CITY CLERK -**

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today, Items 4 & 5 will be called together. *[#4, 09-8, Change of Zone No. 08069 - Application of the Planning Director to reduce the Building Line District from 125 feet to 105 feet adjacent to the residential component of Apple's Way Planned Unit Development generally located at South 66th Street and Highway 2.; and #5, 09-9, Change of Zone No. 05026B - Application of Apple's Way, LLC, for expansion of Apple's Way PUD to include Outlot E, Artisan Meadows Addition, and to adjust setbacks for a subdivision identification sign on property generally located at South 66th Street and Highway 2.]*

There was discussion about the process of removing items indefinitely from the Pending list. Ms. Eschliman commented particularly that she was wondering about Item 15 from 2005. Maybe they can get this one off. Ms. Eschliman commented that maybe somebody can check on this item and see if they need to take it off. *[#15, 05-188, Change of Zone 3413 - Application of Landon's Neighborhood Association for a change of zone from R-4 Residential to R-2 Residential on property generally located at N. 24th and Superior Streets.- 12/19/05 - Placed on Pending Indefinitely]*

Mr. Cook discussed the item on the Organizational Meeting Agenda regarding the rules for the open microphone. He thinks it would be helpful to have Joan Ross attend the meeting for that discussion. However, it would also be helpful to have Mr. Spatz and Judge Hendry be there for that discussion, and they are not here today. It would be better to hold this item over for a week until they have those present who are already aware of this discussion. Mr. Cook commented to delay this item until next week, Monday, February 9th.

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## **II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -**

### **PRESENTATIONS BY: -**

Police Chief Tom Casady gave a presentation on the Lincoln Police Department challenges and objectives for 2009-2010. *[See Attachment 'A']*

### **MAYOR -**

Mayor Beutler made comments at the beginning of the meeting. See those comments above.

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**ADDENDUM - (For February 2nd)**

**I. MAYOR -**

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule for Week of January 31 through February 6, 2009 - Schedule subject to change -(Forward to Council on 01/30/09). - NO COMMENTS

**II. CITY CLERK - None**

**III. CORRESPONDENCE -**

**A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -**

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

1. Letter to Gregory S. Nielsen - RE: Lincoln North Creek LLC (LNC) engineered and designed the Project #801752. - NO COMMENTS

**C. MISCELLANEOUS - None**

[End of Addendum]

**V. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 12:10 p.m.**

**\*\* HELD OVER FROM JANUARY 19, 2009.**

**\*HELD OVER FROM JANUARY 26, 2009.**

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## Lincoln Police Department Objectives 2009-10

1. Are there interpretations of law (federal regulations, state statute, City Charter provisions or ordinances, Mayor's executive orders, or the department's published administrative procedures) that impact the provision of your Department's services and that need further clarification and/or review?

*Nebraska state statute 28-927 requires the person receiving an arrest warrant to execute the warrant without delay. We receive thousands of arrest warrants for misdemeanor violations of municipal ordinance, where very little active attempt to serve the warrant is made. These warrants are entered in our computer database, and in some specific circumstances we actively look for the defendant, however for the most part we serve these warrants only when the defendant is contacted in other circumstances, and the officer learns of the existence of the warrant on that occasion. The police department cut its warrants unit more than 20 years ago, and street officers have little time to proactively seek persons wanted on misdemeanor warrants for municipal code violations.*

2. What should be changed or modified in your Department to better provide current services and which do not require additional financial resources?

*There are a few positions at the police department that could be civilianized at a lower total cost to the City, and in some cases this would also result in incumbents with better professional expertise and qualifications. This includes a police officer who is working as a lab technician, a police officer who functions as a public information officer and website manager, a police captain who functions as a human resources manager, a police sergeant who functions as a crime analysis unit manager, and a police sergeant who works as a recruiter and hiring screener.*

*There are opportunities for merging more functions with the Lancaster County Sheriff, Airport Police, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department that would result in overall cost savings and improvement in services.*

*Fuel costs could potentially be reduced by more use of two-person patrol cars during certain hours. We are experimenting with this now.*

*We could make greater use of non-sworn paraprofessional employees to handle certain kinds of incidents, such as belated crime reports and traffic crashes. We could also handle more incidents over the telephone, if staff was available. Both of these would free up police officers' time.*

*Changing our false alarm process would both make us more efficient by reducing staff time, and could potentially result in revenue to the City through*

*an alarm registration fee and recovery of a greater proportion of the cost of response.*

3. What should be changed or modified in your Department to better provide current services and which do require additional financial resources?

*Increasing the police staffing level to 1.5 officers per 1,000 population is a long term goal, while maintaining a 1:4 ratio of civilian support staff. An adequate staffing level ensures our ability to deliver quality police services, especially proactive work and quality follow-up.*

*At least one full-service police substation in the Southeast portion of the city is needed to effectively deploy to this growing area.*

*The police garage is dilapidated and unsafe. Replacing the garage with a smaller facility would reduce operational costs and provide greater efficiency.*

*Digital transcription software and hardware would improve the work-flow and efficiency of our officers, investigators, and records staff.*

*The use of an Automated Vehicle Locating system would provide information on the location of police units utilizing GPS coordinates. This could improve our efficiency in deploying resources and dispatching specific units.*

*We would augment our civilian support staff, replacing positions cut over the past seven years, and building back up to a ratio of 1:4. This would allow us spend less police officer time on support activities that could be provided by civilian staff.*

4. If you had to discontinue at least one current program or service, what would it be and for what reason?

*Middle school resource officers. We believe that contributing four officers to serve 10 middle schools is our lowest priority, and makes the smallest contribution to our overall mission of providing police services that promote a safe and secure community. One of the reasons this has a low priority is that the resources are spread thinly: four officers serve 10 middle schools. This is not an efficient way of deploying those officers. Other services and programs that are low priority include parking enforcement and the investigation of non-injury, non-blocking traffic crashes.*

5. What new services do you think your department should provide and for what reason?

*Forensic investigation of crime is lagging significantly. We experience long*

*delays in evidence processing from State and Federal labs (eight months for a sexual assault kit is typical.) We are simply not keeping up with the scientific developments and increasingly suffering from long delays and missed opportunities. Lincoln has reached a size that we should provide more of our own laboratory service.*

*A small network of public-place of recorded CCTV cameras in open areas would deter certain types of crime.*

*Enhance computer crime investigation. Our capability here is not sufficient to meet the needs and demand, and we should probably, at this stage, create and staff a forensic digital investigation unit.*

*We would like to have a greater and more consistent role in working hand-in-hand with parole, probation, and community corrections. The dramatic growth in these areas makes it important for more police involvement, and the return on this in reducing reoffending could be significant.*

*Lincoln would benefit from a proactive gang intervention program: one in which specially-trained and assigned police officers are participants in a wrap-around approach that would make contact with the families of kids who are involved in gang activity, and attempt to intervene in a way that reduces the potential of more serious gang involvement.*

6. With respect to any of the above questions, have you explored, or has your staff explored best management practices elsewhere in the country?

*Yes. Through our accreditation process we are regularly comparing our practices to the 459 standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. We also maintain liaison with a regional group of accredited agencies through a Police Accreditation Council, and through national professional associations, such as the Police Executive Research Forum, and Benchmark Cities Chiefs group. We do a great deal of work to compare ourselves with peer cities and police departments, and we share information on virtually a daily basis. We make considerable use of professional publications, Internet listservs, websites, web conferencing, and email networks. We play host to frequent site visits from other cities seeking to learn from our operations, which is an excellent means of assessing our own practices.*

7. With respect to responses provided in 1 through 3 and 5 above, what do you want to accomplish in budget year 2009-2010 (list in priority order with number 1 being the highest priority)? Please consider the Citywide outcomes and goals in your response.

*Our first priority is to accomplish the objectives laid out in our outcome-based*

*budget: maintaining a low violent crime rate, a low rate of injury traffic crashes, a low rate of burglary, high levels of satisfaction with police services, and a high preception of safety and security by the public.*

*We would like to make some significant progress on the goals described in our five-year strategic plan. Making progress on staffing is our most important goal, but unlikely in the current fiscal climate. Absent significant increases in resources, we believe that the following are within our capability:*

- 1. Finish the conversion of our photographic work from analog to digital.*
- 2. Implement digital recording and transcription.*
- 3. Continue our partnership with parole and probation in Project Safe Neighborhoods*
- 4. Develop a second focus area for Stronger Safer Neighborhoods.*
- 5. Upgrade our wireless mobile data backbone to a higher-speed network.*
- 6. Install a small network of high-speed wireless nodes.*
- 7. Install a small network of public-place CCTV cameras.*
- 8. Upgrade our capability for managing digital and analog video.*
- 9. Increase the number of investigators trained and experienced in computer crime and digital evidence.*
- 10. Implement AVL in marked police patrol cars.*

8. How can other departments contribute to the goals you have prioritized in number 7 above?

*Several City departments have a key role in helping us achieve our desired outcomes, especially Building & Safety, Planning, Law, Health, Public Works, and Urban Development. Crime, for example, is very sensitive to the quality of housing and neighborhood livability. Good decisions by the Planning Department on new development can reduce crime in the long run and, good enforcement of building codes can ameliorate criminogenic conditions, and strategic use of Urban Development initiatives can restore deteriorated conditions or uphold fragile neighborhoods. Public Works has a vital role in our outcomes related to traffic safety.*

*If we expand the Stronger Safer Neighborhoods approach to another area, we will need the same level of commitment from each of these departments that we have received in the Capital-south area. We will need considerable help from the Finance Department (Information Services and Emergency Communications) to complete the technology projects that will hope to have underway in 2009-10.*