

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
11:00 A.M.**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

PRESENTATIONS:

Urban Development.

MAYOR

1. Drinking water samples tested for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce the City's road construction package for the American Recovery and Reinvestment (stimulus) Act, Tuesday, March 17th, 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 "N" Street.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler announces City road stimulus package.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Media invited to attend a Nebraska Task Force 1 (NETF-1) training exercise, Wednesday, March 18th, 9 am to 11 am at Capital Towing, 101 Charleston Street.
5. Washington Report, March 13, 2009.

DIRECTORS:

LIBRARIES

1. Letter from Jeff Kirkpatrick, Library Board of Trustees Vice President, explaining why the Bethany and South Branch Libraries may be closed due to budget restraints.

PLANNING

1. Maps for annexation ordinances 19208 - 19214.
 - a) Ordinance No. 19208, effective March 17, 2009;
 - b) Ordinance No. 19209, effective March 17, 2009;
 - c) Ordinance No. 19210, effective March 17, 2009;
 - d) Ordinance No. 19211, effective March 17, 2009;
 - e) Ordinance No. 19212, effective March 17, 2009;
 - f) Ordinance No. 19213, effective March 17, 2009; and
 - g) Ordinance No. 19214, effective March 17, 2009.

PUBLIC WORKS/ADMINISTRATION

1. Reply to Mark Hunzeker in regard to requesting creation of special assessment districts.
 - a) Resolution No. A-74015.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING

1. Requested special assessment district for water main in NW 19th Street from Q Street north for approximately 370 feet.

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

JONATHAN COOK

1. Letter from June Perry Levine. Vote to keep the South Street Branch Library open. Consider other suggestions for saving money and not closing.
2. Letter from Laura J. Bettey. When moving to Lincoln delighted to have the South Street Branch Library in close proximity. Do not close as it would be a shame for the neighborhood to lose this resource.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Letter from Nola Mayhew, resident at the Cotner Center and 81 years old, who enjoys walking to the Bethany Library for services. Do not close completely, possibly have open part-time.
2. Article from Governing Magazine. "Shedding Assets". As the severe national recession takes its toll, states may put up 'for sale' signs on premium items.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

1. Email from Jane Vander Broek. Please keep funding available for the Lincoln Arts Council, and in particular the Lincoln Municipal Band.
2. Email from Larry Schwartz. Salt brine was not needed on Lincoln public streets March 12th and 13th.
3. Correspondence through InterLinc from Rhonda Lange. Concerns on bully dog breeds and would appreciate feedback on the current laws and any plans for further ordinances.
4. Email from Julia McQuillan. Do find a way to keep the South Lincoln Public Library and the Irvingdale Pool open. Keeping open is a great short and long term crime prevention strategy providing options for youth.
5. InterLinc correspondence from Nicole Effle. Please vote to save the South Branch and Bethany Libraries. Both are vital pieces of the community.
6. Email from Howard and Mavis Olson. Asking for continued financial support for the Lincoln Municipal Band. The loss of concerts would affect hundreds of citizens.
7. Letter from Mel Bancroft. Thank you for the open-mindedness of a challenging decision to vote for the Early Child Development Center on South 29th Street. Outline of Center given.
8. Email from Aldie Johnson. Do not cut funding to the City's fine art programs such as neighborhood libraries and the Lincoln Municipal Band.
9. Email from Mary Moyer. Do not close the Bethany Library. Mickle Middle School students, including my granddaughter, are able to walk to this library and do so.
10. Letter from Leland and Kay Hiatt. Continue to support the Lincoln Arts Council who provide Band Concerts during the summer. A very positive approach to entertainment for people who cannot afford the high prices of the Lied Center entertainment.
11. Email from Laura Wagner. Consider all options before going the drastic route of closing any library branches. Have enjoyed using the Bethany Library since 1988.
12. Email from Marcella Shortt. Continue to fund the Lincoln Arts Council which assists the Lincoln Municipal Band concerts.

13. Letter from Don and Betty Eacker. Do not close the Bethany Library. Live approximately one and one-half blocks away and use the library services often. Also, the library delivers books to people who cannot leave the Cotner Center condos.
14. Letter from Bernice M. Boilesen. Do not close the Bethany and South Street Branch Libraries. Live in the Cotner Center and appreciate the convenience of a short distance to the Bethany Library, who also brings large print books to our facility. The Bethany Library has been serving Lincoln since the 1950's.
15. Email from Lucy Boden. Do not close the Bethany Library. Think of the families surrounding the area.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Others Present: Trish Owen, Denise Pearce (arrived at 11:27 a.m.), Mayor's Office; City Clerk Joan Ross; John Hendry, City Attorney; Dave Landis, Urban Development Director; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Secretary

Mr. Emery opened the meeting at 11:13 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. CITY CLERK -

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today for Item 5 they have a Motion-To-Amend #1 which she handed out to Council. She had mentioned that it was also linked. *[#5, 09R-42, Approving the acquisition by condemnation of approximately 1.58 acres of property generally located at S.W. 98th Street and West "O" Street for a water well site for the Emerald Sanitary and Improvement District.]*

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

PRESENTATIONS: -

Dave Landis, Urban Development Director gave a presentation on Urban Development Department objectives for 2009-2010. *[See Attachment 'A']*

MAYOR -

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PUBLIC WORKS/ADMINISTRATION -

1. Response to Mark Hunzeker from Greg MacLean - RE: Requesting Creation Of Special Assessment Districts - Resolution #A-74015. - NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING -

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DAN MARVIN - No Comments

JOHN SPATZ - No Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Comments

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ADDENDUM - (For March 23rd)

I. CITY CLERK - None

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MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of March 21 through March 27, 2009 - Schedule subject to change. - NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Separation of Grass and Leaves Begins Last Week In March. - NO COMMENTS

DIRECTORS -

ANIMAL CONTROL -

1. Response E-Mail from Robert Westfall to Rhonda Lange - RE: Bully breeds. (Response to Rhonda Lange e-mail listed on the Directors Agenda of 03/23/09 under "IV. Correspondence From Citizens - #3). - NO COMMENTS

LIBRARY -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Firefighters Visit Libraries. - NO COMMENTS

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[End of Addendum]

V. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:35 a.m.

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Attachment A

Directors

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Urban Development

Objectives 2009 - 2010



Interpretations of Law

- City requirement for direct deposit of earnings
- Parking related duties
- Federal obligation for four quarters of follow up for individuals exiting program



Changes Not Requiring New \$

- Repository of TIF agreements, plan amendments
- Review of TIF compliance
- Proactive identification of development opportunities



Changes with New \$

- Office assistance
- Community Development Program Specialist
- Temporary staff for unemployment services



Discontinuation of Programs, Services

- Building Façade Improvement Program
- Job Creation Program
- Public Facility portion of Housing Development Loan Program




New Services

- Economic Development Opportunity Fund




Exploring Best Management Practices

- Interaction with One Stops
- Service on Midwest Innovation Initiative
- Use of Carl Walker
- Attendance at National Parking Conference
- HUD training in Omaha and Kansas City



What we want to accomplish

- Keep up with workload in tier one programs:
 - Redevelopment
 - Neighborhoods
 - Housing
- Use all the DOL money we get
- Improve youth services to acceptable outcomes



What we want to accomplish – continued

- Develop and implement a retail parking strategy
- Plan a new garage



Other Departments' Contribution

- Assist in Parking Authority structure
- Regularize a method for early interaction with developers on projects across departments