

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
11:00 A.M.**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

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2. NEWS RELEASE. City and Fire Union sign drug testing agreement.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. City Council scheduled to vote on 04/13/09 on measures related to the Assurity Life Insurance headquarters to be built in Antelope Valley area.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents March award of excellence to James Bare, Senior Environmental Health Specialist.
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6. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's new conference scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2009 regarding the budget postponed until next week.
7. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce health care initiatives at a news conference on Thursday, April 16, 2009.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Candidate debates set for April 20, 2009.
8. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor forms task force on health care safety net.
9. NEWS ADVISORY. "Clean Your Files Week" begins April 20, 2009.
10. NEWS RELEASE. "Nature's Market" set for Saturday at Pioneers Park Nature Center.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Works Department

MAYOR

DIRECTORS:

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, letter to Maynard Ortegren, Silver Ridge Condominiums President, regarding Teton Drive, Silver Ridge Road.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHABILITATION AND REAL ESTATE

1. Street and Alley Vacation No. 09003. Remaining portion of north/south alley between North 26th Street and North 27th Street, north of Center Street.

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

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

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IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

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V. ADJOURNMENT

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Council Members Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice-Chair; Ken Svoboda (left at 11:20 a.m.), Dan Marvin, John Spatz, Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook

Others Present: Mayor Chris Beutler, Rick Hoppe, Trish Owen, Milo Mumgaard, Mayor's Office; Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier; John Hendry, City Attorney; Greg MacLean, Public Works & Utilities Director and Nicole Tooze, Public Works & Utilities; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Secretary

Ms. Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:05 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 gave an update on the Stimulus funds. Mr. Camp asked if it would be possible to have the information on a spreadsheet? Mayor Beutler replied yes.

I. CITY CLERK -

Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier stated on their Agenda today, Items 12 through 14 will be called together. For Items 12 & 13 they have a request from the City Attorney's Office to delay action until May 4th. For Item 14 they have a request for Council to act on this item today. They will need to waive the rules to act on Item 14 today. [#12, 09-47, *Annexation 08025 - Amending the Lincoln Corporate Limits Map by annexing approximately 10 acres of property generally located south and west of the southwest corner of S.W. 48th Street and West O Street.*; #13, 09-48, *Change of Zone 08061 - Application of Shoemaker's Truck Station, Inc. for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to H-3 Highway Commercial District on property generally located south and west of the southwest corner of S.W. 48th Street and West O Street.*; and #14, 09R-57, *Comp. Plan Conformity 09002 - Approving and adopting a proposed amendment to the West O Street Redevelopment Plan to add the "Shoemakers Redevelopment Project" for construction of two buildings on property generally located at the southwest corner of S.W. 48th Street and West O Street.*]

For Item 15 they have a request from the Public Works & Utilities Department to withdraw this item. They are going to becoming through with a different agreement with a different funding source. City Attorney John Hendry commented he thinks what's actually going to be requested is that it be put on indefinite pending. *[#15, 09R-54, Approving a Funding Agreement between the City and State Department of Roads so that the identified projects will be eligible for Federal Highway Stimulus Funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for a six-lane divided concrete pavement, Project No. LCLC-55(168), Antelope Valley North/South Roadway, P Street to Vine Street.]*

Items 16 & 17 will be called together. *[#16, 09R-61, Approving the surplusing of \$100,000.00 from the Special Assessment Fund and the transfer to the Fast Forward Fund and transfer and appropriation in the Urban Development operating budget / Contractual Services for operational expenses of the Urban Development Downtown Retail Implementation Project for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.; and #17, 09R-56, Approving a Grant Agreement between the City on behalf of the Urban Development Department and the Downtown Civic Ventures to utilize \$100,000.00 from the Downtown Retail Implementation Project to provide for operational expenditures in implementing and maintaining a retail recruitment and retention program in Downtown Lincoln.]*

Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) stated for Item 20 they have a request to place this item on pending for two weeks. He can be at the meeting this afternoon to introduce this item. *[See Attachment 'A']* *[#20, 09R-60, Approving the Memorandum of Agreement regarding funding, renovation, and operation of Hazel Abel Park between the City, Lincoln Parks Foundation and Abel Foundation for funding a major renovation and establishment of an endowment fund for Hazel Abel Park located at South 18th and "E" Streets.]*

Ms. Eschliman mentioned Item 36 that has been on pending and they have been talking about it for a while and trying to remember why it was on pending. Marvin Krout (Planning Director) will talk about the pros and cons for leaving this item on pending or taking it off pending. There was discussion about this item. Following discussion, Mr. Krout commented he thinks it's time the Council do try to bring it to a conclusion. Mr. Spatz stated to Mr. Krout that he will visit with him about this issue because he's very familiar with that neighborhood. He will also visit with the neighborhood and/or the developer and may be they will come up with some kind of a solution that they can present to the Council in the next couple weeks. Council agreed. *[#36, 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 commented did they all receive the email about how a group wanted to come down and speak before Council today regarding Earth Day issues. Mr. Cook commented it's not open microphone today, it is next week. Tammy Grammer will check on it and email the group letting them know that next week is open microphone.

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PRESENTATION - Presentation from the Public Works & Utilities Department held over until May 4th Directors' Meeting.

MAYOR -

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8. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Candidate Debates Set For 04/20/09 - Debates to be aired on 5 CITY-TV - - - - NO COMMENTS
9. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Forms Task Force On Health Care Safety Net. - NO COMMENTS

10. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: "Clean Your Files Week" Begins April 20th. - - NO COMMENTS
11. NEWS RELEASE - RE: "Nature's Market" Set For Saturday at Pioneers Park Nature Center. - NO COMMENTS

DIRECTORS -

PARKS & RECREATION -

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHABILITATION & REAL ESTATE -

1. Memo from Clinton W. Thomas - RE: Street & Alley Vacation #09003 - Remaining Portion of north/south alley between North 26th Street & North 27th Street, north of Center Street. - NO COMMENTS

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

JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp stated to Greg MacLean (Public Works & Utilities Director) that he's had several people call him from different parts of the city where they have a lot of deterioration mostly do to snow plows. He was wondering if it would be appropriate to schedule a pre-council and talk about some of the issues you have from a maintenance standpoint. Have the Mayor, Planning and Urban Development involved. Mr. MacLean replied sure.

JONATHAN COOK - No Comments

DOUG EMERY - No Comments

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

Ms. Eschliman asked if peacocks are allowed in the city limits? Rick Hoppe stated he will check on it and let her know.

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DAN MARVIN -

Mr. Marvin commented to Don Herz (Finance Director) there's a notice of the meeting that they have this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Don Herz stated he's just going to handout the audit revisory report to them.

JOHN SPATZ - No Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Comments

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2. Letter from Gerald Spahn - RE: Thanking City Council for their good work. - NO COMMENTS

ADDENDUM - (For April 20th)

I. CITY CLERK - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of April 18 through April 24, 2009 - Schedule subject to change (Forward to Council on 04/10/09). - NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Invited To Celebrate Arbor Day. - NO COMMENTS

DIRECTORS - None

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1. E-Mail from Randy Haas, President - RE: The West O Business Association supports the proposed Shoemaker Travel Plaza. - NO COMMENTS

[End of Addendum]

V. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:48 a.m.