

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
555 SO. 10TH STREET
ROOM 113, 2:00 P.M.**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

MAYOR

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6. NEWS RELEASE. Fire officials say "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned."
7. Drinking water samples tested for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.
8. Washington Report, October 2, 2009.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Nebraska medication education on disposal strategies (MEDS).
2. Volunteers needed to make Star City Holiday Parade litter-free.
3. First shipment of 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine arrives.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT/ HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION

1. Street and alley vacation No. 09006. North 14th Street from South ROW line of New Hampshire Street to North line of railroad ROW.
2. Information from David Landis, Urban Development Director, regarding the Haymarket Parking Site Feasibility Study.
 - a. Haymarket Parking Site Feasibility Study.

III. COUNCIL RFI'S AND CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

- 1a. Memo to Director Landis, Urban Development, on previously used parking meters color system, with reply from Kenneth Smith, City Parking Manager.
- 1b. Response from Councilman Camp to Ken Smith and Dave Landis commenting on Parking Advisory Council options to be presented at November 10th meeting and requesting answers to three questions.
2. Reply from Kenneth Smith, City Parking Manager, on timing to go through the meter options available.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

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Council Members Present: Doug Emery, Chair; John Spatz, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Jayne Snyder, Jon Camp, Eugene (Gene) Carroll, Adam Hornung

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Trish Owen, Mayor's Office; City Clerk Joan Ross; Judge John Hendry, City Attorney; and Tammy Grammer, City Council Secretary

Mr. Emery opened the meeting at 2:02 p.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.

Mr. Emery stated Council will have a pre-council next Monday at Noon in Conference Room 113 to meet with the Young Professionals Group. He would appreciate it, if many of them could attend.

I. CITY CLERK -

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today, just a reminder, Item 21 there is a Motion-To-Amend #1 to correct an error in the date that the employer contributions change will be effective. [*#21, 09-132, Adopting an amended and restated City of Lincoln Employees' Retirement Plan and Trust for civilian (non-uniformed service) employees providing for a change in employer contributions for employees hired after a date certain and adopting IRS Interim Amendments Nos. 1 and No. 2.*]

As a reminder for Item 22, there's Motions-To-Amend #1 & #2. She thinks amendment #2 replaces #1. [*#22, 09-100, Amending Chapter 2.76 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the City's Personnel System by amending the Title Page to delete Section 2.76.160 Compensation Plan, Variable Merit Pay Plan; amending Section 2.76.040 Definitions, to define Excluded Employee; amending Section 2.76.130 Position and Pay Range Allocation, relating to Excluded Employees; amending Section 2.76.135 Merit Pay Plan Established, to include Excluded Employees and increase the maximum number of merit pay steps; amending Section 2.76.145 Merit Pay Plan, Administration and Requirements for Advancement, to include the newly defined Excluded Employees; amending Section 2.76.150 Merit Pay Plan, Pay Increases for Exceptional Service, to include the newly defined Excluded Employees; amending 2.76.155 Longevity Pay to adjust the annual longevity pay plan relating to certain "N" and Excluded Employees; deleting all of Section 2.76.160 Variable Merit Pay Plan; amending Section 2.76.175 Promotion, Transfer, Demotion or Temporary Promotion relating to the newly defined Excluded Employees; amending Section 2.76.200 Temporary Assignment to a Higher Classification relating to the newly defined Excluded Employees; amending Section 2.76.380 Sick Leave with Pay, as it relates to employees with a pay range prefixed by M, A, C, E, N, or X; and amending Section 2.76.395 Vacation Leave with Pay as it relates to employees with a pay range prefixed by M; and repealing 2.76 Title Page and Sections 2.76.040, 2.76.130, 2.76.135, 2.76.145, 2.76.150, 2.76.155, 2.76.160, 2.76.175, 2.76.200, 2.76.380, and 2.76.395 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.*]

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

Rick Hoppe reported that he, Mr. Emery, Mr. Carroll, and former Mayor Wesley participated in St. Monica's Amazing Chase fund-raiser on Saturday which they have every year. A number of clues and challenges are put in front of various teams to see who wins a prize for the Dominican Republic vacation they were offering. They were not eligible because Mr. Wesley's wife works for St. Monica's, but they were asked to participate as a City team the 'City Slickers'. It was a successful day and they did real well. Mr. Hoppe thanked those who contributed.

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DIRECTORS -

Bruce Dart (Health Director) reported that early Saturday morning late Friday night they had a dog attack, it was a pit bull. They declared this particular animal vicious this morning, the owner surrendered it and is now at the Humane Society. They must wait ten days to insure that the dog does not have rabies before they actually destroy it, but that will be the ultimate outcome for this particular animal. The owners were cited yesterday as well. Mr. Spatz commented he and Ms. Snyder visited with him a few months ago about dangerous dog ordinances. Do they have any language or anything to discuss on this matter? Mr. Dart stated they do, they're getting the listening sessions set up right now, they're going to have two to three listening sessions. They were doing this before this happened, they should have the schedule to Council by next week. They are going to have public sessions to get input from the public and they want to know what the community thinks as well. Mr. Spatz commented he plans on introducing something some time and the more input they have the better. This is a very important issue that they need to move forward. Mr. Spatz commented to Mr. Dart keep them updated on this matter, they are all very interested.

Mr. Cook commented they have an item on their agenda regarding nuisances, he realizes it is very difficult and there are some that are very hard to address, but they do have a list of properties. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Dart if he seen the letter that they received about 336 N. 32nd Street. Mr. Dart commented the judge just showed it to him as he was walking in to this meeting, but he has not had a chance to read it yet. Mr. Dart stated Scott Holmes will be at the meeting today to respond to it. Mr. Cook commented the idea would be if they feel they need to hold it up, they would pass the others and hold just this one up to respond to it. Mr. Camp suggested may be they should have a pre-council on this issue. Mr. Spatz suggested as well that this would probably be worthy topic of a pre-council. Mr. Emery commented he is okay with doing that, but do you remember the public comments over the couch ordinance. Mr. Cook commented also remember Patti Newman served on the PRT and was consistently frustrated with the inability to take strong action. She did introduce an ordinance that would help make it easier to do that and it is still on pending, no action was taken. So, it's very controversial, it's tough to change the ordinance. Mr. Hoppe suggested Council hold off on the pre-council. Mayor Beutler has a task, and Mr. Carlson the Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods program have been coming up with some options. He thinks they are meeting next week to discuss those options and then it might be appropriate to bring it to Council and have something specific to talk about.

HEALTH -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Nebraska Medication Education on Disposal Strategies (MEDS).
- NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Volunteers Needed To Make Star City Holiday Parade Litter-Free
- Sidewalk volunteers needed! - NO COMMENTS
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: First shipment of 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine Arrives. - NO
COMMENTS

PLANNING -

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- 1b. Response from Councilman Camp to Ken Smith and Dave Landis - RE: Parking Meter Poles. - NO COMMENTS
- 1c. Response from Ken Smith - RE: Parking Meter Poles. - NO COMMENTS

EUGENE CARROLL - No Comments

JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook stated they received an email regarding records request for all the information about billboards on City land and also on private land that have permits. Ms. Grammer stated the Planning Department received it as well and Jean forwarded it to a couple departments. Mr. Cook commented he just wanted to make sure somebody responded to it. Judge Hendry asked Ms. Grammer to forward this e-mail to Marcee. Ms. Grammer will forward this email to Marcee Brownlee in the City Attorney's Office.

Mr. Cook commented he just saw the back and forth on Councilman Camp's deal with the parking meters, thank-you for working on it.

Mr. Cook asked Fire Chief Ford for an update on Station 8. Fire Chief Ford reported they received a plan to make US Air Quality Service, an organization out of Omaha to tell them what to do with the crawl spaces. Early last week they sent them an addendum to that plan. Based on that plan, they put an RFP bid out about two week. They added an addendum that asked us to cut another hole into the crawl space. So, what they're looking at right now is a clean up of that crawl space which gives them a window of three weeks and they put a RFP out for it. When they went in there to evaluate the area as a large number of older buildings they did find some asbestos and so they're going to have to put out a RFP. The next RFP that's out right now is to replace the HVAC from the crawl space which gives them a window of 10 days. So, right now what he is trying to do is gather all the data to see what the final cost is to make sure they make the proper decision on what to do with that facility. They're trying to make sure that they have proper apparatus placement in order to have the best response they can have into that area. They started receiving information on the bids, close of business on Friday for the cleaning of the crawl space, they kind of have a concept of what that is going to cost but he has not received the bids yet. The station is open 24 hours, and they told them that they could work in it 24 hours non-stop to get the Station open as quickly as they can. Mr. Cook commented when you have final information on the time-lines please let him know for him that's the most important. Fire Chief Ford stated the ambulance is currently at Station 1 and they are negotiating with the hospital right now on this issue.

DOUG EMERY - No Comments

ADAM HORNUNG - No Comments

JAYNE SNYDER -

Ms. Snyder stated she would like to speak with Judge Hendry (City Attorney) after the Directors' Meeting today.

JOHN SPATZ - No Comments

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ADDENDUM - (For October 12th)

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1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City Crews Preparing For Snowy, Icy Conditions. - NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule for Week of October 10, 2009 through October 16, 2009 - Schedule subject to change. - NO COMMENTS

DIRECTORS -

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES -

1. Response Letter from Randy Hoskins to Councilman Jon Camp - RE: Mr. James Boyce concerns on the 98th Street project. - NO COMMENTS

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1. E-Mail from Milo Cress - RE: Proposed assessment for trash removal of nuisance costs - 336 N. 32nd Street. - Mr. Cook mentioned this email earlier under his comments. (See that discussion.)

[End of Addendum]

V. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 2:23 p.m.

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