

**DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003 - 11:00 A.M.  
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**Others Present:** Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Darl Naumann, Mayor's Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff and Mark Anderson, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

**I. MAYOR**

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that just a little bit ago the Chamber of Commerce had a press conference that he attended to announce that 'Forbes.com' and 'Expansion Management magazine' that Lincoln is a great place to do business. Mayor Wesely stated that the Five Star Community destination puts them in the top 50 list around the country and it's as high as you can get and they're proud of that. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that in addition, they were also named the 4<sup>th</sup> Best Small Places for Business and Careers, which was by 'Forbes' magazine and that's based on a number of criteria - on the cost of doing business, job growth, education and some other factors including crime rates and housing cost. Mr. Camp asked Mayor Wesely if they could get copies of it. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp 'yes', they will run copies for them and indicated that they just got it a couple of minutes ago. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Wesely okay and commented that's great. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that this is really good news.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that it seems to have worked out on the situation with the Tennis Center and asked Ray Hill if he would like to comment on it. Ray Hill stated to Council that after the Planning Commission Meeting the developer met with the staff and they came to a consensus on the plan and they did meet all the setback requirements of the 100 foot from the east and the south and they also reduced the height of the building down to the 35 feet, which is the maximum allowed. Mr. Hill stated to Council that he will pass out copies of their memo to them, which basically shows the changes to the Resolution as it is presented to them now. Mr. Hill stated to Council that they would recommend approval to this Tennis Court shall be, if the changes to the Resolution as they had proposed would be changed this afternoon when they have their meeting and have the opportunity to ask that in the Resolution. Mr. Hill stated to Council so if they have any questions, he can answer them at the public hearing or now, which ever. Mr. Hill went over the memo with Council. Discussion continued with Council and Ray Hill on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Hill that he is a little concerned that there might be neighbors showing up today, who are opposed and who may not be aware of what they worked out and asked

how many people are aware of it. Mr. Hill stated to Mr. Cook just staff and the developer. Mr. Friendt stated that maybe they should hold this issue over to give them a chance to digest it, before they take action on it. Mr. Hill stated to Council that is really their decision to make on it that they're just saying since it was on Public Hearing today that they have gotten things worked out and so they wanted to let them know. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Hill that he appreciates it and stated that they will deal with that at the meeting today. Mayor Wesely stated that he wants to 'thank' Ray [Hill] and Marvin [Krout] because they have worked hard to try and work this out, so 'thanks' to both of them for doing it. [Copy of the Memo is on file in the City Council Office - RE: Revised Recommendation for Special Permit #1998 - Nebraska Tennis Center]

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that in regards to the Planning Commission with Patte Newman's election that there is a position opened and indicated that he will be submitting the name of Sandra Washington to fill her position. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Sandra [Washington] is on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and works with the Federal Parks Service [inaudible] and has a good background and is willing to do it. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely had she not been considered on others that it seems like her name was around before, but she could never get employer approval or something like that. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng 'right', she has been considered before, but she had difficulty in working it out with her employer and that's been taken care of. Mr. Cook stated that he would just note on this that it's up to the Council, but one they could take action to waive the rules and place her appointment to have Public Hearing & Action next week, but he thinks the interest there would just be that Patte Newman may have to resign immediately. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Cook that she has already resigned because there on the Council, there is a feeling that you can't be on the Planning Commission and then turn around and vote on those items. Mr. Cook stated to Mayor Wesely okay. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they would have gotten the name sooner, but she had to work out the employment situation and they did that over the weekend.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 7 [Approving a lease agreement between the City and Caterpillar Financial Services for a three-year lease of a four-wheel articulated frame loader for use by the Parks and Recreation Department in construction and maintenance projects] they have a motion to amend for this item and they should have that as well.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 8 & 12 [Change of Zone 3392 - Application of Aspen Builders for a change of zone from AGR Agricultural Residential to R-3 Residential on property generally located at S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Street and West “A” Street; & Accepting and approving the preliminary plat of Aspen Ridge 1<sup>st</sup> Addition for 30 residential lots and a waiver of the required street trees along S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, on property generally located at S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Street and West “A” Street] she will call these two items together.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 11 [Special Permit 1998 - Application of MJM Realty Trust Group to construct a recreational facility with indoor and outdoor tennis courts, fitness/exercise area, gymnasium, lap pool, children’s learning center, pro shop and concession area, with waivers to the required rear yard setback and to exceed the maximum allowed height in the AG District, on property generally located southeast of the intersection of South 84<sup>th</sup> Street and South Street] they have a motion to amend for this item, which they talked about earlier. (See that discussion under “I. Mayor”.)

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she will also let them know that she had an individual request and registered to speak during the sign up portion at the end of their Agenda on May 19<sup>th</sup> and the last name is Varga and he wants to speak to them about 24 hour parking violations on residential streets. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay and asked if they could have Police Chief Casady at the Council Meeting next week to explain what the enforcement policy is on it. Discussion continued on this issue with Council, City Clerk Joan Ross and Dana Roper on whether this individual would speak at the open 'mic' session at the 1<sup>st</sup> Formal Council Meeting with the old Council Members or at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Formal Council Meeting with the new Council Members. Following the discussion, Council decided to have this individual speak at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Formal Council Meeting and they also decided that they would have the open 'mic' session for the day at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Formal Council Meeting. Mr. Cook stated that they will have City Clerk Joan Ross announce at that time this is the open mic session for the day at the end of the first meeting. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that also maybe on the second Agenda she can put in bold - "No open 'mic' session at the end of this Agenda". Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

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6. Letter & Reports from Henry Olsen, Executive Director, Center For Civic Innovation, Manhattan Institute For Policy Research - RE: Copies of CCI's newly released "This Works" series of Reports on urban policy - Reports – 1.)Managing City Finances - 2.)Preventing and Reducing Crime – 3.)Encouraging Economic Growth – 4.)Improving Urban Education — 5.)Expanding Urban Housing. (Council received their copies of these Reports in their Thursday packet on 5/08/03) (Copy of these Reports are on file in the City Council Office). — NO COMMENTS
7. Letter from Dennis P. Crawford, Attorney at Law - RE: Notice of Claim Pursuant to Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act - RE: Brian Biltoft v. City of Lincoln, NE – in connection with an injury that occurred on city property on April 26, 2003. — Mr. Cook stated that they are being sued and commented that the only Brian Biltoft that he could find is spelled with a 'y', "Bryan", but he is 27 years old and he asked Dana Roper about it. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Cook that this is the swing on the park at 27<sup>th</sup> & Bradfield that while he was swinging the chain became unattached and how is the matter of subject. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Roper the question here is this guy 27 years old and Mr. Roper stated 'yes', he's an adult. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Roper okay, 'well' he guess, they will let him handle it. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Cook that they are working on it.
8. Letter from James D. & Vicki L. Watts - RE: Request for your support for denial of a special permit – Nebraska Tennis Center. — NO COMMENTS
9. Letter from Elizabeth H. Scarborough, Time Warner Cable - RE: The Ashpaugh & Sculco Audit Report. — NO COMMENTS
10. E-Mail from Claudia & John Reinhardt - RE: In Support of the Nebraska Tennis

Center . — NO COMMENTS

11. E-Mail from Stacy J. Goes - RE: In Support of the Nebraska Tennis Center. — NO COMMENTS

## **ADDENDUM (For May 12<sup>th</sup>)**

### **I. MAYOR - NONE**

### **II. CITY CLERK - NONE**

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **A. COUNCIL REQUESTS**

##### **GLENN FRIENDT**

1. Request to Marvin Krout, Planning Director - RE: Hub Hall Development (RFI#23 - 5/09/03). — NO COMMENTS

##### **KEN SVOBODA**

1. Request to Marvin Krout, Planning Director/Dana Roper, City Attorney - RE: Home Builders Association questions regarding impact fees (RFI#17 - 5/09/03). — Mr. Svoboda stated that he should ask about this one because he's not quite sure if it's going to be a response to his questions that was passed on to him from the Homebuilders Association and asked Marvin [Krout] if he is going to respond to it or is he working with Dana [Roper] on it. Marvin Krout stated to Mr. Svoboda 'well', he's hoping to pass it off to Dana [Roper] because he thinks it requires the Law Department to respond to it. Mr. Svoboda stated that he's been told the timing is of the essence in this bigger issue that it's probably going to have to come rather quickly now. Mr. Krout stated to Mr. Svoboda that he thinks it can, he thinks that they're not to difficult of questions. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Krout okay, 'good'.

#### **B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE**

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Media Release from Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health

Endowment of Lincoln - RE: Community Health Endowment Accepting Nominations for Health Champion. — NO COMMENTS

2. E-Mail from D. Jeff Gomon - RE: In Support of The Nebraska Tennis. — NO COMMENTS
3. E-Mail Letter from Craig & Pamela Schumacher - RE: Opposed on the proposed location of the Nebraska Tennis Center at 84<sup>th</sup> & South Street. — NO COMMENTS
4. Letter from Dr. F. Edward & Joan Stivers - RE: Nebraska Tennis Center Recreation and Health Club south & east of 84<sup>th</sup> & South Streets. — NO COMMENTS
5. Faxed Letter from Carol Claus - RE: Please vote Against the NE Tennis Center at 84<sup>th</sup> & South Street. — NO COMMENTS

#### **IV. DIRECTORS**

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT** - Allan Abbott stated to Council that he has a couple of things for them. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that a while back they gave them some pictures of some bad looking erosion in a subdivision because they hadn't taken care of the drainage in ways that they should. [Nicole Fleck-Tooze handed out copies of pictures to Council] Mr. Abbott stated to Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> page is the before and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page is after Nicole [Fleck-Tooze] and her people had been on the developer about it. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they have spent money and they've done what they were supposed to do and it's looking much better. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that this is an update on what's happening and they're making progress, so it can be taken care of with the proper attention.

Allan Abbott stated to Council the other thing is a comment on their Ordinance for mulching. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that it's in as goodish shape as it can be and stated that they got a letter last week that he has to answer that says "Wyuka's" got too much mulch on the sidewalk and that's dangerous. Mr. Abbott asked Council if they could please tell him how to answer on how much too much mulch is or how much too little mulch is and commented that he really truly does not know how to answer the letter and he doesn't want to be the mulch patrol either. Mr. Abbott stated to Council so please let him know how they want to handle it. Discussion continued with Council and Allan Abbott on this issue. Following the discussion, Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott that he thinks they are going to be strict for clean sidewalks. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Cook okay that's all he wants to hear, they will go through with that. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott okay.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT** - Lynn Johnson stated to Council that they have several activities going on this week. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they should have received information that at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning the City and the Parks & Recreation Foundation are announcing the fund-raising campaign for Sunken Gardens. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they are more than welcome to attend that in fact they would love to have them there. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that it is at Sunken Gardens if the weather is nice and it will be at the Ager Play Center if it's raining. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that also so they don't get surprised, he wants to make sure that everybody is comfortable with this and stated that they have been saving or the City committed about \$200,000 to this project, it's \$100,000 of Keno funds in both over the next 2 years of the Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that the fund-raising campaign is a total of \$1.5 million towards the [inaudible] that would be City funds.

Lynn Johnson stated to Council that the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pioneers Park Nature Center is this weekend and stated that there is activities planned for both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, if they haven't got the information on it. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that there is "A Coffee House on the Prairie" with live music on Friday evening [May 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.] and then the actual dedication of the New Trail is on Saturday afternoon [May 17<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.].

Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they are inviting volunteers to come in and plant Sunken Gardens on Saturday morning, so hopefully it doesn't rain. Also, for the first time they will have a plant sale, which is a fund-raiser for the Sunken Gardens renovation project also on Saturday morning. Mr. Cook 'thanked' Lynn Johnson.

## **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS**

### **COLEEN SENG**

Ms. Seng stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that she had a letter and she is sending it through as a Request For Information in regards to a run off and drainage problems and indicated that it's an Episcopal Church out off of Holdrege. Ms. Seng stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that they say that they're on the County-City line and they have been criticized and they're criticizing us and the County because they can't get any help. Ms. Seng stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department so she is sending it through as a RFI to them because they're getting drainage problems and so be ready for it. Nicole Fleck-Tooze 'thanked' Ms. Seng.

**GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS**

**JONATHAN COOK**

Mr. Cook stated that he would just note that he thinks the Near South Neighborhood Association was disappointed that no Council Members attended. Ms Seng stated to Mr. Cook that she was there. Mr. Cook commented to Ms. Seng 'oh', okay, they must have missed her and stated that he will report back to them. Mr. Cook noted that three County Commissioners were there.

**JON CAMP**

Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that they had those two South 78<sup>th</sup> Street drainage concerns at two totally different locations and asked him about the progress on them. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that he sent the notice out and he hasn't heard back from them, but they're checking on it. Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott okay and 'thanked' him.

**ANNETTE McROY**

Ms. McRoy stated that she just has a question for Chief Casady after the Director's Meeting today.

**KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS**

**VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:25 a.m.**

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