

**DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2001 - 11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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#### **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**



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**Council Members Present:** Annette McRoy, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Vice-Chair; Coleen Seng, Jon Camp, Ken Svoboda, Glenn Friendt, Terry Werner.

**Others Present:** Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Amy Tejral, Mayor's Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Joan Ray, City Council Staff and Mark Andersen, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

With direction from the City Attorney's Office, the Council moved to authorize institution of a lawsuit against Time-Warner for underpayment of franchise fees, late-charges and interest. The motion was made by Jonathan Cook, seconded by Ken Svoboda and passed by the following vote: AYES: Terry Werner, Coleen Seng, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Jonathan Cook, Jon Camp, Ken Svoboda; NAYES: None.

**I. MAYOR**

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that first off, obviously, the attack yesterday has all of them concerned about heightening the possibility of activity once again in terms of Terrorism. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks they've taken precautions, but he does think ultimately the Public Building Commission is going to meet tomorrow. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that one of the things they have not done enough of, but what they need to do is [inaudible] campus and need to take some steps that makes some sense to protect. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the State Capitol Building has already reviewed a study that was done after the Oklahoma City bombing and now they're starting some of that discussion and the Airport has already gotten started on it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they all are keeping their eyes opened and the Police force is very much on the alert, but he does think the one thing they haven't initiated and the Public Building Commission is going to need to step forward with tighter security.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that on a positive note, they did dedicated the Eagle Sculpture upstairs and if they haven't had a chance to see it yet, it is really beautiful. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the Brehm family donated it to the City and they're very grateful for their generosity.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they also dedicated the Elk Sculpture at the north entrance to Pioneers Park. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if they get a chance to go out and take a look at it because it is a great addition to the north entrance of Pioneers

Park. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that it turns out the buffalo has been there for 75 years and the plans at that time was to have the elk and now 75 years has passed before they finally got it up.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they announced the Star City Parade and it will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they have a new addition to the parade called “Big Horn” and it sounds like it is really magnificent. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that things look good for the parade.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they released a “Gift Catalog” with their tight budget trying to encourage folks if they could to buy donations to the City in different ways to help them meet their budget.

Mayor Don Wesely stated that he does want to ‘thank’ the JBC Members (Joint Budget Committee). Mayor Wesely indicated that he thinks that was a good approach to deal with the Malone Center and he thinks it was on track. Mayor Wesely thanked them. Ms. McRoy thanked Mayor Wesely.

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## **II. CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Council that the Agenda for Public Hearing is really quite short.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 18, they are just setting a hearing date for Monday, October 29, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Council that this is a routine thing that they do.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 22 [Vacating W. N St. from the west line of S. Coddington to a point approx. 300' west thereof] as a reminder that Mr. Quatrocchi was in and he had requested a possible delay on this item. City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Council that she thinks 30 days was mentioned and than 60 days was mentioned by someone else.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that on the Pending list in regards to Item 24 [Vacating the north/south alley from Seward Ave. north to the east/west alley in Block 95, Havelock Add., generally located between N. 62<sup>nd</sup> & N. 63<sup>rd</sup> Sts.] she will ask for a motion to move this item forward for Action. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that there was Public Hearing on this item a year ago or more and she has received all of the dollars from the petitioners. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she doesn't know if this issue is controversy or not, but it is up to Council if they want another Public Hearing on it. City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Council that she looked at the 'minutes' and there was no real input on it, so there wasn't any opposition on it.

Discussion continued with Council and City Clerk Joan Ross. After discussion, Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross to keep the Public Hearing open for this item.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 25 [Vacating a portion of N. 60<sup>th</sup> St. from Seward Ave. south 142 ft.] she wrote a letter to the petitioner and followed up with a telephone call and he promised her a response with either the dollar amount or some response by today, but she hasn't heard a thing. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council the reason these were brought up is that, of course, she got a memo from Public Works requesting to get some action and do something with them. So, she worked on them, but she didn't know what they wanted to do because she hasn't heard a thing from the petitioner. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she will bring this up at the Formal Council Meeting today.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that on the Miscellaneous Referral Sheet, they have two items to set the hearing date for liquor licenses.

Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that on Glenn Cekal's response about the City Council Meeting 'Minutes', that once they start the public testimony section that she can go ahead and explain it at that time as a response back to Mr. Cekal. Ms. McRoy indicated to City Clerk Joan Ross that when she explains it they will go through her memo. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

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he wanted to know what they do on a situation like this one and asked if they have any re-course. Mr. Friendt indicated to Ms. Tooze that on this particularly one he would like to know what they do about it. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Friendt okay, that they will get something back to him regarding this matter. Mayor Wesely commented that he agrees. Mr. Friendt thanked Ms. Tooze.

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Bruce Dart stated to Ms. Seng that Joyce Jensen from his staff is currently working with the Public Works & Utilities Department to make sure that they are all on the same page. Mr. Dart stated to Ms. Seng that they meet last week to make sure they all had the same priorities in terms of over-coming this problem and he thinks that they all have the same understanding now. Mr. Dart indicated to Ms. Seng that it is going to take some time because the problem is so firmly entrenched in that neighborhood, that there is a lot of clean-up that has to take place and there's a lot more baiting to do. Mr. Dart stated to Ms. Seng that they are staying on top of it and they are going to go back for re-inspection on a weekly basis. Mr. Dart stated to Ms. Seng that in some cases they are really forcing the issue in terms of clean-up and once all of those factors take place, he thinks they will be successful, but they'll see it happening over a course of 2 to 4 weeks. Ms. Seng thanked Mr. Dart for this information.

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1. Memo & Report from Lynn Johnson & Steve Schwab - RE: Tree City USA - 'Sterling Award' – 2001 Annual Report. — Ms. McRoy stated that they went to a higher level because of the number of awards that they have gotten so far. Lynn Johnson indicated to Council that there are a few cities through out the country that has been selected for this award, which means that they have an on-going commitment for these things. Mr. Johnson indicated to Council that one of the interesting things is that Auburn has been a Tree City USA a year longer than the City of Lincoln, so they actually hold that status. Mr. Johnson commented that they are very proud of this award.

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people. So, she called Mr. Hersch to question it because she has been given constituents information from the Pre-Council Meeting regardless of whether they rented or were homeowners because this information wasn't mentioned at the Pre-Council Meeting. Ms. McRoy stated that evidently the Customer Service Rep. had told her the wrong information, that Mr. Hersch told her that it didn't make a difference. Ms. McRoy stated that she will go ahead and have Alan Hersch respond to this letter.

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Discussion continued with comments from the Council. After an extended discussion, there was no final decision made.
7. Letter from Clyde Malone Community Center, Board of Directors to Kit Boesch, Human Service Administrator - RE: In response to comments made during the meeting of the Joint Budget Committee and United Way (October 1, 2001) with the Board of Directors of the Clyde Malone Community Center. — Ms. McRoy stated that they discussed this issue this morning at a Pre-Council Meeting.
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and indicated that Bruce Dart also gave them some information. Mr. Camp stated that they are going to be formulating potential legislation, so that's the progress that they'll be making on this issue. Mr. Camp stated to Council that if they want to forward anything to him on this issue to do that because the input would be helpful. Discussion continued with comments from the Council.

Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that this issue came before the legislature his last year as Chair of the Health Committee and there was a major study and a report done on this issue. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Camp that they ended up not taking any action on it, but he could access it and get a copy of it. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Wesely okay and thanked him.

[Mr. Cook read through the Director's Addendum for Ms. McRoy]

## **ADDENDUM**

### **I. MAYOR**

- A. News Release: For Immediate Release on 10-05-01 - Lincoln Residents Reminded to Separate Trash and Leaves. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

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

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

##### **COLEEN SENG**

1. RFI # 877 - To PW/StarTran - An update for Sharon Johnson Re: Mid-Town Route #18 - She needs be brought up to date on this Route. — Ms. Seng stated that there should be a letter attached to it for each of the Council Members. Joan Ray stated to Ms. Seng that they don't attach copies of the requests to the packets, but she has the RFI ready to give to the Director's if she would like her to do that right now. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Ray that she thinks this was supposed to go to each Council Member because this person wanted all of them to have a copy of the letter, so she sent through a Request For Information on it. Ms. Ray stated to Ms. Seng that she will give each Council Member a copy of the letter.

## **B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

1. E-Mail from Wynn Hjermsstad Re: Burbach e-mail on North Bottom Concerns (See below). — Mr. Cook stated that this issue is before the Planning Commission right now and this is also related to item #1 under “IV. Miscellaneous” in regards to the Student Housing Complex and the Change of Zoning to allow more people per unit and there is great concern about this issue. Mr. Cook stated that this issue will be on the Agenda for the Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting on Thursday.

## **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. E-mail from Sheryl Burbach RE: North Bottom’s position on the proposed Student Housing Complex near Oak Lake. — Mr. Cook mentioned this letter during his comments under “B. Directors and Department Heads - #1”.
2. Correspondence from Lincoln Department of Social Services: Re: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. — Mr. Cook stated that this is about the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program that currently funding is not available at this point, so they can’t promise any payments regarding shut-offs. Ms. McRoy stated that Michael Kane has called them twice and she referred him over to Kit Boesch for assistance in seeing what could be done to help him with his bills because he is disabled, so she was trying to find him some help. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

## **IV. DIRECTORS**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT** - Don Herz stated to Council that in regards to Item 7 [Resolution – Approving the Statement of Intent to issue revenue bonds payable from the proceeds of the 15-year \$1,000,000 cigarette tax appropriation] that is on their Agenda for today, that this is not the formal binding process an Ordinance will following later. Mr. Herz stated to Council that this really serves two purposes.[The rest of Don Herz’s comments at this time inaudible] Mr. Herz indicated to Council that they plan to use this Resolution as their intent to use this money for the Antelope Valley project, so that’s the purpose for it. Mr. Herz indicated that the law was passed by the State that the money they get can only be used for the Antelope Valley project.

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT** - Allan Abbott stated to Council that the letter from Sharon Johnson is appropriate at this point and time, since next week they will be announcing the new route for #18. So, there will be some press coming out on this shortly for the Northeast, “48<sup>th</sup> Street Shuttle”, which it will be called. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they will respond to Sharon Johnson’s letter in regards to

this issue.

Allan Abbott stated to Council that there is a press conference set for tomorrow about the "Ride for America". Mr. Abbott indicated to Council that on October 11<sup>th</sup> [this Thursday] they are going to have a "Ride for America" Day in Lincoln where all of the buses will be free for the day and if somebody wants to contribute for riding it that donations will be accepted for the disaster relief funds. Mr. Abbott indicated that this is a promotion for riding StarTran, so for one day in order to instill people to ride the buses it is going to be free for a day. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they thought this would be a good promotional thing, since there is so much concern about lack of ridership on the buses that they thought they needed to do more to promote it. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they will be encouraging all City employees and motorists to ride the bus that day. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council that than the following week they will be doing the 48<sup>th</sup> Street Shuttle. Discussion continued with comments from the Council.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** - Chief Casady stated to Council that he just wanted to tell them how much he appreciated them attending the "bar walk" on Friday night and coming out to see what Lincoln looks like at 1:00 a.m. in the morning. Chief Casady stated to Council that it is good for the officers to know that their public officials are kind of aware with the volume of people and some of the problems that go on downtown. Chief Casady thanked the Council Members for attending this event. Council thanked Chief Casady for co-hosting it for the University and for making options available for it.

Discussion continued with Chief Casady and with comments from the Council.

## **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **TERRY WERNER**

Mr. Werner stated that he missed the Haymarket Parking Meeting on Friday afternoon, but he was wondering who got the contract for building the parking. Ms. McRoy indicated to Mr. Werner that Builders Inc. has the contract for it.

Mayor Wesely stated that they are pleased that the parking garage project is finally going forward. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they also got good news that the pedestrian over-pass, which they have had a little bit of a problem with things, but this should actually start fairly soon. Mayor Wesely commented so there is some action going on in the Haymarket area. Mayor Wesely stated that the target date is April 1<sup>st</sup>, but they are weeks behind, since they had some difficulties on some of the negotiations for it. Mayor Wesely stated that they don't know yet exactly how much they're delayed, but they are going to push as hard as they can to rush it forward.

Mr. Werner stated that he also just wants to give a compliment on the Heart of Lincoln Tour. Mr. Werner stated that he went on the tour and it was very good as usual.

**COLEEN SENG**

Ms. Seng stated that she wanted to ‘thank’ Lynn Johnson who was at her Citizen Meeting this morning talking about Holmes Lake and all that is going on out there, plus had a lot of information on other projects in the Northeast Parks. Ms. Seng commented that Mr. Johnson did a very good job.

Ms. Seng stated that last week there was a letter in regards to Time Warner and stated to Dana Roper that she thinks they asked Steve Huggenberger to respond to the letter and she was wondering if the response letter has been done yet. Ms. Seng stated that she was in the Council Office when this gentleman called and he is just mad about it and it was not a pleasant conversation. But, he seems to think that they could be doing something to keep from having a monopoly with Cablevision and of course they do have an opened franchise. Ms. Seng asked Dana Roper if he would be sure to check with Mr. Huggenberger in regards to the response letter. Mr. Roper stated to Ms. Seng that he will check on the status of the response letter from Mr. Huggenberger.

**GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS**

**ANNETTE McROY**

Ms. McRoy stated to the Building & Safety Department that she has had a couple of referrals regarding Saint Monica’s moving to the Haven Manor and she thinks they are in need of some help with some of the Building & Safety Codes. Ms. McRoy stated that they are trying to move into the old Haven Manor Building (S. 25<sup>th</sup>/26th Street). Ms. Seng stated that they are moving a program in there and they evidently had all the clearances and than all of the sudden they ran into zoning problems. Ms. Seng stated to Chuck Zimmerman that someone out of their office called them about it. Mr. Zimmerman stated to Ms. McRoy and Ms. Seng that he will check into it and find out what the problem is on it.

**JONATHAN COOK**

Mr. Cook stated to Lynn Johnson that he did not get a copy of the letter regarding the 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Meeting. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook ‘oh’ he didn’t, that he was supposed to receive a copy of the letter. Mr. Johnson indicated to Mr. Cook that the letters were sent out on Wednesday, so he will check on it because he was supposed to be on the mailing list. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Johnson if he could also get a list of everyone who received the letter. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that ‘yes’, they can certainly do

that. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Johnson okay. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that he will get him a copy of the letter.

Mr. Cook stated that he received a phone call about the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> & Highway 2. Mr. Cook stated that in front of Sutter Place Mall along Highway 2 there were some trees there and the trees were removed, so he was wondering if these trees were on City property or private property and wanted to know why the trees were removed.

Discussion continued with Mr. Cook and Lynn Johnson on this issue. After an extended discussion, it was mentioned that it was the NRD and the trees were removed for the channel on the Beals Slough Project.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Mr. Cook that she thinks the reason the trees were removed was because many of the trees would have fallen into the channel anyway. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Cook that it was actually a Bio-Engineering project and they actually counted every single tree that they removed. Ms. Tooze indicated to Mr. Cook that there wasn't a way to do it and stabilize the banks and save the trees, so they counted every single tree and they will all be replaced.

Mr. Cook asked what has happened to the web-site and when might it be fixed, that if they try to access 'pdf documents' that a segment forms saying that it doesn't work. Don Herz indicated to Mr. Cook that he thinks Doug Thomas told him that just within the last several days that they have made some changes to it. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Cook the problem was because of the viruses that they have had recently, so they put something on the fire wall and it was slowing things down and it was effecting Internet Explorer and not Netscape, but he thinks in the last several days that has been resolved. Mr. Cook commented that he tried it last night so he doesn't think it as been resolved yet and the rest of the Council stated the same thing. Mr. Herz indicated to Council that they had a real problem with the last virus, that he knows they had to take some steps to safe guard against it and for some reason it just effected Internet Explorer.

Mr. Cook stated that the other thing is that the Planning Commission Agenda looks fine in Internet Explorer (formatted okay), but in Netscape it all ran together. Discussion continued with comments from Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook stated that he would like someone to look at it.

## **JON CAMP**

Mr. Camp stated to Bruce Dart that they have had a few things for Small Pox and Anthrax and they had a constituent call about it and he was wondering if he could give them a summary statement of any dangers for Lincoln and the availability of vaccines and so forth.

Bruce Dart stated to Mr. Camp that basically the military has controlled of all that vaccine, so as far as the civilian population goes on getting the vaccines that there will not

even be enough manufactured until about 2004. [The rest of Bruce Dart's comments at this time inaudible] Mr. Camp 'thanked' Mr. Dart for this information.

Mr. Camp asked Allan Abbott if there was any update on the 70<sup>th</sup> & Highway 2 congestion. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that he thought he sent a copy back to Darrell Podany. But, the problem with 70<sup>th</sup> & Highway 2 is two things, one is that the arms are not long enough to hang a signal head on Highway 2 and get it in the right place for left turns from Highway 2 to 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Camp that they are putting up signals on 70<sup>th</sup> Street because the traffic is slower to allow left turns from 70<sup>th</sup> to Highway 2 and right now there doesn't appear to be any big problem, but as soon as Home Depot opens that movement from 70<sup>th</sup> to Highway 2 will be real heavy. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that they have hired a consultant to get the arms reconfigured and revised, so they can get it up and next spring they will have the Highway 2 signal heads put up.

Discussion continued with Mr. Camp and Mr. Abbott. After the discussion, Mr. Abbott indicated so they will get the signals up for the 70<sup>th</sup> Street movement, but the Highway 2 movement will be next spring before they can get it done.

Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that he had mentioned earlier the letter from Dave Wolvin regarding the sidewalk on 81<sup>st</sup> & "A" Street and he was wondering if he has a time table on when it will be done. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that he will have to check with Scott Opfer about it, that he knows the letter did go out and they did contact Mr. Wolvin about it.

Discussion continued with Mr. Abbott on this issue. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Camp that they didn't get any bids and they can't do anything if contractors don't bid and he thinks that was the problem on this one.

Mr. Camp stated that his last comment is for Lynn Johnson and to everyone that was connected with the Holmes Lake Meeting the other night, that it seemed to be a good kick-off despite the delays. Mr. Camp noted that the next Holmes Lake Meeting will be on November 13th. (Lynn Johnson had no other comments regarding the meeting) Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that he will pass his comments on to the staff that was involved in organizing it. Mr. Johnson commented that he also thought the meeting went very well.

## **KEN SVOBODA**

Mr. Svoboda stated to Allan Abbott that he has had several home builders and contractors notifying him recently about when they are running into the Building & Safety Department for their quick little 10 to 15 minutes to drop plans off to them, but now since they have lost the parking to the east of them it is rather difficult for them to do that.

Discussion continued with comments from Mr. Svoboda. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Abbott that he was curious if they might look at doing some 30 minute meters somewhere in the area of the City/County Building for those type of individuals to be able to run in and out. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Svoboda that he will take a look at it.

Ms. McRoy thanked Diane Gonzolas for the material that she provided her for Monday night in talking with the Kids Forum on what the City is doing and getting prepared, especially on Terrorists. Ms. McRoy indicated to Ms. Gonzolas that she appreciated the material that she gave to her.

**VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.**

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