



# *Directors Meeting Agenda*

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

555 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street Luxford Studio

- I. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- II. City Clerk: Agenda Advisories
  - i. Public Comments will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - ii. No City Council meeting for May 29<sup>th</sup> – Observing Memorial Day
- III. Director Presentations and Advisories
- IV. City Council: Commissions, Committees, and Event Updates
- V. Post-Meeting Council Members Calls to Directors
- VI. Adjournment

Next Directors Meeting – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Correspondence – Online for Review

- I. Directorial Correspondence
  - i. BP230509 – 1 AA Weekly Approvals – Jennifer McDonald
- II. Constituent Correspondence
  - i. thank you for your service and other things – Robert Way
  - ii. (no subject) – Keith Anderson
  - iii.

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# *Memorandum*

**Date:** May 9, 2023  
**To:** City Clerk  
**From:** Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.  
**Re:** Administrative Approvals  
**cc:** Shelli Reid, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 2, 2023 through May 8, 2023:

**Administrative Amendment 23026** to Use Permit 19023A, Jensen View Estates, approved on May 2, 2023, to change the name of the development from Carlton Heights to Jensen View Estates, on property generally located at S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Hayek Drive.

**Administrative Amendment 23019** to Special Permit 19061, Jensen View Estates (formerly Carlton Heights) Community Unit Plan, approved on May 2, 2023, to change the name of the development, revise street names, and to change the single-family attached lots to single-family detached lots, on property generally located at S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Hayek Drive.

**Administrative Amendment 23020** to Special Permit 14048, IMS Addition, approved on May 3, 2023, to reduce the boundary of the special permit by removing Lot 2, IMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, on property generally located at SW. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and West 'B' Street.

**From:** [Robert Way](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** thank you for your service and other things  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2023 5:12:04 PM

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Dear City Council Members:

Firstly, some of you will be leaving public service shortly, and I would like thank you for your service. I might have fought against some you getting elected, but to the best of my knowledge you have all served well. You can admit stuff like that after the polls close. All joking aside, thank you for carrying the burden of public office. It takes a better person than me to maintain composure, while people scream at you for stuff that sometimes is not even in your realm of control.

Secondly, the results are Unofficial but all votes have now been counted. A good question on All Politics is Local was raised asking if our city council districts were fairly drawn, so I ran the numbers.

28,225 REP votes

35,497 NON DEM votes

40,325 DEM votes

68,550 Just REP and DEM

75,822 All votes not including write ins

(caveat I think I got these numbers right, all of this is done on my cell phone, all I have at the moment so, please forgive any minor errors)

With 4 seats up for election, fair distribution based on total votes to me would be for every 25% of the vote received you should get one seat. This race was complicated because one candidate was not a member of either of the largest political parties in Lincoln, so you have to run the number a couple different ways. If you just go by declared party, Democrats won ~57% of city council votes city wide. If you divide in Democrats and everyone else, which is problematic but thought should be done. Democrats won ~53% of votes cast. So that would mean there was either 23% or 27% votes that were marginalized by the current system. Though I don't know how you justify give 50% of seats to the party or party that won less than 50% of the vote.

One solution might be to add one or two more people to the council. Divide the city in 5 or 6 districts. Five might reduce marginalized votes now, six might plan for continued city expansion. And since I think every single person who ran for office talked about how important it was to build and expand Lincoln, it might be a good idea to build that part also. On the upside city council members are not paid very much, so I think two more would be less than \$100,000 dollars added to city payroll.

Yes, I know y'all are chronically underpaid, and yes I have spoken to keep you so. If you want the pay raise that probably deserve just take the same one you give to position that gets the smallest raise next budget. If you take the same raise the you give the "workers," then even trouble makers like me will not be able to say much.

Another idea would be to turn the at large seats into district seats. I am not sure y'all have the office space for more council members. Or you could just call this current system good enough, because it was pretty fair results. Keep in my thought, in four years when we all do this again. If the numbers don't sense upon analysis, that will probably get all sorts of people upset. Like I am always repeating, the most important number to take from the 2020 census data in 41% of Lincoln citizens have college or better degree. They are a well educated group of voters, and I am sure gerrymandering is a very unpopular position in this town. No one can accuse the council of gerrymandering now, but it is probably better to keep it that way.

Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,  
Robert Way

**From:** [Keith Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:47:16 AM

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