

# Mayor hopefuls clash, Council candidates concur

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With less than a week before the city election, the campaign hasn't dulled the opposition between mayoral candidates. But the candidates for city council seem to be presenting voters with a united front on several key issues.

May 4 voters will choose between incumbent mayor Sam Schwartzkopf and city councilman Ervin Peterson for mayor and will select four of the eight candidates to serve on the city council.

Candidates met both the public and their opposition Monday night in a meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters. About 60 people attended the confab in the County-City Building.

**SCHWARTZKOPF** told the audience that the city must "seek new civic and economic development" and escape the chaotic expansion that has destroyed some urban areas.

Housing should be top community priority Schwartzkopf said. He proposed the creation of a new centralized housing department to coordinate the activities of all private and public housing agencies.

The mayor's competition, Peterson, has served on the city council for eight years. He charged the present city administration with creating bottlenecks and with a lack of leadership.

"The greatest threat is the negative attitude of the administration," Peterson said. He also charged the Schwartzkopf administration with increasing the cost of city government.

**IF ELECTED**, Peterson said he would seek to hold taxes down by levying an employment tax on people who work in Lincoln yet live outside the city, and by more efficiency in city government.

By eliminating the use of

out-of-town consultants and seeking more federal and state aid for housing, city costs could be reduced, he said.

The eight candidates for City Council were in agreement on the need for more low-income housing, city ownership of the bus lines, updating the comprehensive plan for Lincoln's growth and more recreation facilities.

Candidate Fred (Bob) Sikyta proposed labor training for the hard-core unemployed to enable them to become "active members of the working class," and study of means to prevent deterioration of the downtown area and cultural center.

He suggested that council meetings be at night so a greater number of citizens can attend and that city hall be open at least a few hours one night a week.

**RICHARD HANSEN** proposed, as part of a new city plan, that the city put a three-year limit on commercial and industrial zones so that the zone could revert to its original classification if not used. The city has a surplus of commercial and industrial zones, he said.

He suggested that neighborhood mini-governments be created to propose ideas to the council. Hansen advocated raising revenue by increasing the use of the city's sales tax and license fees.

Charles Hamilton, alluding to the candidates' agreement on key issues, said he is emphasizing his qualifications and business experience.

"I believe I am a man of mature judgment," he said. "I will study the problems and remain flexible in my thinking." Explaining that he has avoided an expensive campaign, Hamilton reminded the audience that "pollution comes in many forms, even in political yard signs."

Steve Cook spoke of his experience as an architect and as a member of the city's planning commission. Planning precedes zoning, he said, so the city needs to spend more time on planning, which includes updating the comprehensive plan.

**BUSINESSWOMAN** Nancy Childs said there's a "need to humanize government if it's to be effective." Officials too often forget that they're talking about people problems, she said.

She said her platform intends to provide "responsive government." Childs advocated placing a member of the city-wide Tenant Association

on the Lincoln Housing Authority and cautioned officials to remember that, although the northeast radial is needed it means displacing people.

Helen Boosalis, the only incumbent councilman running for re-election emphasized the need for "greater public commitment" to the problem of safe, sanitary housing for low-income families and elderly.

City planning must involve the "total societal and environmental values" but any final judgement on the comprehensive plan would be premature now, she said.

Candidate W. Richard Baker said he hasn't the support of any special interest groups and intends to represent the average Lincoln citizen. Baker said he supports the mayor's plan for a new housing agency and the updating of the comprehensive plan to protect property owners.

Baker, a businessman, said he isn't a young radical, he has no new sweeping proposals, but that "young, aggressive leadership" is needed on the Council.

Candidate Bill Murrell, a wholesale liquor dealer, did not attend the meeting.

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## E-Week hosts Lear; schedules orientation

A speech by the creator of Lear Jets, William Lear, and a special orientation program for high school seniors planning to enter the College of Engineering next fall will highlight the annual Engineer's Week beginning Wednesday.

Wednesday's activities include an open house from 6 to 10 p.m. featuring displays made by students.

The open house continues Thursday from 1 to 5 and 6 to 10 p.m. with directed tours of the exhibits starting from Ferguson Hall both days.

Lear, president of Lear Motor Corporation and creator of the Learjet and 8-track stereo, will speak Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Nebraska Union. Lear is currently working on designs for a steam car to decrease air pollution.

This year's special program for potential engineering students and their parents will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Kimball Recital Hall. The program will include discussions of the engineering

profession, student life on the Lincoln campuses, E-Week and student organizations, cooperative education programs, financial aid, and facilities and services available to students of the College of Engineering.

Prospective students and their parents are also invited to attend other E-Week functions, including Lear's convocation earlier in the day.

"Although the invitations were sent only to the parents of students who have already been admitted to the College, we would like to invite any student interested in an engineering education and his parents to come," said Don Edwards, dean of the College of Engineering.

Field Day, an annual interdepartmental athletic competition, will be Friday in Pioneers Park. E-Week's closing event will be a banquet at 6 p.m. in the Elks Lodge. Speaker for the program will be Major Paul H. Wragg, an Air Force Chaplain.

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