

Supporters and opponents debate council district election proposal

By Randy Essex

Monday evening's Lincoln City Council meeting became a political showcase for supporters and opponents of a proposed amendment to the City Charter that would establish district election of four of the seven council members.

Lively public debate was stimulated by councilman Leo Scherer's resolution urging the council to go on record opposing the Nov. 7 ballot issue. The resolution was later withdrawn.

The proposed amendment was placed on the ballot by a successful petition drive after the Charter Revision Committee killed a similar proposal.

Legal and personal opinions and innuendo highlighted the three-hour meeting.

Charles Brown, 1900 S. 34 St., attacked council chairman Bob Sikyta for using city funds to mail what Brown called "nothing more than the opinion of Bob Sikyta—a piece of campaign literature against the district election proposition."

True, complete facts

Sikyta said he wrote to citizen organizations that had announced in the Lincoln Gazette they favored district elections to see if the organizations had been fully informed on the issue.

Sikyta's question was based on an opinion given Oct. 5 by City Attorney Charles Humble. Humble believes the wording of the proposition would not require a person to live in the district he is elected to serve.

Sikyta said it is not unusual for him—"as an active councilman"—to seek information if there is a question as to whether "somebody has not had true and complete facts."

Sikyta said he was elected to let people know the full facts in an issue.

Brown said Sikyta should determine the costs of mailing the letter on council stationery in city envelopes, and should reimburse the city.

"It was his opinion alone (not the opinion of the council)" Brown charged.

Hatchet job

Councilman Steve Cook charged Brown with attempting a "hatchet job" on Sikyta, and Councilman Joe Hampton called Brown a "master of innuendo."

Scherer said he introduced the resolution to "let the entire public know how we feel." Scherer said the proposal is "ill-written" because it does not state that district councilmen must live in the district they intend to represent.

Scherer said he wanted to combat a "closed-minded" editorial writer (for the Lincoln Journal, which favors the ballot proposal).

Scherer and Sikyta said they do not oppose the measure because they are afraid they will lose their jobs, as the editorial suggested.

Sikyta said he does not believe the proposal is "what the signers of the petition wanted," because of the omission of wording requiring district residency.

Words omitted

Former City Attorney Richard Wood seconded Humble's legal opinion that candidates for council would not have to live in the district they desire to serve.

Wood, who is a member of the Charter Revision Committee, said he could not understand why the wording was omitted. He said the petition read almost verbatim from the committee's defeated proposal.

Humble said organizers of the petition drive were given the charter committee's proposal in full, and denied suggestions that the wording in question was left out intentionally by his office.

Humble also denied allegations made by supporters of the measure that he acted in haste to agree with Sikyta on the matter.

Frank Kuhn, 3545 N. 58 St., co-chairman of the Citizens for Fair Representation said the group was not aware that key wording was not in the petition.

Keep on talking

Kuhn said he had been informed by State Sen. Steve Fowler that the problem could be corrected by state statute. Kuhn charged that his group was not given the information that would have led it to require district residency.

Humble said it would be better to correct the problem in the city election next spring (if the proposition passes next week) than to have the Legislature correct the error.

Scherer termed Fowler's "late appearance" in the matter "interesting."

Stan Talley, 310 A St., told council members they were helping in efforts to pass the proposal.

"You've done more tonight for passing this than anyone else has so far," Talley said. "So just keep talking."

Mayor Helen Boosalis told the council legal problems in the proposal did not kill her support for the measure.

"If people feel they are not being represented... they should have that opportunity," she said. "This is the proposal we have before us."

The resolution was withdrawn without a vote after Scherer said public debate had served to inform the public all about the proposal.

Lincoln Sundays will remain dry

Lincoln citizens can drive to Omaha or Emerald for a drink on Sunday, but locals and convention-goers still will not be able to buy alcohol in Lincoln on Sundays.

The city council Monday sustained Mayor Helen Boosalis' veto of a measure that would have allowed Sunday sales in business establishments doing more than 60 percent of their business in food sales.

Boosalis vetoed the measure because she and many other Lincolniters thought the plan was discriminatory.

An attempt to lift a long-standing ban on Sunday sales began in mid-September. The council approved limited sales on a 4-3 vote two weeks ago, and defeated a plan to allow sales to the full extent of state law.

ASUN agenda

The ASUN senate will meet at 7 tonight in the Nebraska Union. The agenda is:

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| I. Call to order/roll call | VII. Internal affairs |
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| III. Appointments | Organic act No. 4 — (Committee on minority student enrollment) |
| IV. Open forum | VIII. New business |
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Health fair offered by center

By Bob Lannin

The University Health Center will sponsor a free health screening fair Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Nebraska Centennial Room.

The health fair will offer screening for blood pressure, diabetes and rubella immunity, according to Karen Weed, Community Health Department nurse.

This will be the first year health fair is offered. It will be open to all UNL students and staff members, Weed said.

In the past, separate screenings were held for these diseases at the Health Center, she said, and the change to one health screening day is to "try to reach as many students as possible."

In addition to the disease screening, exhibits of various resources available at the Health Center will be set up, she said, and information from other health agencies such as the Nebraska Cancer Society will be presented.

Educate students

Kathy Gatzemeyer, coordinator of the Community Health Department, said another goal of the health fair is to help educate students about the diseases.

Weed emphasized that little effort would be required on the part of students.

The rubella screening requires drawing a small amount of blood from the arm, the diabetes screening a finger prick and the blood pressure screening a blood pressure test, Weed said.

The rubella test will determine the immunity level of patients for rubella and a vaccine is then available for those with a low level of immunity.

Test important


Weed said the rubella test is important for females of child-bearing age, because women who get rubella during the early months of pregnancy run a considerable risk that the fetus will be born deformed.

"The common symptoms of diabetes, according to Weed, are excessive thirst, constant hunger, loss of weight, itching, tiring easily, changes in vision, and slow healing of cuts and scratches.

Those most likely to get diabetes are relatives of diabetics and people who are over 40 or overweight.

Weed said over 4 million Americans have diabetes, and at least 1.5 million of these cases are undetected.

Weed said that about 20 million people in the U.S. have high blood pressure or, 10 percent of the adult population. She said high blood pressure often runs in families and is more likely to develop in individuals whose parents have high blood pressure.



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