

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

- \*1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of April 21, 2008.
- \*2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of April 21, 2008.

**II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -**

- 1. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting (Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda) - CANCELLED

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced**

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

- 1. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cutting: -  
Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -  
A.) Community Bank of Lincoln, 6000 Village Drive, Suite 100 on Thursday,  
May 29, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
- 2. Updowntowners, Inc., Savour Spring event on Thursday, May 15, 2008 from  
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lazlo's, 210 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street - Cost: Members \$15;  
Guests \$20 - RSVP by May 12<sup>th</sup> to 434-6902 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)

3. Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers - You and a guest are invited to our Grand Opening Celebration on Monday, May 12, 2008 - Grand Opening Reception 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & photo of attendees approximately at 5:30 p.m. at new U.S. head office, 4000 Pine Lake Road - (See Invitation)
4. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce 'Business After Hours' on Thursday, May 22, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Grand Manse, 129 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street - Cost: \$10/person - RSVP by May 20<sup>th</sup> to Jaime Henning by e-mail - (See Invitation)

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*HELD OVER FROM APRIL 28, 2008.**

**CITY COUNCIL NOON MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Dan Marvin, Chair  
Robin Eschliman, Vice Chair  
Jon Camp  
Jonathan Cook  
Doug Emery  
John Spatz  
Ken Svoboda

**Others Present:** Rick Hoppe, Administrative Aide to the Mayor  
Trish Owen, Administrative Aide to the Mayor

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted in Room 113. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marvin at 11:14 am.

**I. MINUTES**

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Chairman Marvin stated with no discussion or corrections the above minutes are approved.

**II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES**

**1. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda Cancelled**

**2. Bar Walk Svoboda/Eschliman/Spatz**

Svoboda stated the Bar Walk was well attended. A briefing by Linda Majors, NU Directions Coordinator, included information on how we got to this point in our liquor laws. After questions and answers formed into groups, each led by an officer, and walked the downtown bar area. Being his third bar walk Svoboda commented nothing much has changed. Saw various activities, but actually a quiet night. If done on a typical fall Friday/Saturday would probably have seen more.

Eschliman said since 1982 we are unable to restrict the number of bars, but bars serving food seem to have fewer problems. She suggested possibly looking into some type of food requirement. Camp questioned if legally they could, with Svoboda adding it would have to be a state law. Discussion on "grandfathering" certain bars. Spatz stated a map showed all bar/alcohol locations with highlights of calls of service. At 1:00 am the Haymarket area had no calls of service but to the east the map was highlighted at numerous locations, with the reason given being the Haymarket area primarily serves food.

Marvin commented it isn't always a DUI incident if people are over-served as many probably come from campus and walk both ways. Svoboda added cabs are readily available, usually at reduced, or no cost, rates. Eschliman then gave a report on binge drinking.

Camp asked what period the call statistics covered? Svoboda thought a given day, and would be the typical average service calls at various times. He stated the police, usually 8 officers with

backup available, do an outstanding job with an assumed population of the Lincoln downtown bar core area on a given Thursday, Friday or Saturday being approximately 5,000. Eschliman didn't think the situation was as bad as had been described, and had the impression the police had the situation under control.

Emery led discussion on the type and age of people who participate in drinking at the bars, and how it almost has remained the same for years. Svoboda commented the area is now more contained. Council agreed it seemed worse years ago with the bar owners now doing a reasonable job of self-managing themselves and the market.

## **OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

### **Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission (NIZC) I-80 Svoboda**

Svoboda stated the Phase I Comprehensive Draft Plan Report was unanimously passed, with one page for clarification. Neighbors, in certain areas, still question the validity of how money was obtained, as they state it was obtained by the area developer, the land owners, through ear marking and want it exempted from the Comprehensive Plan. The Committee referred to the Comprehensive Plan as an inventory of what's there and plans currently in place with possibly expanding on the conceptualizing of these current plans. Svoboda added some comments are difficult to hear as this area will tap into water resources, as it is the Interstate intersection containing our well fields. So how we protect our interest, and investment, will be an item. In July will be taking a tour of the K-10 corridor in Kansas, which was looked at as a model.

### **III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Camp inquired on the Planning Commission replacement. Hoppe stated the County Board sent a letter regarding James Partington, who he believes the Mayor may appoint.

### **IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR**

Hoppe stated the last Priority Lincoln Public Budget Process Meeting will be at Lincoln High on May 6<sup>th</sup> and expect a large audience. Council members discussed the meetings they attended with Marvin asking about overall attendance. Hoppe responded one time did compete with another event, but have had between 30 and 50 at other meetings. Expect Lincoln High location to draw a large crowd.

Hoppe added the Mayor's staff will be contacting Council members shortly to assemble into small groups for discussing the budget.

### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

None

### **VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No additional City Council Member comments.

### **VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Marvin adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.