

AGENDA FOR
City Council Members' "NOON" Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2000
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Director's Meeting of March 13, 2000.
2. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting of March 13, 2000.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: KPMG Annual Audit Report - March 13, 2000.

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

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
2. Entryway Meeting (Fortenberry)
3. Board of Health (Johnson)
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
5. Concert/Entertainment Task Force Meeting (McRoy)
6. Animal Control Task Force Meeting (McRoy)
7. Community Health Partners Meeting (Report Optional)(Seng)
8. Indoor Ice Skating Task Force Meeting (Shoecraft)
9. Homeless Coalition (Shoecraft)
10. StarTran Task Force Meeting (Seng)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights will be holding a Training Seminar on Diversity and Civil Rights Issues on Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The nature center is located at 3201 S. Coddington. This seminar is being held primarily for nonprofit organizations and community centers, but is open to anyone who wishes to attend. We cordially invite you and/ or a representatives from your agency to attend this event. There is no charge for this event. RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 15, 2000 to 441-7624 (See Invitation).

2. The Lancaster County Legislative Delegation is hosting a Legislative Breakfast on March 23, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The event will take place at the Lincoln Public Schools Administrative Building, 5901 "O" Street, in Room E-111. I would like to extend an invitation to you to join us that morning as a fellow public official. Please contact Amanda at 471-2632 (See Invitation).
3. Operation ABLE - Celebrates Experience - You are cordially invited to be our guest at this year's Annual Operation ABLE Older Worker Awards Luncheon, to be held on March 30th from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel, as we recognize and honor experienced workers in our eight county service area. To make reservations, call Cindy at 441-6157 and you will be given your complimentary ticket. RSVP by March 21, 2000 (See Invitation).
4. Nebraska Public Policy Group - Celebrate With Us - You are invited to an Open House and Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - The Apothecary, 140 North 8th Street, Suite 220 - 476-4200 (See Invitation).
5. You're invited to our celebration of Public Health Week! - World Health Day on Friday, April 7, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Mayor's Welcome at 10:30 a.m. - L/L County Health Department - Refreshments, Mascots, Health Screenings, Health Presentations - (See Invitation).
6. The Nebraska State Historical Society cordially invites you to attend a Nebraska Preview of a National Treasure. The 1912 to 1923 Photographic Masterworks of Earl McWilliams - A celebration of the historic contributions and achievements of Nebraska's African American community - on Wednesday, March 22, 2000 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Warner Memorial Chamber, 2nd Floor, Nebraska State Capitol (See Invitation).
7. The Capital Humane Society Board of Directors cordially invites you to its 14th Annual Animal Awareness Dinner - Guest Speaker, Neil Trent - On Thursday, March 30, 2000 - Park Centers, 2602 Park Blvd. - Dinner at 6:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar - Buffet Dinner \$20.00 (See Invitation).

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
City Council Members “NOON” Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2000
Conference Room 113

Council Members Present: Coleen Seng, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy, Jerry Shoecraft.

Others Present: Ann Harrell, Mayor’s Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Paul Malzer, City Clerk; Joan Ray, City Council Secretary; and Chris Hain, *Lincoln Journal Star* Representative.

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Ms. Seng, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Annette McRoy moved to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Jon Camp, and carried by the following vote: AYES: Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Jeff Fortenberry, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Jerry Shoecraft; NAYS: None.

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

1 PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) Ms. Seng reported that the Leland Study Group of Denver, Colorado presented a further review on their study of the Old Federal Building. They will report to Don Killeen in order to give him direction and Mr. Killeen will follow up on the findings presented as well as on information he had received from other sources.

Ms. Seng reported that the Police Chief was at the meeting expressing concern about having his non-commissioned police officers with criminal investigation materials and evidence being denied access through the back of the Hall of Justice Building. The evidence rooms are located in that area. They have been told they had to go to the front of the building. Another issue was that there are many police department staff who were objecting to having to go into the building through the front entrance. Mr. Camp indicated that this problem was sent to the security committee to be worked out.

Ms. Seng reported that the Open House and Buildings Dedication, which are scheduled for May 5th and 6th, were also discussed. Mr. Camp explained that the Dedication is on May 5th at 4:30 in the afternoon; and the Open House is on the 6th of May

There was also an update on the Arts Committee. A fire inspector from Building and Safety attended and stated that there could be NO LIGHTED CANDLES in this building. They found candles in almost every department, and are concerned about it. Ms. Seng stated that the matter had been referred to Dana Roper to draw up legislation on this issue.

Ms. Seng reported that the Mayor had asked the PBC to look into the Lincoln Crest that has yet to be put on display in the “New” County-City Building. [This historical artifact had been displayed directly behind the Council dais in the Old Council Chambers.] Ms. Seng stated that it is an extremely heavy Crest and it had been decided that behind the dais in the “New” building wouldn’t be possible. Mr. Camp explained that the final decision had been made to place it in the back of the Council Chamber.

Mr. Fortenberry felt that it would be appropriate to have the Crest placed behind the Council on the dais because it would add a focal point to an otherwise bland backdrop. It was explained that there had been concerns expressed with placement on the marble of the dais wall. Mr. Camp felt that Mr. Fortenberry had a valid point and stated that perhaps there is something aesthetically and practically appropriate that could go on that wall.

Mr. Camp stated that parking concerns had also been discussed in addition to the issues of the Old Federal Building, the Hall of Justice and Trabert Hall. He stated that within the next month Mr. Killeen would be getting information to them regarding the relocation efforts which would be beneficial to Council when they were responding to the DLA.

2. ENTRYWAY MEETING (Fortenberry) Mr. Fortenberry reported that there had been a meeting and he passed around an overview of the outcome of that meeting. He felt it was very positive. He reported that there will be a pre-council meeting coming up when a full presentation will be given on the entryway project.

One of the issues discussed was, ironically, the minimalism there now functions very well as a nice entryway. So, one of the issues would be to work to see how that openness of the corridor could be preserved. Of course, there would be a trade-off, because there is Industrial Zoning to the north and Highway to the south (or vice-versa). Ironically, the Industrial Zoning has more

flexibility to allow better planning than the Highway Zoning. The whole concept of an over-lay district was discussed as a possibility as well.

3. BOARD OF HEALTH (Johnson) - Ms. Johnson reported that the meeting had been a long one. A lot of discussion was on the Healthy People 2010 program. One of the things they discussed was the clean indoor/outdoor air. Ms. Johnson stated that a survey had been done, but did not include smokers/non-smokers opinion statistics. She felt before we move forward, a survey should be done that would also include the smokers input on the changes in legislation.

She reported that older adults and chronic disease had been discussed. They have found that most older adults have more and more chronic diseases and most of these diseases are showing up among the minority groups. She felt the City should be looking at chronic diseases as they affect older adults.

Alcohol and other drugs, and sexual behavior, were discussed. An interesting point was that 6 out of 8 of the people tested by the Health Department that came out positive for AIDS were people of color. That gives a real issue as to where we should be focusing our attentions, since we obviously are not getting the job done in reaching this group.

Nutrition, and physical activity were made a part of the 2010 report. They made a phenomenal statement that they're finding that people eat too much and have little physical activity. She thought they took a lot of time to figure that out. [Laughter]

Another topic of discussion was oral health. Ms. Johnson found this to be very interesting (noting that she hoped as we move forward there will be more data available on this issue), that poor dental habits in children affect their ability to learn. They're finding more and more relationship between poor dental health and school achievements.

Other areas discussed were fee increases to be considered by the Mayor when he is looking at his budget; the water program is one of the areas where there may be some fee increases. Also considered for fee increases are the inspection of restaurants. The interesting part about this is that there will be some areas that have not been charged where they probably, after some research is done, will come to us to make the determination as to whether or not they should start being charged. That will be coming forward and will probably be controversial.

Another issue coming forward soon will be the fine and penalty increases on asbestos demolition and removal infractions. There are a lot of the older buildings that are being demolished and it is expensive to have the asbestos removed, so some of the contractors are just demolishing them and taking the

asbestos to the landfill without following all of the regulations. The basic attitude is that it is less expensive to pay the fine than it is to actually remove the asbestos. So, a recommendation will be made on this soon.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the EMS issues, which Council has been updated on.

4 MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that they looked at the diversity in State Departments. The Police Department was there last week with a presentation on team diversity and training issues

The VISTA project was being moved forward. Also discussed was the 2000 Census.

5. CONCERT/ENTERTAINMENT TASK FORCE MEETING (McRoy) The Task Force committee on which Ms. McRoy serves went on a tour of six different venues in six different areas. Ms. McRoy felt the Task Force should be wrapping that up soon.

Mr. Cook asked if this would be for big or large concerts. Ms. McRoy stated that these were existing venues. Ms. McRoy explained that they had looked at Pioneer Park, a place that the County had let a concert - The Country Station; the State Fair Park, the Grand Stand was looked at as an option; as well as the Ice Box, which it was decided was not a good option. So the Task force will start reviewing drafts for reports within the next few weeks.

6. ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE MEETING (MCROY) - Ms. McRoy did not attend this meeting. She did note that they just redefined their goals and focus. She stated that she would get there for the next meeting.

7. COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS MEETING (Report Optional) (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that this group is finally coming close to having a charter. She stated that they are making contact with a few more agencies - the hospitals, various governmental agencies and insurance firms. The Lincoln City Council is one of the Partners, along with the County Board and the Mayor's Office, the Catholic Social Services, BryanLGH, the Medical Society, the Board of Health, the Health Department itself, LMEF, School Board, Madonna Rehabilitation Center, St. Elizabeth's, Tabitha, the Public Health Foundation and United Way.

Then it gets down to who is going to pay the money and when. This is always the stopping point. Everybody is backing up just a little and rethinking this until the next meeting. Staff has quite an agenda laid out for us. Under the

organizational plan presented, they want to have a staff person and they're getting ready to do the hiring. Everyone wants that person to be someone in the Health Department. Ms. Seng stated that she then inquired as to whether or not they had talked to the Mayor's Office about such a staffing arrangement. She thought that no one had, so that was something she encouraged them to do, because Leon [Vinci] has already turned in the Health Department budget material. So there will be continuing discussion on this and Ms. Seng noted that she would keep the Council apprized

8. INDOOR ICE SKATING TASK FORCE MEETING (Shoecraft) Mr. Shoecraft stated that a meeting had been held Thursday morning at the Parks and Recreation Office. There was a presentation by Abbott Sports Complex representatives laying out an option or encouraging the possibility of putting an indoor ice skating rink out there. Mr. Shoecraft did not support that because that facility out there is under-utilized. It was a risk when they built that facility there, and Mr. Shoecraft didn't feel the City should be subsidizing their operation out there which would have little public use. They would determine how much the public could be on the ice. So, there were some drawbacks on that plan. There were some positives such as the land is already there, some of the amenities are already there; but the location and the City's virtual subsidization of an under-utilized enterprise were points against it. Mr. Shoecraft stated that there were also some legal issues that had to be dealt with as well. He felt that the Committee was about 2/3 of the way done. The two sites most likely for consideration would be Seacrest Field at 70th & "A" Streets and the pad site still available at the Star City Shores.

Several Council members asked if the Star City Shores site would be indoors? Mr. Shoecraft's response was inaudible. Ms. Seng asked what part of Seacrest Field was being considered? Mr. Shoecraft did not know. He noted that they had looked at transportation, infrastructure, central location, the costs involved, etc.

Ms. McRoy asked about the site at 8th and Hill. Mr. Shoecraft stated that that had been one of the seven locations originally considered, but not included in the final two site considerations.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of having Pershing as a location. It was noted that this was to be a year-round facility for ice sports for the community. That's why just having Pershing as a part-time, seasonal facility wasn't what the community was interested in. The necessity for two "sheets" of ice was discussed. Ms. Johnson suggested that if a

location is chosen, have a second sheet capability included in the plan so the Council doesn't have to go through this process again.

Mr. Shoecraft stated that the process is in place and functioning so, if the administration has some ideas, or knows something that would have an impact on the Committee's decision making, that information should be brought forward now.

9. HOMELESS COALITION (Shoecraft) Mr. Shoecraft stated that he did not attend these meetings and did not understand why this meeting continued to be placed on the Agenda. [Mr. Shoecraft has not been replaced as the Council representative. If no Council Member wishes to be included as a member of this Coalition, it will be stricken from the Committee/Boards listing)

10. STARTRAN TASK FORCE MEETING (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that she would like to share several different maps that came out of the StarTran Task Force. She stated that the Task Force had finally arrived at the point she felt they should be going. She showed Council a map of StarTran's service area. She indicated that the Task Force had requested a 10% increase in efficiency. She held up a map showing what that increase would do to the service area, showing the routes it would eliminate. Mr. Camp asked what a '10% increase in efficiency' really implied, stating that he did not understand. Ms. Seng answered that what the Task Force was trying to define is, if there was 10% of the money to reallocate, what would be done with it? They were trying to come up with an increase in efficiency. She noted that it should be understood that Ralph Johnson is an economist, so he really gets into this issue when started.

Mr. Cook stated then, that efficiency he assumed meant that there could be more routes with more people on them, but in a smaller geographical area. Ms. Seng added "with less cost". She showed maps which indicated lesser percentages of 'efficiency'.

She noted that all the maps indicated one little spot at 27th and Cornhusker. She stated that there are express routes that serve areas that have very low ridership. The Task Force is investigating such questions as is it possible to cover that same area with a partial grid? Not the whole City area, just a partial grid in the eastern part? What would that look like? She noted that at the next meeting, the Task Force would hear more on the 10% proposal - if a grid system were initiated, how would we fill in some of the affected areas with that grid system in order to not lose folks that are now served and using the system - how could they be picked up in another route? She noted that the 10% proposal was a rather drastic change from the current service.

She stated that she was pleased because the Task Force began to struggle with the whole issue. Ms. Seng felt the Task Force had been able to give Staff some direction on what to bring back for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he would like to get a clear handle on what was meant by 10% efficiency. Ms. Seng stated that that was an economic term and she was not going to debate it. Mr. Fortenberry asked for the gentleman's name, noting that he did not want a debate, just information. Ms. Seng indicated the gentleman's name was Ralph Johnson.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that another issue is, if the City moved to a system like this and there was a certain area of town that was cut out, but...there might be a major employer beyond that point, has the Task Force looked into the possibility of partnerships with industry that would allow an industry to subsidize a route. Ms. Seng noted that that would be a possibility.

OTHER MEETINGS - NONE

III APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS :

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commission Appointment (**from Addendum**)

Heating, Ventilating & Cooling Examiners Board -
Dennis Biggerstaff (Reappointment) - Term to Expire 4/04/03
- *Noted without Comment*

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS (Including Addendum) - *Noted without Comment*

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

JEFF FORTENBERRY - No Further Comments

CINDY JOHNSON - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

JERRY SHOECRAFT - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - Ms. Seng asked City Clerk Paul Malzer to come forward and give a report on his findings on Public Forum Options. Clerk Malzer handed out and reviewed the attached “*Public Forum Options*” Memo (Attached). Council then discussed each option and its implications regarding public input at Council meetings. After discussion, which included concerns regarding the City’s legal liability versus the public’s right to Council access, Council voted 4-3 to adopt a combination of Items 1 &3 - [See attachment]. (The vote: AYES: Jon Camp, Cindy Johnson, Jeff Fortenberry, Jerry Shoecraft; NAYS: Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng)

This would require a constituent to submit a six day advance written request to be submitted to the City Clerk as outlined in the attached memo, in order to address the Council on any matter not on, or scheduled to appear on a future agenda. The Council would then decide at the Directors’ Meeting the week prior to the requested appearance date whether to grant the request or to refer the matter to the proper department. The City Clerk would then notify the constituent of the Council’s decision.

In case of an emergency or special circumstances, a request could be submitted to the City Clerk by 11:00 a.m. of the date of the Council meeting. There would be no printed notice on the Council Agenda and Council and Staff would be advised of the appearance at that dates Directors’ Meeting. Clerk would call the name of the individual to come forward at the Formal Council meeting.

The Council directed Clerk Malzer to bring the approved changes back to Council with legal advise at the next “Noon” meeting. Clerk Malzer stated that he would also bring back information regarding the Council’s discussion of evening meetings.

VIII. MEETING DISMISSED - Approximately 1:00 p.m.