

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 4, 2001.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Water Meter Rates - April 23, 2001.

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

1. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Cook)
2. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors Meeting (McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition Lincoln - Lancaster County - Invites you to a Conference Call presented by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy - Emerging Answers - What Does Research Say About Programs to Prevent Teen Pregnancy? On Friday, June 15, 2001 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - **BRING YOUR LUNCH** - At the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 "N" Street, Room 236 - (See Invitation).
2. The Lincoln Family Practice Program of the Lincoln Medical Education Foundation cordially invites you to celebrate with the graduates as they complete their Family Practice Residency on Thursday, June 28, 2001 - 6:30 p.m., Social Time (Cash Bar) - 7:00 p.m., Dinner - 8:00 p.m., Program - Reception following program - At the Cornhusker Hotel, Grand Ballroom - **RSVP by Monday, June 18th (See Invitation & Enclosed RSVP card also has a menu on it-please fill out).**
3. Tabitha Health Care Services - Please join us as Keith E. Fickenscher is installed as President of Tabitha on Sunday, June 24, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. - First Lutheran Church, 1551 S. 70th Street - Reception to Follow First Lutheran's Activity Center - **RSVP to Norma Nuss at 486-8522 (See Invitation).**

4. They would like to invite you to join Habitat for Humanity and Wells Fargo as they build Lincoln's next Habitat for Humanity house, at 1608 West "C" Street. On Saturday, June 9, 2001, they will be having a roof raising celebration - A special ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.- RSVP to Brad Korell at 434-4235 (See Letter of Invitation).
5. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will host its sixth annual Celebrate Business luncheon on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at the Cornhusker Hotel and Burnham Yates Conference Center (See Invitation).
6. Robert Peterson, Executive Director, Nebraska Housing Resource - They invite you to join them, Mayor Wesely, and our various partners at an Open House to be held Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. - The show home is located at 5041 Dudley (See Letter of Invitation).
7. Linda Major, Project Director, NU Directions, University of Nebraska Lincoln - You are cordially invited to participate in an exciting and important community leader symposium on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at the Apothecary Loft, 140 N. 8th Street - The symposium is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. - Lunch will be provided and parking will be arranged for those confirming participation - Need to RSVP. (See Letter of Invitation).

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

1. E-Mail from Jennifer Brinkman – Bob Downey at the Capital Humane Society, who would like to invite the Council to visit the shelter in the coming weeks to get an idea of the work they do there. He suggested a breakfast and tour of the facility. (See E-Mail)

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on Council Members' Committee Assignments.
2. Discussion on when Council would like to reschedule their 911 Tour.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
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Council Members Present: Annette McRoy, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Glenn Friendt, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner.

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Margaret Remmenga, Public Works; Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, and Svoboda; Joan Ray, Council Secretary.

Prior to the calling to order of this meeting, Ms. McRoy made the announcement that one change to the normal "Noon" format would be that the Vice-Chair will conduct the "Noon" meetings. She felt Jonathan should earn his money. [Laughter]

Ms. McRoy also noted that the Council may be looking at starting Pre-Council Meetings earlier due to the demand for pre-council time from City Departments having increased. She noted that Jonathan would not be in charge of that, but from now on, he would be conducting the "Noon" meetings.

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 4, 2001.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Water Meter Rates - April 23, 2001.

Mr. Jonathan Cook, Council Vice-Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Coleen Seng moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ken Svoboda and carried by the following vote: AYES: Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; NAYS: None.

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

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that since there had been a Pre-Council on this issue this morning, Council had a pretty good idea of what was voted on at the last meeting on Thursday. He noted that there was a bus tour planned for August 2nd for the Task Force Members, but he felt sure that if any Council Members were interested they could tag along. This tour will be to look at various projects that are funded by the Community Development Task Force.

2. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS MEETING (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that she had not been at the meeting, but noted that Mr. Camp had been there.

Mr. Camp reported that they had held a really well-run meeting. They had presented an example of how they handle business inquiries for Lincoln. They talked about a California software firm that is looking to relocate 30-40 key executives, which was quite interesting. Mr. Camp reported that Bill Johnson had given a technology council update; the Mayor gave a report; and generally, the meeting covered just routine business reports.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - Ms. Seng reported on a meeting that was not listed. She reported that there had been an informational meeting with Downtown property owners on a proposal to locate an SRO (Single Room Occupancy) housing project for the homeless at 502 South 12th. This meeting had been held last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Seng reported that it was quite a good meeting at which both Ann Harrell and Marc Wullschleger were in attendance to answer questions; but basically it was the people from Horizon Housing Corporation who ran the meeting. They had a video presentation on a similar facility at another location.

The Horizon Housing Corporation is made up of people from DayWatch and Fresh Start. Ms. Seng noted that they are very interested in purchasing the Metropolitan Apartment Building at 502 South 12th. She noted that they would like to locate 56 units at that location. Ms. Seng reported that there was a lot of 'rumor hysteria' that had gone on among some of the business folks. She felt that there was some feeling of reassurance after they listened to this presentation.

Now, the City's side of it, and why she had attended and why Marc and Ann were there, was because the City did have to be part of the application that went in for a huge sum of dollars from the Federal Government. She added that the project may, or may not, ever happen, but they had the informational meeting.

The Horizon Housing Corporation will be meeting this summer with many of the downtown property owners. It is not a great deal different than the "President" and "Ambassador" hotels, except that there will be a lot of human service effort put into this project. Ms. Seng thought the meeting had been good and had reassured some folks who had been quite concerned about the project. Council will undoubtedly be hearing more about this which is the reason Ms. Seng wanted to report on the meeting.

Mr. Werner commented that he would beg to differ significantly with Ms. Seng's comment regarding the similarity of this project with the "President" and "Ambassador". He felt it would be a much tighter-run ship and much better run. He noted that it is unfortunate about the hysteria, believing Ms. Seng had stated the issue well. But, it was the fault of the person at the DayWatch who had been commissioned to co-ordinate this. He noted that he did not know the person, but she did not approach it by including people. It was simply a matter of, as always, people not knowing what's happening. There is a pledge from Jeff Dean, President of DayWatch and a member of the Horizon Board, that they will keep the downtown residents very well informed on this project as it goes forward. They want to work together and do understand the importance of that...as it has been

drilled home to them.

Mr. Werner also noted that when he had run a marathon in 1987 in New York City, they had stayed at a very inexpensive hotel there...\$65.00 per night. It is now on the tape that Ms. Seng reported on, being presented as the project example of SROs for the homeless!

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Noted Without Comment

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook brought up the appraisals on the Bryan LGH right-of-way issues. He asked if a reconsideration would be in order? Ms. Harrell stated that the Mayor had received a quick memo on that and he already signed it, noting, of course, that that would not preclude the Council from a reconsideration. It was decided a reconsideration would not be necessary at this time.

Mr. Cook requested a brief discussion on parking meter fee increases since that is on the Formal Agenda for a vote today. A brief discussion ensued which included the issue of administrative fees adjustment and the impact that would have on the Lincoln Public School's losses vs the City's need to collect revenue. It was decided to postpone the issue until Council had an opportunity to receive more information on this issue which might have an impact on any final decision.

Mr. Cook passed out 'Guidelines on Council Procedures' and also a revised and simplified 'Opening Remarks', to be reviewed by Council and discussed next week at the "Noon" Meeting.

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy brought up the ambulance issue for discussion. Mr. Cook stated that we really don't have time to discuss it now. It was decided that this issue -what information Council would like to receive on the ambulance billing reports- would be discussed later.

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng brought up an employee's upcoming wedding and asked Council members what they want to do for that. It was agreed to take up a collection for a gift.

KEN SVOBODA - Mr. Svoboda suggested that along with the considerations on Council Meeting Openings and Procedures, that Council also consider the inclusion of the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each Council meeting. He stated that having just celebrated another Memorial Day honoring those who died, and for the families who lost loved ones for our freedom to be able to even sit here and do this, he would like to say the Pledge of Allegiance. He felt it was a travesty that they aren't saying it in the schools any more. He wanted to bring this forward

for discussion by Council.

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

JENNIFER BRINKMAN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR -

1. E-Mail from Jennifer Brinkman – Bob Downey at the Capital Humane Society would like to invite the Council to visit the shelter in the coming weeks to get an idea of the work they do there. He suggested a breakfast and tour of the facility. Ms. Brinkman commented that Mr. Downey had contacted her a couple of weeks after the animal control ordinances had come through the City Council. In talking with Mr. Downey and Mr. Jim Weverka of Animal Control Department, it was determined that, though it was not necessary, it might be beneficial in helping Council better understand the relationship between Animal Control and the Humane Society.

She also reminded Council that the Animal Control Advisory Board that works with the Health Department is meeting over the next several months to go over the limits on the number of animals and to deal with some of the kennel issues that will relate to annexation, as well as other such issues that were not actually addressed through the ordinance changes. Ms. Brinkman stated that the tour could be set up now; or if Council would rather wait and, as we get closer to some resolution that might come to the Council based on the Boards report, it would be a good idea to do the tour and information gathering then, but the decision is certainly up to Council.

Mr. Cook noted that the Council has an awfully full schedule in the next few months. He didn't know if anyone wanted to make this a priority, but it did make sense to him to delay the tour. Ms. Brinkman noted that she would be glad to send a note back to Mr. Downey stating that Council had discussed this and reached the conclusion that as the Animal Control Advisory Board moves forward on its recommendations that we should coordinate the tour and information along with those sessions.

Council agreed that it would be best to wait. Ms. Brinkman will send a note to Mr. Downey so informing him. [*Council Staff, who had also been in contact with Mr. Downey regarding this issue, also sent a note explaining the Council's decision.*]

Ms. Brinkman passed out to Council, and gave a brief review of, the State's Final Session Legislative Information on the bills that had and had not passed by the conclusion

of this session on May 31st. Further updates will commence with the beginning of next Legislative session.

Mr. Cook requested Ms. Brinkman to give the new Council Members an update on the procedures of the Legislative reports received each week at the “Noon” meeting and of the weekly meetings held each Monday at 8:00 a.m. in the Mayor’s office for legislative update and input with the City Lobbyist, Jack Moors. Ms. Brinkman explained the process briefly also including the meetings of the League of Nebraska Municipalities where legislative issues of interest to all Nebraska cities are brought forward.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS -

Prior to the discussion of the Agenda items listed below, Ann Harrell requested that Margaret Remmenga come forward to present the information Council had requested regarding the parking study. Ms. Remmenga gave a brief presentation on the questions Council had regarding the downtown and Haymarket parking issues. The area discussed for study would include the City-County facilities, the State Capitol, the University Campus area, and the downtown and Haymarket areas. The east boundary would be 21st Street, with a possible 2nd phase of the study to include the Antelope Valley area. An ironic note: Rick Haden, former City Street Operations and Maintenance Manager for the City’s Public Works Department, will be the consultant heading up the study for the Consulting Firm.

The purpose of the study, which will be completed sometime in July, is to identify all of the parking inventory available to the City, and the City’s parking needs. The information gathered will help determine the siting of further parking facilities. Ms. Remmenga then answered questions posed by several Council members. A final request for more detailed information on the current inventory was made by Mr. Friendt. Ms. Remmenga stated she would get that information for all of the Council Members.

Mr. Camp asked Mr. Roper if, when Council came to the point in the meeting where the Parking Meter fees were being considered, would they have something in front of them for consideration. Mr. Roper noted the information was in the City Clerk’s Office. Mr. Cook requested that Council members receive the information prior to the Formal Meeting today.

1. Discussion on Council Members’ Committee Assignments. - The final committee assignments are as follows: “New” Members:

GLENN FRIENDT:

- DEC (District Energy Corporation) (Resolution-Request submitted 6-12-01)
- Internal Auditing Review Committee (Resolution - Request submitted 6-07-01)
- Ice Skating Arena Task Force
- Gas Franchise Committee
- LNM (League of Nebraska Municipalities) - Legislative Committee
- Wilderness Park Advisory Committee

KEN SVOBODA:

- Board of Health (Resolution - Request submitted 06-07-01)
- City Council Internal Liquor Committee

TERRY WERNER:

- City Council Internal Liquor Committee
- Downtown Lincoln Association
- Lincoln/Lancaster County Homeless Coalition (Alternate))

The "Old" Members retained the committee and board assignments they had prior to the election with the following exceptions:

Coleen Seng: Gave up her seat on the City Council Internal Liquor Committee - (Went to Ken Svoboda)

Gave Up her seat on the Downtown Lincoln Association (Went to Terry Werner)
Problem Resolution Team (Assumed the seat of Jerry Shoecraft)

Annette McRoy: Will share the Transportation Officials Committee which goes with the Chair of the Council, with Jonathan Cook.

Lincoln/Lancaster County Homeless Coalition assignment- in an official capacity.
Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development

Jonathan Cook: ISPC - in an official capacity.

Transportation Officials Committee - shared with the Chair

Wilderness Park Advisory Committee - Alternate

2. Discussion on when Council would like to reschedule their 911 Tour. - Carry over to next week.

VIII. MEETING DISMISSED - Approximately 1:15 p.m.

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