AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2001
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 11, 2001.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Natural Gas Supply/Price Update - RE: April 9, 2001.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: 911 Fire Rescue Tape - June 11, 2001.

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

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
2. ISPC Meeting (Cook)
3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Harvey and Susan Perlman cordially invite you to a reception and a performance of Nebraska Repertory Theatre's - Art by Yamina Reza, Translated by Christopher Hampton on Thursday, July 5, 2001 - Reception at 6:00 p.m. - Steinhart Room-Lied Center - Performance at 7:30 p.m., Carson Theater-Lied Center - RSVP to 472-2072 by June 29th. (See Invitation).

2. HDR – One Of Lincoln's Oldest Partners Is Now Lincoln's Newest Neighbor. Come teach us more about what makes Lincoln unlike any other place on earth at our Open House – On Thursday, June 21, 2001 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 p.m. – At The Cornhusker Hotel - RSVP to 323-6221 (See Invitation).

3. Farewell Party for Jennifer Dam announced. All are invited! On Thursday, June 21, 2001 at P.O. Pears-upstairs, 322 S. 9th Street from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Come join us in saying farewell and wishing Jennifer congratulations (See Invitation).

4. You are invited to an advanced look at new LES programs that will be unveiled in July, at a short presentation Monday, June 25, at the Nebraska Club from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (See Letter of Invitation).

5. tech ed solutions - announces its grand opening on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Technology Education Solutions, 5900 S. 58th Street, Suite E - 437-8410 (See Invitation).

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the "Opening Comments".

2. Discussion on the Council Guidelines

3. Discussion on the request for Ambulance data on what information does Council want.

4. Discussion on when Council would like to reschedule their 911 Tour.

5. Discussion of City Council investigation of Ambulance Issue. Powers of Council to investigate and procedures.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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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, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Ken Hambleton, *Journal Star* representative.

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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 Terry Werner and carried by the following vote: AYES: Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; NAYS: None; ABSENT FOR VOTE: Jon Camp.

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

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) Ms. Seng reported that the number one item was in regard to the flat monitors on the [Council Chambers] dais. She reported that Don Killeen will talk with Bill Luxford and they will look into it.

Ms. Seng reported that the meeting then moved on to the parking lot enforcement issue. There will be no report until the next meeting.

She stated that the space heater policy had been discussed. No policy has been received from the State yet, so this will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The surplus property policy was discussed. Ms. Seng noted that Dana Roper is looking at that before approval is requested before both bodies (City Council and County Board).

The redesign of the Health Department reception area was outlined and approved. They have been going ahead with an architect and looking at re-using their systems furniture. It is important with the increase of clients coming in to the Health Department to have this update completed.

Ms. Seng reported that under "New Business" they had discussed the landscaping plans for the area between the County-City Building and the Hall of Justice. If one looked at the area, it would be obvious that it was made to have some landscaping. This just hasn't been done. The Public Building Commission approved a motion for this project to go out for bid. Sinclair Hille had submitted an original design.

One of the judges has sent out an order about media coverage in the district court which settled a whole lot of things for that building. Mr. Cook asked what that issue was about? He wondered if it was a concern for limited coverage - or no coverage? Ms. Seng noted that they did not want the media in the chambers; and the judge felt there were too many people running up and down the halls.

Ms. Seng continued, noting that the PBC also heard again on the changing and moving of the different offices. Most of this has been made possible because the Election Commission will be moving out to 46th between Vine and "R" Streets. That building, which the County has purchased, is under re-construction there right now. So, when the Election Commission vacates across the street, the entire Personnel Department will be moving over there. When they move out of their two locations in this building, Georgia will be delighted at having everyone in one location. Then, the County Assessor and Human Services and Public Defender Offices will all be using parts of the areas vacated by the Personnel Department.

Ms. McRoy commented that one of the letters mentioned re-locating recycling bins to that lot. Ms. Seng stated that Gene Hanlon would be dealing with that issue. Ms. McRoy felt it was a good idea.

Ms. Seng continued, commenting on the City's sign policy (after the uproar created in the State Capitol rotunda regarding signs in that area). Ms. Seng noted that Mr. Roper was working on the City's policy regarding citizens' signs at the public meetings, stating that the current policy may take care of any situation that might arise. It was asked what the current policy is on such signs and Ms. Seng noted that that was uncertain, but Dana will check it out to make sure that it is adequate. Ms. Seng noted that really large signs probably would not be favored in the Chambers. It was asked if the signs could be [allowed] in the hallway rather than in the Chambers. Ms. Seng answered that those were the type of questions that would be answered with Mr. Roper's review.

Ms. Seng reported that the PBC then went into Executive Session on the North Block Parking.

Mr. Camp added that he had brought up two items at the meeting. One being the State Flags in the court rooms.

2. ISPC (Cook) - No Report

3. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) No Report

4. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) No Report

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: Ms. McRoy reported on the Co-ordination Meeting for the South/East Beltway Joint City Council/County Board Public Hearings. Ms. McRoy explained that nothing had changed as far as dates and times.

Ms. McRoy reported the highlights of discussion on the conducting of the meeting and the room set-up::

a) The amount of time a speaker would have (5 Minutes per person). The mediator wanted to stick to that proceudre - hard and fast. If someone wanted to speak again, they would go to the sign-up sheet and sign in again.

b) If several people signed up, could they transfer their time to one person and give that person extra time. (It was determined at the co-ordination meeting not to allow that)

c) Other logistics of the meeting

d) Planning Department would have a summary prepared of the Planning Commission's recommendations.

e) Also discussed was the duration of the meeting. Ms. McRoy asked the Council if, at 8:45 p.m. -near the close of the meeting- if there were many persons left to speak, would Council want to run until they had given everyone a chance to speak, or stick to the advertised time of 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - No conclusion had been reached. (Council determined that they would just as soon stay until everyone had an opportunity to speak - stating that flexibility is desirable)

f) Would those who spoke at the 15th meeting be allowed to speak on the 22nd.

These were all issues discussed at the meeting. Mr. Cook asked if there was discussion on the voting on the same evening as the meeting on the 22nd. Ms. McRoy stated that Mr. Henrichsen did discuss holding another meeting after the 22nd if action was not taken that night. Here flexibility was also encouraged. Ms. McRoy stated that Mr. Henrichsen planned to poll each individual Council Member and County Board Member to see what the consensus was on that issue. He felt a meeting could be scheduled then it would be slated, if necessary.

Ms. Seng noted that many people who had been involved in the beltway issue were anxious to just have the decision made with no further delays. Mr. Werner noted that if the vote was not what those people wanted, they would be the first to say, "well, you didn't consider what I said!"

Mr. Friendt noted that his choice would be to have another meeting within a day or two in order to give the Council and County Board Members a chance to review and reflect on the testimony on this very important issue. Mr. Svoboda agreed noting that he would like to have a little time to consider and review the testimony.

Discussion continued briefly with a decision to have the a meeting scheduled after the 22nd in order to vote *if necessary*, giving the two bodies the flexibility to vote either on the 22nd after discussion between the two bodies or at the later scheduled meeting.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Noted Without Comment

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook, on a follow-up on the Parks & Rec meeting, explained that all Council Members will be invited to the Parks & Rec Department's Parks Tour. Ms. Seng noted that Council always used to get a memo on that. Mr. Werner asked what that was. Mr. Cook explained that it was a formal tour of Lincoln's Parks put on by the Parks & Recreation Department.

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

VII. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on the "Opening Comments". Mr. Cook opened the floor for comments, noting that Dana Roper had reviewed the revised comments and found them acceptable. Mr. Camp stated that he would like to have the rules posted as a notice on the Chamber door or in the room and eliminate the reading altogether.

Mr. Friendt said that he supported the continued reading of the notice as a reminder to conduct the City's business with decorum and civility. He felt it did not hurt to have that reminder. He supported the modified version to expedite the meeting process, but supported continued reading *and* posting it as well.

Ms. Seng noted that a lot of other groups use the chamber and a posting might be

useful for them. Mr. Cook felt a cover page on the agenda each week could explain the rules. Ms. McRoy asked Ms. Ray to investigate what the cost might be of a semi-permanent plaque to post the rules. Ms. Seng noted that she and Mr. Camp would have to take that to the Public Building Commission. If there is going to be something attached to the building, it would have to be approved by the PBC.

Ms. Ray stated that it would be nice to have something on *all* the Conference Room doors which would accommodate signage by simply sliding the notice in place. This would accommodate all notices for everyone using the room (such as "Executive Session"...or "No Cell Phones")... without having to Scotch tape these notices to the doors. Ms. Seng and Mr. Camp indicated that could be brought up at the Public Building Commission meeting.

2. Discussion on the Council Guidelines - Mr. Cook noted that he had passed this information out last week in the hopes of putting a little more formality into Council's proceedings. We seemed to have slipped into a willy-nilly procedural fashion. The formal Council meetings are best for *public* input and the voting session. If we have big negotiations we need to conduct, he felt it was best, in most cases, to try to get those things done outside of the meeting rather than during the meeting. [Staff Note: This is what Pre-Council's are for]

Mr. Cook continued commenting that, regarding the discussions on negotiating dollar amounts before the public had even spoken, the feed-back he had been receiving after the meeting was negative He stated that perhaps Council needed a better understanding of when we should propose amendments. He observed that the Planning Commission seemed to be a much more professional operation, noting that they go through the agenda in a certain way, following certain rules. He stated that Mr. Russ Bayer does a fabulous job as Chair, adding that it was very impressive to watch them have their discussions, vote and move on. He explained that there is no confusion because they do one thing at a time and it's clear what they're acting on. If there is a problem, Mr. Bayer makes sure that things stay in line. Mr. Cook noted that while the Council is less formal than that, we need to be cognizant of following the procedure that we all understand.

Mr. Friendt stated that he recalled, in reviewing the Charter, that Council is supposed to conduct those meetings by Roberts' Rules of Order...it states that right in the Charter. The fact is, if you follow Roberts Rules of Order, it usually is an orderly process. Mr. Friendt stated that he felt before he would adopt a new set of rules, he would like to go back and just see what happens if we follow the ones we are supposed to be using. He felt the City Clerk is supposed to be the keeper of the Roberts Rules of Order and Council needed to listen a little more to her in terms of what actions take precedence. He stated that he would like to try that versus the Jonathan Cook Rules of Order. [Laughter]

Mr. Cook stated that his list is an attempt to cover things that are really outside of the Roberts Rules of Order. The Council also has separate rules, which conflict with Roberts Rules of Order and we follow our Council rules where that is the case. It's just that waiting to make motions...we can probably have considerable flexibility during our Council meetings,

even under Roberts Rules of Order. So, that's where this list comes in. He noted that there is no rule about how long any particular Council Member can go on regarding any particular issue or on asking questions during public hearing and so on. For instance we don't have a rule on discussion with staff - or even the audience. He felt we needed to have some formal understanding. Maybe we shouldn't call people up from the audience. He noted that when Planning Commission closes public hearing, the public hearing is closed. They discuss with staff during their deliberations, but they don't say "wait a minute....let's call someone up from the audience"...That's out of order. Mr. Cook commented that Council is very flexible on that, noting that there are circumstances where it is appropriate, but he felt Council should be careful about it.

Discussion continued on various points of order. Ms. Seng noted that she felt it was the City Attorney's role to be the person in charge of these points of order. She noted that perhaps Mr. Roper is uncomfortable doing that, but that would be where a great deal of help needs to repose. If Council is all confused, or angry at each other, or proceeding inappropriately, the City Attorney should get us back on track and operating properly. She noted that was just her thought on the matter.

Ms. McRoy stated that she had talked with Mr. Roper about the Roberts Rules of Order and he had said that the Council has historically been governed by them, but very loosely or informally. Ms. McRoy asked if the Council should start following the Rules to the letter, and Mr. Roper had indicated that it would not be necessary; just stick with what Council has done historically.

Ms. Seng noted that Mr. Friendt had mentioned the Clerk doing that, but she felt, possibly the City Attorney would be better suited for that role. Mr. Friendt stated that he thought the Clerk was responsible for that role. Ms. Seng noted that it needed to be someone other than the Council.

Mr. Cook stated that his list was not something that Council needed to adopt, but was just an outline. If any Council Members have a problem with them, we should discuss it. Otherwise, he felt this was generally the kind of thing we should try to stick to. He felt there was nothing to act on here today. Mr. Werner felt the outline was helpful.

Mr. Cook commented on when it might be appropriate to waive the rules for third reading. He felt is would be appropriate during public session, because if we know we're going to do it, then someone in the audience doesn't have to sit and wait for the voting session, but would know that it's been put on pending or delayed a week. He felt motions to waive the rules may be in order when certain amendments are proposed.

Mr. Camp noted that one thing he would like to add is that the comments he had received on the public hearing portion of the meeting were positive. He had received comments that it was refreshing to see Council finally conducting business in front of the public instead of behind closed doors.

3. Discussion on the request for Ambulance data to determine what information Council wants. It was decided that the information requested should be presented in the format as

requested - for all of the Council Members. The Council will have a weekly pre-council on this issue until they are comfortable that the situation is satisfactorily resolved.

Mr. Camp explained to Mr. Bowen that he had been trying for several months to get the information before he resorted to the RFI format. He stated that he didn't care what format the information was in, but just wanted to know: *What are the projections on revenues; on the number of emergency calls; what are the gross billable runs, what are we collecting, how long is it taking? Just the total numbers on the emergency transport*. Then if Council sees something "out of whack" then they can go back and see what needs to be done. He noted that it worries him that LFD is still saying there are a half-million in billable runs per month and the independent overseer saying no - not with Medicare. Then you can project anything you want because Medicare just pays $380.25. He wanted to be sure that, for budgetary concerns, the City doesn't have liability issues.

Mr. Bowen noted that the JD Edwards program has information that would answer those concerns. Mr. Camp stated that he had been going to that program for months and it has *not*.

Mr. Bowen noted that the RFI that brought up this thing had been reviewed and answered by Don and Mike in the format that Mr. Camp had presented them. Then, are there any things to be modified that anybody else wanted; was that the format that was preferred by everyone? Or was there some other information that was wanted or some other format to present it in.

Ms. McRoy asked if Mr. Bowen was saying that they had already answered in the format presented on Jon's RFI and addressed all those 12 items that were presented. Mr. Camp asked if he had missed the answer? Mr. Bowen stated that it was *tentatively* answered, pending whether or not there was some decision from Council for additional information or a different format.

Ms. McRoy stated that Council would look at the answers, which should be brought forward immediately, then if there are other questions or concerns, they could be addressed at a later time. Mr. Cook stated that he thought that the information Councilman Camp was asking for is a good start. Mr. Cook stated that his interest was in how many bills are 30 days over-due, 60 days, 90-days, 120 days. He felt Council should always have that information before us...every week. We ought to have this information updated every week.

We also are concerned about the information from the billing company saying that they were pushed to run up the numbers....they had them all in the computer....runs that they had done that were potentially billable, but actually didn't have the information and couldn't actually send bills because they didn't have enough information to make it happen. That was certainly misleading to us. He stated that he would like to have percentages of how many days after a run does a bill go out? He didn't get an answer to his question this morning. On average is it 2 days, 5 days, 20 days? Are these bills different from others? Do they need to be segregated by BryanLGH and St. E's . But he thought there should be *some* number there. (i.e. 20% go out within 2 days, 80% out within 6 days). He wanted an on-going reflection of how quickly we're getting the bills out the door. Then, of course, we'll see how

quickly they come back with our 30-60-90 day question.

Ms. McRoy stated that information comes from the vendor and wondered if there would be extra charges for the reports. Mr. Bowen stated that those kinds of reports are required from the contractor monthly. Mr. Cook thought if it costs extra money for such reports, it costs extra money. If we're saving $500-$1,000 in some fee somewhere because it takes a little more to collect the data we need...then we end up not knowing something we need to know...well - he can't worry about that fee too much at this point. We have to have that information before us. Too much information is better than too little.

Mr. Camp said that it was noted at the pre-council meeting that there was a computer terminal on Sherry Knudsen's desk where she could access that billing information on an instant basis as they're updated. He stated that his intent is not to create extra expense, but to get some simple information. Suggestions are welcome. The format is not important...he just wants the information.

Mr. Bowen said that they had the answer to the 12 points, but they were waiting to know if there is going to be a common format. Ms. McRoy stated that they should just use that format and if there is additional material needed, it could be requested later. Ms. Seng noted that all the Council Members should have the material. Mr. Cook stated that they also all want the additional information on how quickly the bills are being sent after runs

Ms. McRoy advised Mr. Bowen to go ahead with the format as submitted by Mr. Camp and cover those points and if there is additional information needed, the Council would request that. Mr. Svoboda stated that the contract called for monthly reports. Mr. Bowen passed out to Council the cover sheets that had been submitted with the earlier materials on this issue.

4. Discussion on when Council would like to reschedule their 911 Tour. - To be carried over to next week's "Noon" Agenda

5. Discussion of City Council investigation of Ambulance Issue. Council's Powers and Procedures to Investigate: Mr. Cook asked if, since weekly pre-council updates have been set up and we're getting the information that we requested, if we're not satisfied that progress is being made, we can talk about additional steps at a later time.

Mr. Camp stated that, as was expressed in the press release, it is important to do something in the pre-stage. He felt this was important. He noted that Russ Bayer was being brought in, which would be equivalent to the triage, stopping the initial hemorrhaging. He still felt there was a second step yet needed to really survey the situation and make sure its all working out.

He noted that people had been bringing to his attention the allocations between the Fire Department, (the City actually), and their parts in operating expenses. Peoples' time, for instance. We need to get a true picture of what expenses are being incurred. He noted that at present, he had no idea. He mentioned the consultant; he was concerned about Patty

West who was employed by the City at $55,000 per year a year or so ago, and is now being paid $65.00 per hour as a consultant.

Mr. Camp stated that he is concerned when he hears Mr. Shannon say that the Fire Department has software and if they'd used it January 1st, they would have gotten the billings out. They may not have been perfect, but it would have done the job. In summary, what he was saying is that he wants Council to have the investigation.

Mr. Cook noted that there are obviously issues which need to be checked into. The most important thing is to get the bill collection process working *right now*. If we have to investigate some other issues relating to this process, maybe that is something we can do. As far as the billing issue, you're talking about a consultant vs. a City employee. Mr. Cook stated that these were things on which Mr. Camp could just ask the Administration for a response. Mr. Camp responded by saying that he wanted an independent entity to come in and look at the system.

Mr. Cook asked if it was known what Russ Bayer was going to be doing in that regard. What questions can we ask him? Mr. Camp pointed out that he was reporting to the Mayor, not to the Council. Mr. Bowen stated that Russ will be the independent ambulance [inaudible]. If Russ wants to look into some other area, he has a free reign. Mr. Camp noted that he just does not know what information is out there and he wants some independent authority to find out and get somebody to find out where the problems lie. He noted that there may not be any problems, but he wanted it cleared up now so we don't find out five months from now that there is more stuff for concern.

Mr. Cook stated that he felt they needed a clear-cut mission if they were going to embark on spending resources to investigate. Mr. Camp agreed. Mr. Cook noted that we have a mission and that is to get the billing system working and monitored carefully 'til we're sure it is [working]. Beyond that, he thought we would just need to have more discussions. Mr. Camp stated that he was having Dana preparing for consideration a resolution to be introduced next week. Mr. Cook stated that we could continue the discussion then.

Mr. Friendt commented that if we keep mixing the two up... He noted that he would do everything in his power to keep the Council focused on getting this corrected and running properly; and recorded properly. That should be one of the outcomes - that we will have good management reports. To him, that was vital as one piece. If we decide to go back and look at what happened and how we got here [fine], but he did not want to get distracted at this point in terms of saying this is triage, but we want more data and wanting people to be looking inside.

Mr. Friendt stated that, especially if we're two weeks away [from results] he did not think it helps, while you're bailing water to try to decide who steered the boat into the rocks. First we have to get this thing floating right. We've got to do some of the things that it appears might not have been done in the first place in terms of management control. He thought we all shared the idea that it's pretty amazing that we're this far along to have this kind of a problem, this deep. He noted that no organization that he has ever been involved in would have allowed it to go this far. He felt it was because we may not have had clear-cut

performance measurements with a management system in place to be looking at those performances. That is where he would like to get to in these next two weeks.

Mr. Svoboda stated that we might be able to compromise this out by, instead of having Russ Bayer answer to the Mayor, having him answer to the Council instead. Mr. Svoboda noted that Russ is more than qualified to be able to recognize multiple problems that may exist. If he reports to us, we would have that response a little bit quicker as opposed to reporting to the Mayor and having the Mayor holding the information back.

Mr. Cook stated that we might want to keep him on beyond just the immediate need, but we have the immediate concern right now. Mr. Svoboda noted that's an added expense. Ms. McRoy stated that the power rests with the Mayor. Mr. Svoboda stated that it was his understanding that there is not even a contract. Mr. Bowen responded that Dana should be working on that. Mr. Roper stated that he had what the old one was, but he was not sure what the wording was.

Mr. Friendt stated that Russ's job is primarily to focus on the task we have at hand and that is to get it running smoothly and properly; not to go back.... Mr. Bowen stated that the Mayor had also indicated to Russ that, as he looked at things, if there were other things he wanted to look into, to tell the Mayor. He was open.

Mr. Svoboda said that he would amend his suggestion then to say that Russ would respond or report to both the Council and the Mayor, as opposed to just the Mayor, or just to the Council. Mr. Svoboda asked if Mr. Bowen would bring that up to Don and see what his thoughts might be. That way we'll have a little more one-on-one.

Mr. Cook stated that what it would come down to is that Council could communicate with Russ directly and have him report back to Council without having to filter that through the Mayor or administration, even though he would clearly be doing the task for the administration as well.

Ms. Seng noted that she really liked what Mr. Svoboda has suggested. She thought it would really be good if Russ Bayer could report to the Council also, if the Mayor would agree to that, so we would hear the reports as well as the Mayor - at the same time. Mr. Bowen stated that that was the Mayor's intention. Mr. Cook asked if the contract could be changed accordingly - as it states for whom Russ is working?

Mr. Werner noted that what we're saying is that we all want everybody in the same room at the same table together, which brings him to the pre-council for next week. He noted that Mr. Shannon should be invited....making sure he is here as well as the fire chief in case we have questions, as Glenn did this morning,.

Mr. Friendt indicated that that was one of the suggestions that he made to Mr. Thomas to pass on to Sherry & Mike is that he really believes that we're in this together and Mr. Shannon, in Mr. Friendt's opinion, has just as much pressure on him to do the right thing. Mr. Friendt stated that he would like to see all the partners sitting at the table, focusing on this problem together.

Mr. Camp stated that he would hold off on the request for an investigation if all that Ken has suggested is implemented. He noted that he is merely trying to get information. He noted that he had been trying to get that information for the past several months from Don Herz and Chief Spaedt and he wasn't given the information. He noted his concern that the information be given to Council.

Mr. Cook stated that that was the past, we need to address the present. We must adjourn. Thank you all. If there are Council requests, we'll hold them for next week.

VIII. MEETING DISMISSED - Approximately 1:20 p.m.

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