

**AGENDA
ABBREVIATED
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of May 7, 2007.
2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of May 7, 2007.

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

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Cook)
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
3. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)

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 -

Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:-
Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -

- 1.) Lowe's Home Improvement Center, 6101 Apple Way-by 59th & Hwy. 2 on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
- 2.) Capital Foot Center, 1150 N. 83rd Street on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
- 3.) Wright's Jewelers, 4101 Pioneer Woods Drive, Suite 100 on Friday, May 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
- 4.) Whispering Pines Bed and Breakfast, 21st Street & 6th Avenue, Nebraska City, on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.
- 5.) Saint Elizabeth Reg. Medical, 555 S. 70th Street on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
- 6.) MDP, Inc., 6101 S. 56th Street, Suite 4 on Tuesday, May 31, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

- 7.) Libations/The Grand Room, 317 S. 11th Street on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.
- 8.) Nebraska Children & Families Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall So., Suite 200 on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 5:15 p.m.
- 9.) Community Blood Bank, 2700 Fletcher on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.
- 10.) Pfeiffer Studio, 3601 Calvert Street, #26 on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.

11. Lincoln Police Department cordially invites you to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Ceremony observance on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 12:00 (Noon) on the east steps of the Justice and Law Enforcement Center, 575 South 10th Street - Reception will follow immediately after the ceremony in classrooms A and B at the Police Department - RSVP - (See Invitation)

12. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - Executive Reception on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 1135 "M" Street, 3rd floor - RSVP by May 14th to Jaime Henning by e-mail - (See Invitation)

13. Youth Leadership Lincoln XI Graduation Dinner on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at BryanLGH East Plaza, 1500 South 48th Street - 6:00 p.m., Reception - 6:30 p.m., Dinner - 7:00 p.m., Program - Cost: \$20.00/person - RSVP by May 11th to 441-4664 - (See Invitation)

14. The Capital Humane Society Board of Directors- 21st Annual Animal Awareness and Recognition Dinner on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 North 9th Street - 6:00 p.m., Cash Bar - 6:00 p.m., Silent Auction Begins - 6:45 p.m., Dinner, A Live Dessert Auction - Cost: \$25.00 each/Dinner - RSVP by May 11th with menu choice - (See Invitation)

15. A Homestead Celebration -Dedication of the Heritage Center- Join the National Park Service as Homestead National Monument of America "Proves Up" on Sunday, May 20, 2007 - at the Holiday Inn Express Convention Center, 4005 North 6th Street, Beatrice, NE - 1:00 p.m., Homestead Heritage Center Dedication Ceremony Begins - 3:00 p.m., Heritage Center Opens - 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Special Events Throughout the Monument - RSVP by May 11th - (See Invitation)

16. NeighborWorks Lincoln - Join us as we celebrate the completion of our 21st High School House, 2401 SW Soukup on Thursday, May 24, 2007 - 5:30 p.m., Recognition of Student Builders - 477-7181 - (See Invitation)

17. Spring 2007 Lincoln Police Department Academy Graduation and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at The Cornhusker Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 333 S. 13th Street - Reception Following - (See Invitation)

18. Lux Center For The Arts - A Celebration of Local Artisan Culture on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, 11700 SW 100th Street - RSVP by May 23rd - (See Invitation)
19. The 29th Annual celebration of the 2007 Mayor's Arts Awards on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts - 5:30 p.m., Reception (cash bar) - 6:30 p.m., Dinner - 7:15 p.m., Awards Ceremony - Cost: \$50.00/person - RSVP by May 23rd - (See Invitation)
20. Lowe's of Lincoln invites you to be a special guest at ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at Lowe's, 6101 Apples Way, Lincoln - RSVP to Craig at 42-3660 - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY COUNCIL NOON MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007**

Council Members Present: Patte Newman, Chair; Dan Marvin, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Robin Eschliman; Annette McRoy and Ken Svoboda.

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Ann Harrell, Administrative Aide to the Mayor; Doug Emery, Council Member Elect; John Spatz, Council Member Elect; Coby Mach, LIBA; Mary Meyer, Clerk; and other interested parties.

Chairman Newman convened the meeting at 11:10 am

Announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act posted on the back wall of Room 113.

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of May 7, 2007.

2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of May 7, 2007.

Chairman Newman called for approval of the above minutes. With no corrections minutes approved by acclamation.

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

Public Building Commission (Cook)

Cook stated an important issue discussed at the PBC meeting was water service to the Court House Plaza, from one, to one and a half, or two inches. The Commission talked about an upgrade in the Chambers and Luxford brought forth a proposal to replace the big, bulky, obsolete monitors. To repair these monitors it would take six (6) months to get parts, after sending to Des Moines for repairs. Would replace with flat screens of 42" to 50". The PBC members were not sure this was the optimal proposal and consider looking at other options.

Cook said the auditor contract, with Land and Associates, was discussed. The company also worked for Omaha, the Douglas County Public Building Commission. The last auditor was very slow in presenting a report to us, and approximately six (6) months overdue at the State, which was very embarrassing.

Cook commented the Commission wanted the Fund 67 shortage mentioned, for budget time. Fifty thousand had been cut and the Public Building Commission's request for money is really on par for needs, and when cut it means struggling to do even the basic services, like lawn mowing or snow shoveling on properties they manage for us. Will send a request this year asking for \$2,000 more than requested last year. The cost hasn't increased a lot, but they want us to realize how important it is and if money is cut would be very hard to replace or make up.

Cook stated another discussion was on the north parking lot. The gate goes up at 5:00 pm and when people attend night meetings know they can leave the lot without paying or having a coupon. The trouble is the fact that we have received numerous complaints from people who pay to park in the lot, usually city employees, not having space. People from surrounding businesses, and buildings, are seen parking in the lot and then leaving after 5:00

pm when it's free with the gate up. The Commission decided to start a policy of leaving the gate down for random amounts of time. May raise the gate at 5:00 pm, or 7:00 pm or whenever, and anyone having an evening meeting in this building will need to hand out parking cards, coupons. The PBC is looking into the possibility that on days when night meetings are scheduled the gate could be raised.

Newman asked if it is normal to pay to park in the lot on Saturdays? Bowen replied people do pay on football Saturdays.

Marvin asked for explanation on how someone would know, do they pull a ticket out when entering? Cook replied they are charged \$5.00 when they leave, if they don't have a ticket /coupon, which is obtained from the City or County. Cook added this discussion is antidotal and there are no specific numbers, just complaints of no space. But does make sense that if the gate is always up at 5:00 pm you could park free all day. Will see how it works with the random gate arrangement and then decide.

Cook stated the last item was the extension of their lease on the 233 Building, the State Patrol, which is the old police department building.

Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)

McRoy stated they had a bus system review noting the changes occurring, and thought possibly to get the word out through public hearings. Also, the Mayor gave out keys to the City. After announcement of no meetings for the next two months discussed some upcoming ethnic festivities. The Committee then requested a Council Member be appointed to join their committee.

Board of Health (Svoboda)

Svoboda stated the Board of Health will have some new appointments coming forward on the Air Quality Control Commission, probably within the next few weeks. Also, small changes are being made to the Air Quality codes, which is reaction to what the State has done.

Svoboda added there will also be some revisions coming forward on the food sanitation codes, which will be minor.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Bowen stated none at this time.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Bowen stated the room is reserved for the luncheon today beginning at 11:30 am.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

COOK - No Comments

ESCHLIMAN - Eschliman stated next week she would have a list of all Council committees. Stated while on the Web she saw committees which no Council member is now a member of. One thing to possibly discuss is why are we on these committees? Some committees involve a legal obligation to be a member, but we may question others as if it is tradition or what reason we are members, as there may be other urgent needs in our community requiring our participation. Believes this would be something members have never questioned.

Cook stated Grammer sends out a member list of which committees we attend. Eschliman said she realizes this but it doesn't agree with what is on the web, and we might want to put in order. Newman asked which web site? Eschliman replied under City Council members and each person has personal email and committees.

Cook said those are not updated regularly. Newman stated this would be good to remind Emery and Spatz about as they need someone to put their profile on the web site and possibly everyone needs to go on their own site and update. Newman thought it possibly went up the first year and then not updated. Eschliman stated it's been there for four years.

Camp stated also in alignment is getting the new Council constituted. Next Monday, at the Noon Meeting, could discuss scheduling a Council work session, or retreat, like we've done in the past. Would be productive and also help our new colleagues if they have questions. Have as an agenda item for the next Noon Meeting.

MARVIN - No comments.

McROY - No comments.

SVOBODA - No comments.

NEWMAN - Newman stated she had notes regarding different items, such as the town meeting, our vision and what Council wanted, thoughts on evaluations of staff, hoping it would help with the continuity of what the Chair should know. Does include legal writings from Roper. When you become Chair it is what you know and there may be questions and hopefully this will help.

Newman called for adjournment which was approved by accumulation. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Mary Meyer
Clerk