

**Agenda for
City Council Members' "NOON" Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2001
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
Conference Room 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Director's Minutes for December 11, 2000.
- *2. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for December 18, 2000.
- *3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Cable TV Franchise Negotiations - December 18, 2000.
- *4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Liquor License Zoning - December 18, 2000.
- **5. Director's Minutes for November 13, 2000.

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

- *1. Star City Holiday Festival Board Meeting (McRoy)
- *2. Downtown Lincoln Association Board Meeting (Seng) - **CANCELLED**
- 3. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors Meeting (Fortenberry/Shoecraft) – **REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO JANUARY 9TH.**
- 4. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Seng) – **REPLACED BY THE HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS ASSESSMENT STEERING COMMITTEE WITH THE PUBLIC POLICY CENTER**
- 5. Mayor's Downtown Action Team Meeting (Seng)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- **1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments (See Material).
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IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. You are invited to a Retirement Tea - In Honor of Lora Grant, Building & Grounds/Property/Management - On Tuesday, January 9, 2001 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 113 (See Invitation).

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Final policy decision on Council Meetings that fall on Monday Holiday Weeks. The City Clerk has asked about President's Day, which is on Monday, February 19th.
- *2. Scanner has been installed in Council Office. What kind of schedule would Council deem feasible for the initiation of placing the attachment documents to the Directors' and "Noon" Meeting Agendas as these Agendas are currently posted on the Internet?
3. Discussion on the scheduling for the Common Meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM DECEMBER 25, 2000.**

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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp and Johnson; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Chris Hain, *Journal Star* representative.

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Mr. Shoecraft, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Cindy Johnson moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng. Jeff Fortenberry requested that the "Noon" Council Members' Minutes of 12-18-00 be amended to delete the parenthetical reference to "repressive societies" noted in his comments on Page 5 of those Minutes, stating that the phrase was an interpretation which he had not intended. The minutes were approved, as amended, by the following vote: AYES: Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Cindy Johnson, Jerry Shoecraft, Jeff Fortenberry, Coleen Seng, Jon Camp; NAYS: None.

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

- *1. STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BOARD (McRoy) Ms. McRoy believed the meeting had been cancelled.
- *2. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN ASSOCIATION (Seng) - CANCELLED
- 3. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS MEETING (Fortenberry/Shoecraft) – Regular Scheduled Meeting Has Been Moved to January 9th.

- 4 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) – Replaced by the Human Service Needs Assessment Steering Committee with the Public Policy Center. Ms. Seng reported that this was a follow-up by the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center on the Hanna-Keelan Human Needs Assessment report. She indicated that the committee will be meeting monthly right around the schedule of the JBC Meeting, either before or after.

Ms. Seng indicated that the new project director was introduced at the meeting. Each month there will be a report to the committee. Ms. Seng noted that they're moving ahead quickly with a few community meetings already scheduled. They're trying to follow up on the report. Ms. Seng requested Council to remember the Nine-Priorities, noting that the Domestic Violence Coalition has really gone and done what they needed to do. They're now trying to get those other priority groups to get going in a manner similar to the Domestic Violence effort. The Committee will give periodic reports to the Council.

- 5. MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that they had talked about Haymarket Parking and the Pershing Study status. She noted that the RFIs will go out on January 22nd. Then there will be a 100 day time-line on the study.

Ms. Seng reported that brief over-views had been presented on the Old Federal Building and the Downtown Entertainment Center. She stated that this week would be the first meeting to review the proposals of the Old Federal Building applicants. She commented that she had been asked to sit in on that review process which will begin this Thursday.

Ms. Seng reported that Dallas McGee, Joel Pedersen and David Livingston were all there to talk about the Downtown Entertainment Center. She noted that 4 out of the 5 properties are very close to agreements. She reported that the 5th property may not even be needed. The two properties on each end of that block will remain; she noted that there wasn't anything that would be done about that.

Mr. Fortenberry asked which properties those were? Ms. Seng answered that it was Sartor Hamann and the apartment building.

Mr. Camp asked what the 5th property was that might not be needed? Ms. Seng did not know, but Mr. Livingston had just stated that 4 out of the 5 properties - the agreements were close, but he did not say which ones. Ms. Harrell reported that it was the Mars Bar, noting that they're still considering what to do with that relatively small area. It was noted that the Liquor issue for the development had been taken care of and everything would be fine in that regard.

Ms. Seng reported that Latch's on "O" Street is now City property. Ms. Harrell confirmed that the City had taken possession of the property. Ms. Seng reported that the Mayor had come in and informed the group that the real problem for everyone's continued consideration now is the Gold's Building. That's the one we need to put some time and effort in on.

Mr. Camp asked how the City got the Latches property, wondering if had been through eminent domain? Ms. Harrell responded that it had not - the owners (NBC/Wells Fargo Bank) sold it to the City. It had to do with getting the project officially begun.

The Stuart Theater conversion development, as well as several other establishment conversions, were briefly discussed.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Memo from Jennifer Brinkman on upcoming Mayoral appointments to: the Government Access and Information Committee; Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission; Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission; Board of Zoning Appeals; Urban Design Committee; Taxicab Review Board; Uniform Fire Code of Appeals; HVAC Advisory and Appeals Board and the EMS, Inc. Board of Directors - All Noted Without Significant Comment.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments!

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

CINDY JOHNSON - No Further Comments

JERRY SHOECRAFT - No Further Comments

JEFF FORTENBERRY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

JENNIFER BRINKMAN - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Ms. Brinkman commented on Legislative up-dates for Council. The fact that the Lobbyist, as mentioned at the Budget Retreat, was planning to hold Weekly Meetings on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. was noted. Council believed that if a Council member wanted information, attending this meeting would be a good way to stay informed on any legislative issues of concern to them. Mr. Bowman stated that the meetings would be approximately 30 minutes in duration.

After a brief discussion, another option, which was approved by Council, would be to continue the memo up-dates that have been used in the past with the notations of the administrations position and comments. This would allow Council Members to be aware of specific issues that Council was monitoring.

Ms. Harrell passed out information that Planning Director Kathleen Sellman had prepared for Council on Comp Plan Information.

Ms. Harrell also brought up for discussion the letters and messages from constituents urging the reconsideration of the sidewalk on West "O" Street. Ms. Harrell noted that several people who are affected by the cost of that sidewalk have sent letters to the Mayor saying they wanted it re-considered. Technically, because this would be the first meeting after it's passage, even though the actual `time since passage' was greater than the one week reconsideration requirement, Council could, in theory, move to reconsider, even though the Mayor had signed the legislation several weeks ago. As a policy matter the Mayor did not want to have the issue re-considered, a stand which the Public Works Department did not contest. Ms. Harrell noted, in addition, another aspect of the issue is that one area could not be reconsidered separately, but the legislation as a whole would have to be re-considered.

Ms. Harrell stated that the letters the Mayor's Office had received had been routed to Scott Opfer in the Public Works Department for a response. She noted this was just an update to the Council, with Administration hoping this would be the end of it.

Discussion ensued regarding the re-consideration options. Mr. Roper stated that any legislation could be re-considered at the next Council meeting, whether it had been signed or vetoed by the Mayor.

Ms. Harrell noted that she had just wanted to make Council aware of the Administration's position on the re-consideration issue.

Ms. Harrell commented that Mr. Lynn Robeson has become active with internet communications on the mobile home park issues. The Administration's Ombudsman is working with Building and Safety to get the questions and concerns on the issues answered. Ms. Harrell noted that if Council does not wish to deal with the issue to forward input to the Building and Safety Department for responses.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS -

*1. Final policy decision on Council Meetings that fall on Monday Holiday Weeks. The City Clerk has asked about President's Day, which is on Monday, February 19th. The determination made by Council after some discussion was to cancel Council Meetings that would fall on a Monday Holiday when the City/County Building is closed. Other Holiday weeks, when the holiday falls within the week, but not on a Monday, were left undetermined...to be left to Council's discretion in how to best serve the public interest. Mr. Dana Roper, City Attorney, was requested to prepare legislation that would clarify the initiation of this policy.

*2. Scanner has been installed in Council Office. What kind of schedule would Council deem feasible for the initiation of placing the attachment documents to the Directors' and "Noon" Meeting Agendas as these Agendas are currently posted on the Internet? After a brief discussion, Council determined that Staff should begin scanning materials for the Directors' and "Noon" Agendas on March 1st with a timeline of June 1st being set for total automation of the Agendas. There was consensus that any Council Member wishing to receive hard copies of all materials would still be accommodated by Staff - for a time.

It was noted that the Chamber and Room 113 would have to be prepared for the use of the laptops to make the change-over to "Paperless Agendas" feasible.

3. Discussion on the scheduling for the Common Meetings. - A brief discussion to gain consensus among Council Members regarding their preference for scheduling the Common Meeting. The Consensus was for bi-monthly meetings. This decision will be presented at the next Common Meeting under discussion of the scheduling issue.

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