

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Director's Minutes for April 9, 2001.
2. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for April 16, 2001.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Lincoln Fire & Rescue - April 9, 2001.
4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Evaluation of Job Performance - April 9, 2001.
5. Executive Session of the City Council - April 16, 2001 - Called by Mayor Don Wesely to discuss Personnel Matters.

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

1. L/L Homeless Coalition (McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Arbor Day - Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. - With the City of Lincoln and Roper Elementary School at Coddington Park - "Special Guest" Parker Rex - (See Brochure for Program).
2. You are invited to attend the 2001 Lincoln & Lancaster County Environmental Awards Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2001 - At the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension, 444 Cherrycreek Road - Dessert & Fruit Buffet, Beverages and Awards Presentation - Limited Seating Available - \$5.00 per person - RSVP by April 20th - For more information call 441-8035 (See Invitation).

3. Spirit Park Grand Opening on Sunday, May 6, 2001 - Please join us for the Dedication of Spirit Park, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Additional activities are scheduled until 3:00 p.m. You and your family are invited to participate in an afternoon of family fun, contests, clinics, BBQ and more!! - 84th & "O" Streets (See Invitation).
4. To extend an invitation for you participate in the Annual "Water Quality Open 2001" at Quarry Oaks Golf Club at 16600 Quarry Oaks Drive, Ashland, Nebraska on Thursday, June 7, 2001 - The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a brief assembling of the players and tee off directly following - \$60.00 per player includes golf & dinner - (See Invitation for more details).
5. The Updowntowners request the honor of your presence at their Premier Prom Party "Rockin' thru the Years" - highlighting proms of the past and present - 8:00 p.m. to Midnight - on Friday, May 11, 2001 - at Seventh Street Loft, 512 South 7th Street \$10.00 person - (See Invitation).
6. On Thursday, May 3, 2001, the Southwest Business and Civic Association, at their regular meeting will hold the 20th Annual Elected Officials Recognition Day for City, County and State officials - At the Old Speedway Motors and Speedway Museum, 300 Speedway Cr. (Van Dorn & Park Avenue) - at 11:30 a.m. - (See Invitation).

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on what Council would like to do about the evening Council Meeting for Monday, May 28th because of the Memorial Day, Observed Holiday.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Others Present: Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ross, Teresa Brock, City Clerk's Office; Don Herz, Finance Director; Mark Hunzeker, Attorney; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp and Johnson; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Mark Andersen, *Journal Star* representative.

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATION:

Prior to the listed Agenda items being addressed, Don Herz, Finance Director, Joan Ross, City Clerk and Teresa Meier-Brock, Deputy City Clerk, came forward to address the Council on the Formal Council Minutes and the transcription of these minutes as the City's permanent record.

Mr. Herz stated that they were requesting a change-over from verbatim transcription to a summary-style. He indicated that the Clerk's Office had made up two copies of the minutes from the last Council meeting for review. One was done in the current verbatim style, the other in the summary style. He pointed out that the difference is that the verbatim version is about 37 pages long and the summarized version is approximately seven pages long. Obviously, he noted, it would save a significant amount of time for staff to adopt the summary style.

Ms. Ross had conducted a survey of various cities of varying sizes throughout the country and received eight responses which she shared with Council. Lincoln is, apparently, the only city that transcribes the minutes of the Formal Council meetings verbatim. All other cities contacted, (including some Ms. Ross contacted at a City Clerk's training seminar which were not included in the survey), used summary of public testimony with records of actions only. The public hearing summary would include the Agenda Item, and name and address of each individual speaker and whether the individual was in favor or opposed to the issue. The introduction, subsequent motions and actions on legislation, with Council votes, would, of course, continue to be recorded

The Clerk's office would maintain the taped record on file with transcription to be done only upon request and for a fee. Several options of preserving the records, retrieval options and which source would be determined to be the official permanent record were issues discussed. Mr. Dana Roper, after Council agreed that it would be of benefit in time savings and convenience to adopt the new format, was directed to investigate the issue for any legalities that might be involved in the implementation of the new process.

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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 and carried 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. LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION (McRoy) Ms. McRoy indicated that she had attended the meeting and commented that of interest to Council would be the Recognition Day for those who work with the homeless. It will be on May 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the L.A.P. Large Conference Room. Nominations are being taken for people who have done some outstanding work with the homeless population. This Recognition Day will be a kind of "thank you" to those people who work in the field.

Ms. McRoy noted that they have a group called the Consumers Advisory Panel, people who are homeless and clients of the homeless agencies; they have their own meeting and a representative sitting on the Coalition. She thought it was interesting that the CAP took a survey of temptation needs. She wondered why the questions hadn't been very scientifically written, until she realized that these were not agency people...not professionals, but were from the Consumer Advisory Panel. They wanted to approach some agencies with ideas about talking to StarTran and the Advisory Task Force. Though Ms. McRoy had tried to be gentle in her remarks regarding the survey, she felt that some of the others on the Coalition Board hadn't been very kind in their remarks about the survey format.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - None reported

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook asked about the two amendments proposed on the sign ordinances. A brief discussion ended with Council agreeing that, while micro-management by Council is not desirable, the amendment to prohibit certain signage options, but allow waiver by Council in the Use Permit process, was acceptable.

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

CINDY JOHNSON - Ms. Johnson asked if any of the other Council Members were going on the refueling flight with the National Guard? None were, so Ms. Johnson decided she was the only daring Council Members and said she'd just go by herself. [Laughter]

JERRY SHOECRAFT - No Further Comments

JEFF FORTENBERRY - Mr. Fortenberry shared briefly with Council his experience on going out on an ambulance call. He felt the experience was very fascinating and gave him a concrete feeling for one of the many abstract issues Council is always dealing with on a policy decision level. He was impressed with the professionalism and thorough attention to details he witnessed on the call. He recommend the experience for any Council Member who might be interested.

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng asked Ms. Brinkman if the Mayor was doing the Environmental Awards ceremony. She asked if any Council Members need to be there. Ms. Brinkman did not know, but would check with Amanda and let Ms. Seng know. Ms. Seng felt Council should have some representation at the Awards ceremony.

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

JENNIFER BRINKMAN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Ms. Brinkman presented the list of legislation currently before the Unicameral which would be of interest to the Council, with the Administration's notations of the City's stance and concern on each bill. This material is detailed in the hand-out material received by each Council Member.

Mr. Fortenberry asked about the Addendum to the Health Board Appointments. Ms. Brinkman indicated that they had been delivered to the Council Office late last Friday. Ms. Johnson noted that it was in the Council office, and staff could get a copy to Mr. Fortenberry if he wished.

[The material was received in the Council Office late Friday afternoon, after the packets had been sent on Thursday. Council Staff places material received too late to be included in Thursday packets on the following week's Agenda unless it is material for an item on the immediately following Monday's Formal Agenda. This material, which is for introduction on April 30th and vote on May 7th, will be noted on the April 30th "Noon" Agenda under "Appointments/Reappointments"]

VII. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on what Council would like to do about scheduling the evening Meeting for May, 2001 since May 28th, the final Monday of the month is the Observed Memorial Day Holiday. *[Council had determined at the Directors' Meeting earlier that the meeting for Monday, May 28th would be cancelled. The night meeting for the month of May would be scheduled for Monday, May 21st at 5:30 p.m.]*

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:30 p.m.