

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2001
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for July 16, 2001.

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

1. Homeless Coalition (McRoy/Werner)
2. PRT Meeting (Seng)
3. Board of Health (Svoboda)
4. C-SIP Meeting (Seng/McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Governor Mike Johanns invites you to the 2nd Annual Governor's Summit on WorkForce Development - On August 21 & 22, 2001 at the Cornhusker Hotel - Registration Fee is \$195.00 (See Brochure for more details - Schedule and Times).
2. Tabitha Health Care Services cordially invites you to attend The Tabitha Intergenerational Center - Grand Opening & Open House on Friday, July 27, 2001 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Tabitha Intergenerational Center, Corner of 47th & J Streets - Tours of the Intergenerational Center will be conducted and refreshments will be served - A ribbon-cutting and presentation will occur at 3:00 p.m. (See Invitation).
3. Join us for the New Urbanism lecture on planning & growth alternatives by Andres Duany - on September 6, 2001 - 6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. lecture - Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge Street - Omaha, Nebraska - (See Invitation).

4. Time for some Fun in the Sun!! - Come to the dedication of Vavrina Mini-Park on the corner of Annette Drive & 16th Street on Saturday, July 28, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. – Bring the kids to launch the new Playground equipment! (See Invitation).
5. 2001 National League of Cities - Investing In Cities: The Key To America's Future - 78th Congress of Cities & Exposition - Atlanta, Georgia - December 4-8, 2001 (See Brochure for more details).

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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, Joel Pedersen, City Law Department; Chief Casady, Lincoln Police Department; Don Herz, Finance Director; Peter Katt, Attorney; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members' Friendt, Camp and Svoboda; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Chris Hain, *Journal Star* representative.

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for July 16, 2001.

Mr. Jonathan Cook, Council Vice-Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng 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. HOMELESS COALITION (McRoy/Werner) - No Report

2. PRT MEETING (Seng) Ms. Seng reported on the type of information that comes from the Police Department, explaining the PRT process briefly for the newer Council Members. She noted that Building and Safety, the Police Department, Health and Human Services, Urban Development, etc. are all involved in the problem evaluation and solutions process. She informed Council Members that Kim Koluch from the the Police Department chairs the meeting - quite often, having gone out the day before and taken pictures to show the actual details of a reported property. The Problem Resolution Team gives the City the opportunity to act on problem properties when one department can't seem to resolve a situation. Often the violations are health related; often times the police need to be involved.

The PRT group meets on the 3rd Thursday every month and the week before that, they hold a small planning meeting. The Mayor's Office is always represented at the meetings along with the Law Department, because quite often the issues invovled have already gone to the Law Department. Ms. Seng noted that many of the issues deal with the areas of Lincoln that are a little bit older, because that is where there are violations....but not always.

3. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda stated that he had attended the meeting, though he was a little bit late and therefore missed a couple of the earlier reports. However, he noted that there were a few things that had been discussed, one being a proposal by the Food Advisory Committee. They will be putting forth the proposal which would firm up the requirements for food handling permits for vendors coming into the City for one-time events such as `Rib-fest' and some of the others. Pretty much it states that if our tax paying individuals in this City are held to a certain set of standards, everybody else coming into the City should be held to the same standards. That was passed unanimously.

The Annual Meeting was discussed. There is some question right now regarding the time factor of having the Annual Meeting in January. Mr. Svoboda stated that they had been very fortunate over the last twenty years in having 300-500 people every year with a national speaker being brought in. The annual speaker has always made it. But, when you're having a snow storm in January, sometime that won't be the case.

But there was also a concern on the huge amount of stress the timing was placing on the staff because they're putting on the Annual Meeting production at the same time that they're working on the Annual Report. We brought forward for consideration the possibility of having the Annual Business Meeting with the election of officers in January, as usual and according to statute; but having the Banquet and Awards Ceremony sometime in March or April. This is being considered and Mr. Svoboda indicated that he would keep the Council apprized of any final decision. He also encouraged Council Members to attend the Annual Meeting, noting that the Council is the least represented public body in attendance at these meetings. He promised to harangue and harass everyone to insure that there will be better representation of Council at the next Annual Meeting.

4. C-SIP MEETING (Seng/McRoy) Ms. Seng reported that they would continue to work on the amount of money that is going to be paid to the Public Policy Center over at the University (UN-L). They are contracted to do the follow-up to the Hanna-Keelan report, and a certain budget had been approved, funds coming from different agencies and governmental bodies, and all had a set amount that was previously approved. But the C-SIP did commit themselves to helping the Center raise more dollars. There was a meeting this past week at the Lincoln Center Building and we're exploring all the options and developing a strategy. Ms. Seng noted that she had committed herself to helping with this because they really needed to have a higher budget level, but we did not have the funds to quote a higher offer.

Ms. McRoy noted that the Center had offered three options on the funding and Ms. Seng commented that the C-SIP group had taken the lowest of the three. Ms. McRoy explained that there would be a lot of vital things left out of the final report if we didn't make some funding commitment.

Someone asked what the initials C-SIP stood for? Mr. Werner responded that it stood for Community Service Implementation Projects.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - Ms. McRoy gave a briefing on the meeting held this morning to help in the coordination of the upcoming Beltway Public Hearing Meetings scheduled for August 15th and 22nd in the Council Chambers (rather than at the Cornhusker as was originally planned). There will be no facilitator as had been discussed at an earlier planning meeting. The two bodies would be seated at the dais with the City and County Clerks calling the Council and County Board (respectively) to order. It was agreed that Mr. Bob Workman would conduct the meetings as Chair. This would not be a Common Meeting, but a joint meeting of the two bodies. Minutes would be taken, verbatim by a Court Reporter at a cost of \$2,000.00 - to be shared equally by the City and County. This would supply the verbatim record in case of litigation. There would be tv monitors set up in the hallway and in Conference Room 113 so the public could follow the proceedings even if there was an over-flow from the Chamber's seating capacity.

There would be maps and City/County Staff, and NRD personnel stationed in the hallway as well, to answer any specific questions from citizens. There would also be a sign-up sheet in the hallway with the announcement, probably in the Opening Remarks, that anyone wishing to address the two bodies in public testimony would have to sign up on these numbered sheets. When a sheet was filled, the Planning Staff would run copies for the Board and Council members to have before them during the Public Hearing.

It was agreed that the public hearing would continue until all those citizens in attendance who wished to speak had the opportunity to do so. It was noted that on the night of August 22nd, the final public hearing on the Beltway issue, the break after public hearing would be one-hour for consideration of all the testimony - and dinner. The timing of the meetings had been discussed with an assurance that at least one could be considered an evening meeting, to insure that everyone would have an opportunity to testify - with the two bodies taking testimony until all have been heard.

Dana Roper, City Attorney, suggested to Council that it would be inappropriate for Council Members to visit with any citizens on the Beltway issue during this consideration period, noting that *all* input should be submitted at the public forum in the Chambers. Ways to implement this policy were briefly discussed at the "Noon" Meeting. It was noted that two County Commissioners would not be attending the meeting, but it would only take a majority of the Commissioners in attendance (two) to pass the County's resolution on this issue. Mr. Roper mentioned that the two County Commissioners who had conflict of interests on this issue were the two who *would not* be in attendance and probably *should not* be in attendance.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Mark Bowen indicated to Council that he would be handling the "Appointments/Reappointments" and the "Mayor's Requests of Council" in the absence of Ms. Jennifer Brinkman until August 27th when Ms. Amy Tejral would be officially and permanently taking over those duties in the Mayor's Office.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

Prior to the Council Members' comments, Mr. Cook asked Mr. Don Herz to come forward with information on the Fire/Ambulance Billing report. Mr. Herz passed out the information to Council noting that the billings have gone out for the months of April and May. He noted that the report reflected activities through last Friday. Council had no questions.

Mr. Cook asked Mr. Joel Pedersen to review the possibility, necessity or desirability of a reconsideration of the approval of Special Permit 1918 [to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises at 338 North 27th Street.] (Adopted as Amended 4-3 on 7-16-01 - Resolution A-80974) After the presentation and a brief discussion, it was determined that, lacking further mitigation, a reconsideration would not be requested, but that the matter would be left in the hands of the Mayor.

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook shared with Council material from several years past, regarding the budget process and the Council's lack of input at crucial points of deliberation, noting that issues never seem to change.

He also mentioned the Council's own Office Budget noting that it may be necessary, regarding the staffing issue, (as Councilman Fortenberry pointed out regarding the expanded duties involved in running the office), to investigate the need for more support. Mr. Cook stated that whether that support would be through a staff member, yet to be defined exactly - but could be defined after the budget vote; or whether, as Jon suggested, it would be through adding money to the discretionary fund, it is still something that Council will need to deal with at some point. Mr. Cook stated that he was interested in doing something this time around in the budget process - but maybe we should try to address some of the issues we've had to deal with.

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy announced that there would be a rally at the Kuklin Pool on this coming Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on when Council would like to reschedule their 911 Tour. - *Hold Over*

VIII. MEETING DISMISSED - Approximately 1:10 p.m.

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