AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001
Immediately Following Director’s Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Director’s Meeting for October 8, 2001.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ONBoARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

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

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Nebraska Tax Research Council’s — 51st Tax Forum and Annual Meeting - Friday, November 2, 2001 – The Country Club Of Lincoln, 3200 South 24th Street - from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.—$45.00 each — RSVP by Tuesday, October 23rd – Cancellation deadline is Wednesday, October 31st (See brochure for more details).

2. Leadership Lincoln’s 1st Annual Celebration of Community Leadership – On Thursday, October 25, 2001 - BryanLGH Plaza Conference Center, 1600 South 48th Street – 5:30 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m., Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Program, – Cost is $25.00 with a cash bar available, as well as a vegetarian option for dinner – Please RSVP by October 10th (See Brochure for more details).

3. CELLULARONE - Nebraska will join communities across the nation who participate in the CALL to PROTECT program, a national educational and philanthropic initiative that provides the security and mobility of wireless phones
to victims of domestic violence. The wireless phones, pre-programmed to dial 911 and one non-emergency number, can summon help with the push of a button. On Thursday, October 18, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at Embassy Suites – RSVP by Friday, October 12th to Donna Logback, Regional Marketing Manager, Cellular One, 786/313-0030 or 785-565-7632 (See Letter of Invitation).

4. National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People - Because the NAACP-Lincoln Chapter is concerned about and committed to the issues surrounding growth and development, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2001, the NAACP- Lincoln Chapter is coordinating a forum for community leaders focusing on strategies for forming community partnerships. They will gather together at the Southwest Community College Downtown branch (1111 “O” Sts.) To learn more about how they can work together in this exciting time of community growth. RSVP to 472-0249 (See Letter of Invitation).

5. The Lincoln/Lancaster Mental Health Foundation will celebrate twenty years of supporting and enhancing the programs of the Community Mental Health Center and raising awareness of mental health issues in our community. Thursday, October 18, 2001 – Reception from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – At Community Mental health Center of Lancaster County, 2200 St. Mary’s Avenue, Room 24 (See Invitation).

6. Lincoln Southwest Silver Hawks - You are cordially invited to attend the Cornerstone Celebration for Lincoln Southwest High School On Sunday, October 14, 2001 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lincoln Southwest High School – (See Invitation).

7. Come Celebrate With Us For The Grand Re-Opening of Lincoln’s Wal-Mart SuperCenter - Special Recognition for those who have helped make Wal-Mart Successful. On Wednesday, October 24, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – At Wal-Mart Super-Center, 4700 N. 27th Street – RSVP to Lori Botz at 438-2963 (See Invitation).

8. It’s the 17th Annual Gardner Hinde Davis and Davis Design Football Open House! – Please join us for a little pre-game cheer in our Lincoln Office before the Husker take on the Kansas State Wildcats – Open House! – On Saturday, November 10, 2001 – 3 hours before game time ... - RSVP to Sheri at 476-9700 – The Cornerstone, 211 N. 14th Street (See Invitation).

9. Invitation from Terry Bundy, LES – Laramie River Station (LRS) Generation Facility Tour (Wheatland, Wyoming) – Plans are to charter a plan and visit the plant on Friday, October 19, 2001 – RSVP to Mary Tomlinson, LES at 473-3202 (See Letter of Invitation).
V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Council discussion on Redistricting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES  
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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, Amy Tejral, Mayor’s Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Don Herz, Finance Director; Kent Morgan, Planning; Dave Shively, Election Commissioner; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Friendt, Camp and Svoboda; Joan Ray, Council Secretary.

I. MINUTES
1. Minutes of Director’s Meeting for October 8, 2001.

Jonathan Cook, Council Vice-Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Terry Werner 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. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) Mr. Camp reported that there had been a dual meeting. They met an hour early to discuss some of the long-term space planning. A time-frame for 3rd floor development in this building was discussed. After a great deal of discussion, one of the elements that came up was Personnel Department. The Mayor froze some of the carry-over funds which affected the move of Personnel. The meeting was concluded with a notation of the need for an update on what was done 10 years ago regarding space planning needs. To this end, Jim Hille is going to come back with a proposal on that. He talked about a six- to eight-month timeframe. That way, we can avoid this knee-jerk reaction in shifting people; but at the same time, understand how the space needs all interact with the Old Federal Building, Trabert Hall, the Old Police Department, 3rd Floor here and other locations available.

Mr. Bowen noted that Administration did ask Mr. Hille to revise his proposal to four to six months instead, to make it more compatible with the City’s budget cycle.

Mr. Camp reported to the Council that the PBC was ordering new tables and chairs for Conference Room 113. The new configuration would be more conducive to interaction.
with the audience in attendance at the meetings held here. Mr. Werner asked if those will be utilized with the tables currently in use? That was not the case.

In discussion regarding the replacement of the Council Chamber Chairs, and the cost involved in the replacement of the furnishings in Conference Room 113 (PBC had approved $5200 for chairs and $1100 for the tables), Council believed that the expenses were not warranted considering the budget cut-backs currently being enacted. Mr. Werner asked if those funds weren’t frozen. Mr. Camp explained that this would come from the budget of the Public Building Commission.

Mr. Cook felt the chairs in the Chamber should be a higher priority for replacement due to the difficulty of adjustment. He and other Council Members noted that those chairs did not “televise” well. Ms. Seng explained that the chairs in Conference Room 113 are used by many groups and receive much greater use than the chairs in the Chamber.

Mr. Werner commented that he agreed with Mr. Friendt that the expense was not justifiable at this time of budgetary concerns. Ms. McRoy agreed, stating that we really shouldn’t be buying chairs right now. Mr. Cook stated wryly that they should initiate a BYOC Program. Ms. Seng suggested that Mr. Camp discuss these concerns with Ms. Campbell and Mr. Hudkins. [Mr. Friendt made a relatively inaudible comment regarding the County Events Center]. Mr. Camp stated that he would discuss this with the County Commissioners and relay the Council’s concerns to Don Killeen.

Ms. Seng mentioned that there would be a security keypad at the door near the elevators which will be similar to the one on the west door. It was agreed that that would be a nice accommodation.

Mr. Camp noted that the PBC had also approved a sum of $77,902 for a partial payment out of the $250,000,000 prepared for the State Police and added that that was all of the finance news.

Mr. Camp reported that they had reviewed the Brehm family donation of the eagle sculpture. They also discussed, regarding the changing of the parking facilities for the public, the conversion in recabling in the south parking lot. This will make it more convenient and also provide more employee parking where some of the public parking wasn’t being used.

The judges and others are still discussing what we will do regarding Juvenile Drug Court and what we might do on that. Nothing has been decided at this point.

He noted that the PBC was also still working on the space heater problem. Ms. Seng noted that they were waiting for word from the State on their policy regarding this issue.

Ms. Seng asked Mr. Bowen to recap the security meeting that had been held on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Bowen explained that the meeting was held to address security for this building and the government complex, generally. The agencies in this building really need to decide what degree of security they would like to have. There was a general consensus that they would be looking at putting gates in at parking areas both under the jail and under this building...as a first priority. Mr. Bowen reported that other areas of security were discussed and considered. Council concurred that it would be beneficial to have a pre-council on this issue. Mr. Roper indicated that it could be called under Executive Session. It was noted that a Task Force has been formed to look further into all options that might be feasible and/or desirable.
2. **ISPC (Cook) - No Report**

3. **MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy)** Ms. McRoy reported that they had been debriefed over the cultural dialogue - what has been done and what would be better to do. There were quite a few requests from different organizations to link to the MAC’s website, but we understand from Diane Gonzolas that CIC will be re-doing the City’s entire website shortly. That should be in process soon; and the City Attorney’s Office is looking at procedures and policies on who can link to the City’s website. So, we won’t make a decision on that until they come forward with a broader City policy about who can link to our website.

4. **BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) - Carry Over to October 22, 2001 “Noon” Meeting for Report.**

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:** Ms. McRoy reported that the CLC (Community Learning Center) is moving forward. The City has a major part in that, with Bonnie Coffey being the City Team leader. There should be a community meeting sometime in January.

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS** - Noted Without Significant Comment

**IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS** - Noted Without Significant Comment

**V. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP** - Mr. Camp asked why the City is putting a big hole in the middle of the sidewalk right across from Bryan Hospital. He noted that he should have asked Mr. Abbott that question when he was here. Mr. Cook suggested sending an RFI request on that, noting that Public Works has had that question 100 times, and he was sure they would have an answer for Mr. Camp.

**JONATHAN COOK** - No Further Comments

**GLENN FRIENDT** - No Further Comments

**ANNETTE McROY** - No Further Comments

**COLEEN SENG** - No Further Comments
KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner asked the Mayor’s representatives at the meeting about the Charter Revision meeting. He asked whose idea it was to bring forward a raise for the Council? Mr. Bowen noted that that was one of the things that we asked be put on their agenda. Mr. Roper noted that the meeting will be held the 25th.

Mr. Cook noted, regarding that, that the language which has been discussed would state that the sum would be no more than 40% of the Mayor’s salary. Then, as the Mayor’s salary is adjusted, year to year, Council salaries would be adjusted accordingly. There might be a bonus, as is done in Omaha, for the position of Chair - perhaps 45% or 50% of the Mayor’s salary. Mr. Roper indicated that that would be fine. He stated that the Agenda and Packet had already been sent out, so if Council would want that to be considered, we probably need to receive that language from you. Mr. Cook indicated that Council would see if we could come up with some language prior to the Charter Revision meeting.

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen gave out the up-date on the Ambulance Emergency Services (Attached). The second issue he brought forward was the tentative agenda set for the Wednesday Joint Meeting with the Omaha City Council. Mr. Bowen stated that one or two of the Omaha members would be late, but would try to join them at some point during the two hour meeting.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS -

**ADDENDUM**

**(MISCELLANEOUS)**

1. **Meeting Schedule:** Should a Council Meeting be held on the Monday preceding the Thanksgiving Holiday? Upon discussion, it was determined that none of the Council Members had travel plans that would conflict with a meeting on this date and it was therefore determined that Council would meet on the date of November 19th. This decision was also influenced by the fact that there would be no meeting on the preceding Monday (November 12th) due to the Veterans Holiday and the following meeting (November 29th) would be a night meeting. Since there would, therefore, be no Pre-Councils/Directors or “Noon” Meetings on those dates, it was deemed that this would be too long a period to go without benefit of the informational pre-councils and input exchange from the Directors/“Noon” meetings.
1. Council discussion on Redistricting - Mr. Dave Shively, the Lancaster County Election Commissioner, and Mr. Kent Morgan of the City Planning Department were in attendance to facilitate a discussion on City Council Redistricting. Plans were discussed and questions regarding legalities and tradition were posed and answered. A final decision was made to have the Planning Department draw up new district maps taking into consideration the comments and requests made at today's meeting. The Council would then make further determinations at a One Hour Pre-Council Session on Monday, October 22, 2001.

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