

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for November 19, 2001.
- *2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Litigation - November 19, 2001.
- 3. Minutes of Director's Meeting for October 1, 2001.

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

- *1. Star City Holiday Festival Board Meeting (McRoy)
- 2. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
- 3. Internal Liquor Committee (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner)
- 4. PRT Meeting (Seng)
- 5. Downtown Lincoln Bid Association Board of Directors Meeting (Werner)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

- 1. Leadership Link – City and County Employees Are Invited – Rescheduled
Speaker - Lieutenant Governor Dave Heineman will speak at the Tuesday, December 4th, 11:45 a.m. Luncheon Meeting of the City-County Chapter of the National Management Association at Valentino's, 35th & Holdrege – The Luncheon buffet is \$8.00 – RSVP to Brenda Wolfe at 441-8051 (See Invitation).
- 2. Open House - Please join DayWatch in a Community Appreciation Reception on Saturday, December 8, 2001 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at DayWatch, 1911 "R" Street (See Invitation).

3. Tour of the ALLTEL Call Center and Discussion of ALLTEL's Plan to Ensure Quality Customer Service on Monday, December 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. – At ALLTEL Call Center, 401 South 21st Street – RSVP to Larry White at 436-5028 (Set up as a Pre-Council Tour for December 10th).
4. You are cordially invited to attend The 31st Annual Junior Achievement Future Unlimited Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 13, 2001 at The Cornhusker Hotel – Dinner and Program Begin at 6:30 p.m. – Please respond by December 7th to Jennifer A. Cusick-Rawlinson, After-School Program Director, Junior Achievement at 434-6422 (See Invitation).
5. Ross Engineering Inc. - Season's Greetings - Please join them for a Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 6, 2001 to be held at their office at 201 North 8th Street, Suite 401 in The Candy Factory from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Regrets Only to 474-7677 (See Invitation).

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the E-Mail from City Clerk Joan Ross regarding Sign up to talk sheets (See attached E-Mail).
2. Discussion on the E-Mail from Linda Pappas, Lincoln Public Schools regarding that the LPS School Board would like to meet with the City Council after the first of the year. Could you please suggest some dates, 7:30 a.m., that would work for the City Council to come to their building for a meeting. (See attached E-Mail).

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2001.**

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; **ABSENT:** None.

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Amy Tejral, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ross, City Clerk; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Friendt, Camp and Svoboda; Joan Ray, Council Secretary.

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Ms. Annette McRoy, Council Chair opened the meeting prior to the arrival of Mr. Cook, who normally conducts the "Noon" Meetings. Ms. McRoy 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, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT FOR VOTE:** Jonathan Cook

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

*1. **STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BOARD (McRoy)** Ms. McRoy reported that Star City Parade is on track. The parade will be Saturday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m. There will be a parade breakfast Friday morning.

2. **PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng)** Ms. Seng reported that there had been a report on the security of the Law & Enforcement Building. They're having trouble with the access provided by the elevators. People are getting upstairs and wandering around freely. They're now talking about having a "security card" situation. The 911 Center was also at the meeting and also expressed concerns regarding the security at the building. We also discussed gated parking beneath this (County/City) building. - So, most of the discussion involved security issues.

Ms. Seng noted that gated parking would probably be installed beneath this building. If this is done, there would be no need for a security entry pad for the door by the elevators on the ground floor. The stair doors on this building were discussed, with the thought in mind that they will have to be secured in some manner. Then we will have to decide what changes will be made in the next building. She noted that it was very complicated in determining what is tied into what system.

Mr. Camp explained that \$20,000 had been approved for software and a card reader for one of the elevators in the Law and Justice Building. Currently, they're just turning elevators off at night since they've had people gravitating upstairs after 5:00 p.m. and this is breaching security. There is also concern about the stairways.

Mr. Camp stated that they were trying to be pro-active in the approach to the problem. They're looking to the future and other options for the security questions. Ms. Seng noted that in the future, we may have to have cards for all employees, as Omaha already does. She reported that most of the members of the PBC felt they wanted to keep the County/City Building as open to the public as possible.

Ms. Seng continued, reporting that the building across the street (the Old Election Commission Building) has been re-named the 900 "J" Building in reference to its 9th & "J" Street location.

Mr. Camp reported that they had received a time-table from Dallas McGee on the Old Federal Building. Basically, April of next Spring will be their "drop dead" time on getting the negotiations together and then they will decide on how to move ahead. The Council had not received the information, though the County Board had.

Mr. Camp noted that there had been discussion of the Nash-Finch Building as well. It had been determined that the redevelopment of that building would be a cooperative effort with the City, County and State. Ms. Seng encouraged Council Members to tour the building.

Mr. Cook commented that he had spoken to Bill Luxford regarding monitors in the Council Chamber for the dais. Mr. Luxford indicated that he had tried to set up a monitor for testing and it didn't work out. Mr. Cook asked if the Building Commission needs to help him; if he needs their resources, how does he go about getting those resources? Mr. Cook noted that the whole process of getting these monitors seems to be very difficult.

Ms. Seng commented that Mr. Luxford just needs to talk to Don Killeen. Mr. Cook stated that he would inform Mr. Luxford of this. He noted that at the moment they were not sure what form the monitors should take, whether it might be small, flat screen monitors in front of the Council, which would be nice. He stated that that had been the original intent- to have monitors there for the Council. Since then the technology has improved dramatically so they don't need big, bulky CRTs - they can now afford to get LCD monitors, which gives a lot more flexibility for placement. Still, we have to figure out how to make it work.

Ms. Seng continued the PBC report stating that there was one more issue that had been discussed. Someone had come forward to sell land to the City (two lots at 8th and "G" Streets). She indicated that they had said "no" to the offer because that was on the opposite side of the street where the line had been drawn.

3. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) Mr. Svoboda reported that, after the usual presentations were made, ILC discussed the planning of a joint meeting with the Hospitality Council at a time, date and location yet to be determined. But that might be at Rococo's, though several different locations have been discussed. This will be an effort to resolve the Designated Licenses for football Saturdays, with the bar owners and those directly affected by the process. Mr. Svoboda thought the meeting would be in either January or February.

Mr. Werner noted that they had concerns specifically regarding the football Saturday licenses. Their reason was illogical....Mr. Werner did not remember what the reason was, only that it was illogical.

Ms. McRoy stated that the invitation to the meeting also extends to the entire Council. She encouraged anyone who might be interested to attend. Mr. Svoboda stated that the invitation will come to everybody. The advertising of a public meeting will be taken care of by the City Clerk. (The meeting will also be posted on the Council's Weekly Pre-Council Agenda, which will serve as public notice as well.)

Ms. McRoy indicated that they were still working on Zapatas and Studio 14 issues. It's dragging through the court system. Mr. Svoboda noted that Zapatas was recently sold, so we don't know what impact that will have on the situation. Ms. Ross, City Clerk, informed Council that the new management of that establishment will be on the Council's Agenda for approval of Liquor License and Manager on December 17th. LPD has indicated that there has been trouble contacting them...with phone calls going unanswered.

4. PRT (Seng) - Ms. Seng reported that they had gone through discussion of the routine concerns. Law, Building & Safety and Health Departments just keep working with these problem properties. She noted that PRT would not be meeting in December, but would meet again in January.

5. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN B.I.D. ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner gave a brief report, noting that it had been a fairly non-eventful meeting. He reported that Jim Hewett gave an update on the building in an historical perspective of the Lincoln Mall and the Abel family.

The auditing copy of last year's 'financials' was distributed. The Auditor was there to answer questions. Everything seems to be in order there.

Chief Casady and Joy Citta were there to talk about the towing policy in the Downtown area. The Policy is that they do not tow unless someone has three tickets and the most recent one would have to be over 15 days old. There was some concern among the businesses that their employees who had been towed, had no outstanding tickets. They said they would check into that. Mr. Werner stated that he had expected, based on the prior month's meeting, that maybe there would be a little more arguing about it, but there was not.

Ms. McRoy commented that on the City's Claims Resolution there have been some towing fees that have been paid. Mr. Werner commented that perhaps that was the case.

Ms. Harrell commented that Chief Casady had indicated that they would be looking at additional enforcement during the later evening hours on illegal parking, particularly in some of the more congested areas at night where they're having a lot of trouble with people parking in fire lanes or alleys.

Mr. Werner answered that he believed after the first of the year there would be an additional PSO Officer on duty.

*Held Over from November 26, 2001

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen mentioned that bus service on Saturday is free, courtesy of the union - free for the parade. Mr. Werner noted that this information should be acknowledged at the Formal Council Meeting today. Mr. Bowen said that would be appreciated since this information had not received a great deal of media coverage, even though it had been offered at a press conference last week.

It was suggested that since the Council meetings are replayed throughout the week that the announcement would have to include the caveat that the free service is for the parade on Saturday, December 8th. It was agreed that the Chair would make the announcement.

Mr. Bowen reported that they were working on the Council's Retreat and a draft of the Agenda would be available next week.

Mr. Bowen also announced that they are doing the face-lift on the website. He noted that it looks, physically, much better - more current. It is all still functioning the same way it always has. He noted that they would be working on the "tree" throughout the next six months.

The final thing he wanted to report was the that the Mayor's Office has a new scheduler in the office. Her name is Deb Engstrom and she starts today.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook expressed concerns regarding the Pawn Shop issue. He stated that he did not want it to become a "give-and-take" negotiation during the public session. Mr. Werner asked if Mr. Roper hadn't stated that Council could bring the change forward and vote it up or down as an amendment. Mr. Roper indicated that that was correct. Council could amend the ordinance if they wanted to. If the sole object of the amendment, though, is to facilitate a public hearing, maybe there would be an easier way to do it.

Mr. Cook stated that maybe just reversing it is the choice we should put before the Council. Then we can have a public hearing to decide whether to do it. But, if we want to offer anything else -any other solution- (and he realized the Police Department and the Mayor's Office are happy with the current policy)...but maybe there is something else that hasn't been considered. He noted that he did not want to be "brain-storming" during the middle of a regular public session. He noted that he wanted to have LPD and the Pawn Shop owners and, perhaps, one or two Council Members who were interested in following up on the issue, all meet and facilitate options before bringing it into the Council Chambers before the entire Council.

Mr. Friendt stated that it is a law. If a Council Member wants to draft a resolution to modify or amend the law, fine...do so and we will take it through the process. Mr. Friendt indicated that readdressing this would put the Police Department and the Mayor's Office in a position which Mr. Friendt would feel uncomfortable in placing them. He noted if any Council Member was that serious about making a change, then that Council Member should draft the legislation and bring it forward.

Mr. Camp stated that if this matter is placed on a public forum, an individual who has a concern can come forward and give us the courtesy of letting us know and we would have their concerns televised and have action taken publicly.

Mr. Cook stated that he had strong feelings about this, but did not want to end up negotiating this in the public chambers. Mr. Werner agreed with Mr. Cook. Ms. Seng noted that if Mr. Cook didn't say anything, there would be no negotiation. Mr. Friendt noted that it takes two sides to negotiate. Ms. Seng stated that Council should just listen.

Mr. Werner asked what would be done. Discussion ensued with no definite decision being made, but that those concerned should be invited to attend the public meeting.

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

AMY TEJRAL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VII. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on the E-Mail from City Clerk Joan Ross regarding Sign-up Sheets for speakers at Council's Public Hearings. The issue was discussed with Ms. Ross reporting to the Council that she and her staff felt this would be a great idea. This would give an accurate record of people's names and addresses for inclusion in the minutes. Sometimes they speak so quickly that they can't be understood and unless there is legislation or documentation which they're addressing, it is impossible to get their names and addresses for the record. Ms. Ross felt that having a simple Senate Pad with pen at the microphones and instructing each speaker to sign in as they came forward to comment would be a simple and efficient procedure to institute. She stated that she would be glad to announce it before the first agenda item was called. She suggested that she could request the sign-in and also have them make an oral statement of their name and address for Council members and the viewing audience.

Mr. Werner asked if that would take more time if we had to wait for each speaker to sign in. Ms. Ross responded that she did not feel it would take a significant amount of time. Discussion continued with the majority of Council agreeing that the sign-in should take place after the remarks were made, but that sign-in should be established in order for clarity and accuracy of the minutes of record. The final decision was to have a legal pad at the speakers podium, have those who come forward to comment print their name and address for the record as well as stating it to the Council and audience as a courtesy.

2. Discussion on the E-Mail from Linda Pappas, Lincoln Public Schools, regarding an LPS School Board/ City Council joint meeting after the first of the year. Could you please suggest some dates, for a 7:30 a.m meeting which would work for the City Council. Discussion indicated that Council would like to have LPS choose a date when a night or evening meeting would be possible. Elliot School Parking, District Diversity, and Joint Meeting Scheduling were issues suggested for the Agenda. *[Ms. Linda Pappas was notified of this decision and she stated she would check with Superintendent Schoo to see if an evening meeting might be arranged. After investigating that possibility, she will contact the Council Office]*

It 3. It was agreed that the single back-up CD of Council Agendas would be sufficient. was also agreed that it would *not* be necessary to have the individual CD's of the Years Agenda made available to Council Members. *[CIC was notified of this decision by phone on 12-05-01]*

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

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