

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2002
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for December 10, 2001.
- *2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Parking Autos In The Front Yard - December 10, 2001.
- 3. Minutes of Director's Meeting for November 19, 2001.

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

- *1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
- *2. ISPC Meeting (Cook)
- *3. Transportation Officials Committee Meeting (McRoy/Cook)
- *4. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
- *5. Board Of Health (Svoboda)
- **6. Internal Liquor Committee (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) - **DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED**
- **7. Homeless Coalition Meeting (McRoy/Werner)
- **8. PRT Meeting (Seng) - **NO MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**
- **9. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board of Directors Meeting (Werner)
- **10. Floodplain Meeting (Seng) - **DECEMBER 18TH MEETING CANCELLED - NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 5, 2002**
- ***11. Star City Holiday Festival Board Meeting (McRoy)
- ***12. JBC (Seng/McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- 1. Mayor's Reappointment notification - Steve Masters is eligible for re-appointment to the DEC Board of Directors. His term will expire at the end of this year. Please name your re-appointment or appointment by the end of this year. (To be approved by City Council)

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Invitation to the Lancaster Conversation on Youth Development In The 21st Century part of The National Conversation On Youth Development In The 21st Century – On Thursday, January 31, 2002 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road - Please call 441-7180 to RSVP by Friday, January 25th (See Invitation).
2. The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) is pleased to announce the 17th Meeting of the “First Friday Club”, a forum for discussion of current housing issues affecting Nebraska’s citizens on Friday, January 4, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at 5550 Pioneers Blvd., – Please RSVP to Karon Andretti at 434-3906 (See Letter of Invitation).
3. The Third Annual Mayor’s Community Conscience Award Presentation and Breakfast – Please join us in congratulating NEBCO, Inc. as the 2002 honoree of the Mayor’s Community Conscience Award – On Thursday, January 17, 2002 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at The Cornhusker Hotel, Grand Ballroom – Please RSVP by January 10th to CenterPointe, Inc. at 475-5161 (See Invitation).
4. Letter from James R. Blue, President/CEO, Cedars Youth Services - Would like to invite you, along with the other member’s of the Lincoln City Council to a breakfast. They would like to brief you on the activities of the CEDARS organization, with specific focus on the development of the Northbridge Community Center at 27th & Holdrege – Please join them on Friday, January 18, 2002 at 7:00 a.m. at the Lincoln Country Club in the Crystal Room (See Letter of Invitation).

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- **1. Discussion on Madonna Tour regarding dates: Wednesday, January 30th or Wednesday, February 6th, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- *HELD OVER FROM DECEMBER 17, 2001.**
- **HELD OVER FROM DECEMBER 24, 2001.**
- ***HELD OVER FROM DECEMBER 31, 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, Ann Harrell, Amy Tejral, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Friendt, Camp and Svoboda; Joan Ray, Council Secretary.

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Vice-Chair Cook 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; **ABSENT:** None

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

*1. **PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng)** Ms. Seng reported that they had reviewed the space study [County-City Departmental Space Needs Study], as had been discussed at a pre-council meeting this morning. Mr. Friendt asked what had prompted the space study. Ms. Seng replied that it had been 10-11 years since the last departmental space needs evaluation had been conducted. People are concerned about what will be done with the 3rd Floor; when will we begin to address the 3rd floor options; who will move where? These concerns all need to be addressed. The Mayor had inquired of the Public Building Commission last year if it wasn't about time to do a space re-evaluation. Almost everything that had been in that first study has been taken care of.

Ms. Seng noted that they had received the final report on the parking study which was done by the firm that had done the pre-council last year on this issue. That is what we will be working on tomorrow.

She reported that the coat rack for the Council Chambers had been discussed, as requested by the Planning Commissioners. There is a coat rack in the press room. The Planning Commissioners will be notified of this.

Mr. Camp stated that they had done a 'field trip' into the City Council Chambers. There were questions regarding flat screens on the dias and the sound system. It was decided to place two regular computer monitors at each end of the dias, which would put them out of camera range and offer no obstruction of view for either the Council or the audience. We'll test that set-up and see how it works. The Council briefly discussed monitor options in the Chamber, noting that the main prohibition on any system would be the cost involved. Mr. Camp noted that they were certainly open to any suggestions on the issue.

He continued, stating that the parking study was complete and that there were 407 parking spaces for this building, for visitors and employees. Mr. Camp gave a copy of the study to Mr. Cook for his review.

*2. ISPC (Cook) - No Report

*3. TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS COMMITTEE (McRoy/Cook) - Ms. McRoy reported that they passed the City and County's Long Range Transportation Plan. She explained that they formally adopted the recommendations according to the Federal Guidelines governing the Beltway project.

*4. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) - Ms. McRoy reported that she had presented the information regarding the City paying for interpreters (when necessary at Public Hearings regarding City business). She gave MAC members the information that Ms. Ray had compiled. The MAC decision was that the City should pay for the cost of an interpreter for those public hearings. We should find a way, if it's necessary, to pay for it. They concurred that if the ethnic centers would volunteer to do it that would be acceptable, but when push comes to shove, access to government is more important than the cost. They felt that a recommendation should come back to the Council that a policy should be established which would provide for payment by the City for providing an interpreter - if it was necessary and requested. Mr. Cook asked if this would only apply to issues on the Agenda? Ms. McRoy replied that that was what she had indicated when she presented the issue to the MAC. She noted that since MAC is an advisory board to the Mayor and Council, that is what this is...a recommendation.

Council discussed the issue at length, debating whether the decision should be set out as a policy or as an ordinance or resolution; or even whether the City should be responsible at all for providing an interpreter. After consideration of all the concerns expressed, the final consensus was that Council would hold a Pre-Council meeting on this issue to decide how they would like to proceed on the matter.

Ms. McRoy requested that Ms. Ray provide the Council Members with the summary material which had been compiled previously on this issue. An half-hour Pre-Council will be scheduled at a later date with MAC representatives in order to include their input prior to any action or initiation of a formal policy.

*5. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that the reorganization of the Health Department had been discussed. Mr. Dart had indicated at the Directors' Meeting this morning that he would be supplying Council Members with a copy of the new "flow chart". Some of the divisions have changed their name, though their focus remains the same.

Tattooing had been discussed. The City Attorney's Office is in the process of drafting legislation for that, which will be brought back to the Board of Health for review and then forwarded to the City Council for action.

There will be further discussion on other issues at the Annual Board of Health Meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Svoboda stated that he wanted to stress exactly what that meeting would be. This will not be the same as the January Board meeting has been in the past. This will be just a "sit down" with the volunteer advisory committee, the Board of Health, its representatives, a few staff members and the elected officials. He stated that the County Board was invited, but did not know how many were coming to the meeting. He noted that the Mayor and his office were invited as well. Mr. Svoboda explained that this is a way to get the Board of Health more actively involved in the political process. We [elected officials] get to know our Board of Health better, and they us. The Board is looking for feed-back from elected officials on what direction we feel the Department of Health and the Board of Health should be following.

The meeting will be at 5:30 tomorrow evening at the Cornhusker. The Awards presentation will be held in April at a luncheon during Public Health Month. The Annual Conference will be held in conjunction with that meeting in April.

**6. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) -
DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED

**7. HOMELESS COALITION MEETING (McRoy/Werner) No Report

8. PRT (Seng) - **NO MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
Mr. Friendt asked if Mr. Cekal's assertion is accurate - that a high majority of PRT problems relate to duplexes? Mr. Cook stated that the majority of problems more probably relate to single-family dwellings than to duplexes. Ms. Seng noted that what Mr. Cekal would truly like is to have all the single-family homes inspected too - and we're a long way from that.

Ms. McRoy observed that last year the Duplex Task Force had reported on where the majority of problems were. Ms. Harrell noted that what Mr. Cekal and a lot of the neighborhoods had hoped for was that the City would implement a licensing and inspection program for one- and two-unit dwellings like the program we have for three-units and above. That is strongly opposed by some in the community.

Mr. Cook noted that the Building and Safety Department is supposed to be monitoring complaints. He related that they had given a brief report to the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable about six months ago. They discussed duplexes and had indicated the complaint level hadn't been that high on duplexes, but single-family is different. Ms. Seng concurred, noting that all of PRTs really bad cases had involved single-family dwellings, adding that they aren't necessarily rental units, either.

Ms. Harrell explained that to warrant becoming a PRT case, there must be a lot more going on than just a complaint to the Building and Safety Department. Mr. Camp stated that a Pre-Council with the Building and Safety Department to see where they are on the monitoring of the problem properties would be appropriate. Ms. Harrell commented that the compilation report would probably not be ready for a couple of months. Mr. Cook asked that when Ms. Harrell knew the time line for the completion of the report, to inform Council and set up a Pre-Council at that time. Ms. Seng noted that police staff from the PRT should also be included in a Pre-Council presentation. Ms. Harrell answered that they would discuss this and find out when the tracking information would be available and she would advise the Council of her findings.

****9. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Werner)** Mr. Werner reported that Kathleen and Kent made yet another Comprehensive Plan presentation. Mr. Dallas McGee made a report on the downtown Mega-plex, which is now called Market Place Square. The process they're going through now is design review. They felt with the eminent domain resolution they've accelerated the negotiations. There will be another design meeting in February. He noted that Debbie Brehm had been given an opportunity to speak. She was very gracious in her explanation of why they were stepping back.

Mr. Werner continued his report, noting that, the Star City Parade will be held December 7th. "Stars in Action" will be the theme. He commented that they had talked a little about the parade, and he was impressed, because there were a couple of things of which he had not been aware. The Old City Hall building is utilized for activities. There had been 350 people building gingerbread houses there this year. The Douglas Theater provides a program as well, giving out free pop corn, soda, toys and candy. Last year they had 350 people participating; this year they had over 600.

Mr. Camp asked if there had ever been any discussion regarding the anchor of the Mega-complex being a large bookstore? There had been concerns expressed about a city-subsidized book store in competition with the Nebraska Book Store and the University's Book Store. Mr. Werner replied that there had been no discussion regarding that issue. Mr. Camp noted that it is a concern that the City might be undermining pre-existing businesses in the area. Mr.

Werner asked if the City would have much say as to who the tenants would be? He asked if that wasn't out of the City's realm of jurisdiction. Mr. Cook noted that the City was not supplying money directly to the developer. Ms. Harrell noted that the City's contribution would be in the form of tax increment financing [TIF] funds. Mr. Cook noted that those funds would be used for public improvements around the site. Mr. Bowen emphasized that there is, however, no cash subsidy involved. Ms. Harrell also confirmed that the City had no say on the tenant mix of the complex...it is a private developer doing the project and those would be private decisions as to what the market would bear in Lincoln.

****10. FLOODPLAIN MEETING (Seng) - DECEMBER 18TH MEETING WAS CANCELLED - NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 5, 2002 - [Ms. Seng explained that the Corp of Engineers did not have their material ready, but should be prepared for the February 5th Meeting.]**

*****11. STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BOARD (McRoy) No Report.**

*****12. JBC (Seng/McRoy) - Ms. Seng reported that Community Learning Centers had been a topic of conversation. They're headed toward a summit meeting this month. She noted that she still had not received a letter on that. Ms. Tejral indicated that she would look into that.**

Ms. Seng continued her report, noting that some of the JBC members had some concerns about how they were interacting with several of the social service and human service agencies. She felt that everyone felt better after listening to Ann Johnson's report.

She reported that there had been reports from United Way; from Marc Wullschleger on SOR Housing Projects; there had been a Malone Center Update; a C-SIP update; and we planned the February Agenda.

Ms. Seng noted that Malone Center is having a special meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Svoboda asked what time that meeting would be. Ms. Seng responded that it would be at 7:00 p.m., at the Center. She explained that the meeting was for the paid membership, but there would be seating for non-members for those interested who wanted to attend.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -

1. Mayor's Reappointment notification - Steve Masters is eligible for re-appointment to the DEC Board of Directors. His term will expire at the end of this year. Please name your re-appointment or appointment by the end of this year. (To be approved by City Council) - It was noted that Mr. Masters' re-appointment was listed on the formal agenda for introduction this date and

action on January 14th.

Ms. Tejral passed out a list of upcoming appointments for Council's consideration and review.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Noted Without Significant Comment.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Madonna Tour regarding dates: Wednesday, January 30th or Wednesday, February 6th, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Council Members Werner, Svoboda, Seng and Camp indicated that they would plan on touring the facility on Wednesday, February 6th at 1:00 p.m. - *Madonna Staff were informed of this on January 8, 2002 by voice-message.*

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook brought up two issues that would be heard at the Formal Council Meeting today - issues that would have been better addressed at Pre-Council meetings.

The first issue was the Liquor License Managers applications and whether or not one manager should be allowed to oversee more than one facility. Council discussed their views and concerns on this issue, noting previous discussions and police department recommendations and the desire to include industry representatives in the decision making process. A final decision was made to have the issue brought forward at the next Internal Liquor Committee meeting in order to include industry input prior to making a final policy decision.

The second item Mr. Cook brought forward for Council discussion was the Water District issue. Mr. Cook proposed, rather than having a Pre-Council, that there be two proposed legislative bills. This would avoid combining the districts; vote one -the one the residents want- up; vote the other down, if the residents don't want it. If they do want it, have the two separated. Bring the combined legislation and the separated legislation forward. This would be in lieu of a pre-council. Ms. Seng agreed, noting that there had already been two pre-council meetings on this issue. Mr. Friendt asked if this would deal only with these two neighborhoods, or would this address the broader spectrum of the water district issue? It was determined that it would be best to have the debate in the public forum with the three legislative bills as outlined in Mr. Cooks proposed options as stated above.

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng asked about the Joint Council/School Board Meeting. This had been set for January 25th, at 7:30 a.m. at the new County youth facility. Mr. Friendt asked if there was an opportunity to propose subjects for that meetings Agenda. Ms. Seng noted that one item she would like placed on the Agenda for discussion is what the Lincoln Public School District is doing about all of those schools and students that are located in low income areas. There had been a “report card” article in the newspaper that showed how these schools compared with others in the City. She felt this issue should be discussed. [*This item was forwarded to the County Commissioners office for inclusion on the Joint Meeting Agenda.*]

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

AMY TEJRAL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1:05 p.m.

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