

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for April 8, 2002.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes — RE: LPED - Continued Discussion - April 1, 2002.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: 911 Telephone Service - April 8, 2002.

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

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
3. Board of Health (Svoboda)
4. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (McRoy)-
HELD OVER FROM THE APRIL 8TH "NOON" AGENDA
5. Joint Budget Meeting (McRoy/Seng) - **HELD OVER FROM THE APRIL 8TH "NOON" AGENDA**
6. C-SIP Steering Committee (McRoy/Seng) - **HELD OVER FROM THE APRIL 8TH "NOON" AGENDA**
7. C-SIP Funding Committee Meeting (Seng) - **HELD OVER FROM THE APRIL 8TH "NOON" AGENDA**

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. You are invited to attend an open house and luncheon at Therapy Plus, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital's north Lincoln outpatient clinic location 5945 Cornhusker Hwy - On Wednesday, April 17, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – RSVP to 486-8379 by April 15th (See Invitation).
2. Spring Training Day for Lincoln Neighborhoods - Lincoln's Neighborhood Leadership Development program on Saturday, April 27, 2002 at the new "F" Street Recreation Center, 13th & "F" Street – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - RSVP to 441-7511 by April 22, 2002 (See brochure for more details).

3. Letter of Invitation from Doug Ahlberg, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management, to participate in a full-scale exercise that will be held on Friday, May 31, 2002 - The exercise is held in conjunction with the Department of Justice's Domestic Preparedness Program, the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County. The exercise will evaluate our community's ability to respond to a terrorist act involving a chemical agent. Prior to the exercise a pre-planning meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Lancaster County Extension Building, 444 Cherrycreek Road - **Please fill out the attached registration form and return to Doug Ahlberg (See Letter of Invitation).**
4. Please Join The City of Lincoln & Everett Elementary Students in Celebrating Arbor Day 2002! - on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. (rain or shine) – At The New 'F' Street Recreation Center, corner of 13th & 'F' Streets (If raining it will be held at Everett School gym at 1123 'C' Street) – (See Invitation).
5. Matt Talbot Kitchen - Honoring our volunteers for their service to the Lincoln community and its less fortunate members. Please Join US! – “Volunteers are the Heartbeat of Matt Talbot Kitchen!” – Volunteer Recognition Open House - On Sunday, April 28, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 1911 “R” Street – (parking available on the West Side of the Building) – (See Invitation).

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on a May Joint LPS/City/County Meeting and date/time and Agenda Items for it.
2. Discussion of Council Rules regarding Resolutions. (Requested by Jonathan Cook)- **HELD OVER FROM THE APRIL 8TH “NOON” AGENDA**
3. Discussion on the Councils' Committees By Resolution & regular Committee Assignments (Please, let staff know if there are Committees listed that are no longer meeting)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
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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; Joan Ross, City Clerk; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, *Lincoln Journal Star* representative

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Vice-Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jon Camp and carried by consensus for approval. [Jonathan Cook absent for vote]

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

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) Mr. Camp reported that Deb Webber and the Mayor had talked about the Arts Committee. They're going to come up with a new procedure for public art in the building. One idea was to have a series of hanging paintings so there could be a rotating gallery of art work. It would give us something more to cover the plain walls of this building. Linda Wilson serves on the the Arts Committee for the Public Building Commission.

Mr. Camp continued his report, commenting on the Parking Facility Design update. He noted that he and Ms. Seng had brought to the PBC's attention some of the concerns that had been expressed by Council on the tunnel concept. He felt the objective now was to have a meeting that might involve both County Commission and Council to discuss that. He noted that they had also received some revised numbers on doing the two-level deck and all of the construction involved. The figure, not including the land acquisition, comes out to \$30,000 per stall; but that, of course, is still looking at around \$350,000 for the tunnel.

Mr. Camp stated that he would like to make a comment regarding his attendance at a neighborhood association meeting last week. Parks & Rec was there explaining the budgetary constraints that were causing the delay on a mini-park in the neighborhood as well as a delay on a bicycle path, because the money wasn't there.

Mr. Camp stated that this made him think of this tunnel, and he noted that he appreciated the Council's concerns on that. He thought due to the tight economic times, Council should be prioritizing the City's projects, noting that all may be good, but some are more pressing for the public good than others.

Mr. Camp reported that, in light of those budget concerns, he did ask that whatever is decided on the tunnel, that it be priced separately from the rest of the parking project. That way, if we proceed without the tunnel on the parking garage, later it could be added, so we don't lose that opportunity - if somewhere in the future it was decided that a tunnel was needed. Right now, that is the direction we're going. He added that all of the Council Members would be consulted before anything is done on the parking facility project.

Ms. McRoy asked if the PBC had ever finished the White Paper Analysis of that location for the parking facility? She noted that when she had the LIBA meeting, persons still ask her about that. Ms. Seng suggested that Ms. McRoy have those inquiring, contact Don Killeen. Ms. McRoy stated that she had tried that, even offering the information that the Council contact would be either Coleen or Jon, who are the Public Building Commission representatives for Council. She noted, however, that the questions still persist and she would just like to get the issue resolved satisfactorily. Mr. Camp stated that he would have someone from his office get involved and help get the concerns answered.

Ms. Seng reported that Roger Figard and others from Public Works were there to talk about the Nash- Finch building. Some of the Council Members had seen the presentation and know what it covers. She noted that she had toured the building and knew its huge size. Everything that needed to be said was reported in the newspaper, as Mr. Jenkins had been there and had done a good job of reporting.

She commented that there were just a few things that could have been added. Mr. Friendt asked, encouragingly, if Ms. Seng were going to add them now, after a rather long pause on Ms. Seng's part. [Laughter] Ms. Seng thought that one of the good things concerning this property was that there is additional property (perhaps as much as twelve acres which would present us with a separate piece of land) that could be pulled off of there and probably sold to someone else in the area. There will very probably be someone who would want to use the land.

It had been noted that buildings could be put up in other places as well, and Ms. Seng was certainly open to looking at some alternative locations. But that was a [inaudible] building. Some of the other places that have been looked at have been in the flood plain and this is not. The cost and use would be split between the City (80% - use) and the County (20% - use)

One of the real negatives for this location, other than the cost, is that it is not on a fiber optic line - or the line available is apparently a "dark" line. That is a concern. Ms. Seng also reported that some people had been concerned about the close proximity to the neighborhood; others felt it was a sufficient distance away from the neighborhood...so with that mixed input, that becomes a neutral point.

Ms. Seng outlined some of the proposed uses by the different agencies. Council continued discussion briefly touching on such issues as the Tech Park locations and the fiber optic concerns. The lack of centrality for the site was mentioned as a negative for this location.

Ms. Seng continued, stating that a report on the Old Federal Building had been made by Dallas McGee. She noted that there would probably be another update at the May meeting of the Building Commission.

She noted that the PBC had then gone into Executive Session to deal with the property to the north of the County/City Building.

Ms. Seng noted that they had also approved the general vouchers.

Mr. Friendt brought up a concern that considering the public monies to be spent if the Nash-Finch location were accepted, the public would need a better presentation on the need for this move; and a better presentation on a strategic execution of our infrastructure Comp Plan. He felt PW had done a good job in terms of assessing available properties that had been looked at...but Mr. Svoboda's questions about the Air Park... asking what other thinking had been done outside of the box regarding current public property that is not on the tax rolls should be considered.

Mr. Friendt stated that he was supportive of the move, because if an organization is dispersed, efficiency is lessened. It is better to bring them all together, to consolidate the department, into one place. He felt that the case for the efficiency of consolidation has to be made to the public much more strongly than has been done to date. He felt there were many questions that still needed to be addressed before a decision is made for such a large outlay of public monies.

Mr. Bowen stated that since the presentation that Council Members had received, Mr. Figard and Marc Wullschleger have gone through it, in part because of the \$17,000,000, to break down the 'in the door' cost and expansion and improvements being made. That will be forthcoming in the revised presentation.

Mr. Werner said that they had indicated that the payments would begin at \$750,000 and then were to go up as we did renovations on the building. He stated that he found it interesting that all of a sudden we could find \$750,000. The question is why didn't we find this money before...what priorities are we following? Mr. Bowen stated that it was a combination of grant money, plus the gas tax.

Council continued the discussion requesting more information on the need for the project, including such concerns as locations, alternate locations, building in the flood plain and the City's responsibility as an example to the community in flood plain management, size of the complex and its proximity to the neighborhoods. A final consensus that the Public Works Department did need to be consolidated was acknowledged.

2. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that she had attended the meeting and they had basically gone over the Affirmative Action report on which Council had held the pre-council earlier. They had discussed Human Rights, and that division's annual report. Ms. McRoy related that Larry [Williams - Human Services Director] discussed the conference that was coming which he had also mentioned today at the Directors' Meeting. A future agenda item that will be interesting will be about discrimination in the professional classes among minorities in Lincoln.

3. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that he was unable to attend the Board of Health Meeting last week, but he commented on Mr. Dart's statements this morning at the Directors' Meeting. The Board of Health passed the draft for the provisions of the Animal Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Svoboda thanked all of the Council Members who had attended the Health Department's Award Banquet, noting that it was nice to see more Council Members in attendance than County Commissioners for a change. Thank you.

Ms. Seng commented that all of the Health Department's presentations were very good. The Health Endowment did the Thursday morning meeting on Needs Assessment which was very good as well. Mr. Svoboda stated that he would pass those kudos on.

Mr. Werner jokingly suggested that it would be nice if the Health Department could consolidate some of its award banquets, with Mr. Svoboda agreeing, good-naturedly, that the Health Dept *does* have many divisions and diversities to honor.

4. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - INVESTORS' MEETING (McRoy)- *Held over from the April 8th "Noon" Agenda.* Ms. McRoy stated that she had not been at the meeting.

5. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) - *Held over from the April 8th "Noon" Agenda.* Ms. McRoy reported that they had the Malone Center election of officers. They discussed where they are at this time on the assessment of the building. It was noted that Urban Development has money that is coming down to help with that.

Ms. Seng added that they were told that the new Board would be meeting in the following week to elect officers...she believed that since this Council report was held over for a week, that the election has probably already occurred. Ms. Tejral stated that it had.

Ms. Seng commented that they had also discussed the Substance Abuse Report, which, as Council was aware, was also discussed at the Common meeting. That issue is now on Council's Agenda.

She reported that they had discussed what to do about the Malone Center funding, because the Center hasn't applied for any funding from JBC. We will probably leave some money available for their programming dollar needs.

Ms. Seng concluded her report by noting that Child Guidance was in the process of buying a new building and will run a huge capital campaign.

6. C-SIP STEERING COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) - *Held over from the April 8th "Noon" Agenda*

7. C-SIP FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING (Seng) - *Held over from the April 8th "Noon" Agenda* Ms. Seng combined her reports on the C-SIP meetings. She noted that first of all she had attended the funding committee meeting. They're going about the process of reviewing how they will handle funding. There are some new grant possibilities, outside of the City, which were the items discussed in the greatest detail. Ms. Seng noted that the Foundation people were all there.

She reported that they continued to work on a Vision, Mission and Goals Statement, which she felt is just a dreadful process!

OTHER MEETING REPORTS - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Noted Without Significant Comment. Ms. Tejral reported that there would be two appointments to the Historical Preservation Commission on next weeks Agenda.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment. Mr. Svoboda requested further information on the May 31st presentation by Doug Ahlberg. *Staff provided Mr. Svoboda with that information after the Council Meeting.*

Mr. Cook brought the question forward regarding how to handle the removal of the resolutions concerning the employee retirement buy-out proposal. This was discussed more thoroughly under the MISCELLANEOUS: Resolutions discussion.

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen commented on the current status of the NAGE and other Union negotiations. He handed out material to Council regarding this issue. *There will be a Pre-Council on the 29th [Executive Session] before the Evening Council Meeting. (This was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29th, after the Internal Liquor Committee Meeting and prior to the Formal Council Meeting)*

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on a May Joint LPS/City/County Meeting and the Date/Time and Agenda Items for it. - *Set for Monday, May 13th, 7:30 a.m. at the "F" Street Recreation Center. Request for Agenda Items sent along with meeting date/time/location notice on 04-15-02. Agenda Items requested by Council:*

- 1) *School Facilities in relation to the proposed Comp Plan*
- 2) *The Air Park School/Library Facility*

A fifteen minute tour of the facility was proposed prior to the meeting. No Pre-Council 's will be scheduled prior to 10:00 a.m. on that date to give Council Members time to return to the County/City Building.

2. Discussion of Council Rules regarding Resolutions. (Requested by Jonathan Cook) - The Council discussed at some length the process and traditions of Resolutions as they are brought before Council on the Formal Agenda. Mr. Cook had proposed amendments to the process which were discussed after City Clerk Ross explained the standard procedures. It was agreed that there should be rules governing the handling of resolutions as there are rules governing the handling of ordinances. Mr. Roper agreed to draw up a simple rule change that would express that intent after he had discussed the procedures with the City Clerk.

3. Discussion on the Councils' Committees by Resolution & Regular Committee Assignments - *Council determined that they should submit their desired committee assignments to Staff. A list would then be drawn up and distributed for further discussion and consideration at the April 22nd "Noon" Council Members' Meeting.*

A Council representative at the LPED Board meetings was discussed. Mr. Bowen noted that point would be added to the questions that will be submitted to LPED from Council.

Also addressed at the "Noon" meeting was the Appointment of a Council representative to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Board of Health. Since April 15, 2002 was the expiration date of Mr. Svoboda's term on the Health Board, (which he had assumed to complete the unexpired term of Cindy Johnson on the Board after the last City election), it was moved and seconded that Mr. Svoboda be re-appointed to a full three-year term. The motion carried 7-0. A Resolution Request for the Appointment was delivered to the City Clerk's Office on 04-15-02.

The yearly election of the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Council was also discussed. It was determined that the election would take place on April 29th, to accommodate the schedule of certain Council Members, with the two elected positions to assume their duties at the May 6th meeting. This would be done in order to be in compliance with the Ordinance outlining the procedure for the election of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair positions. The Mayor will be in attendance to open the nominations for the new Chair's position. Then the old Chair would assume control of the meeting to take the nominations, and preside over the election of the new Vice-Chair and to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy asked if the "Youth Inspired" group could make a presentation, at a Formal Council Meeting, (under Public Hearing for a Resolution) regarding their work. It was agreed that Ms. McRoy would work on getting that resolution prepared.

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - Mr. Svoboda had questions for Mr. Bowen regarding budget items that he chose to discuss after the meeting was adjourned.

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner requested 'Discussion' at the Budget Retreats, rather than 'Updates'. He noted that Updates could be given prior to the meetings so Discussion could take place at the Retreat. Mr. Cook felt we needed longer "Noon" Meetings. Ms. Seng pointed out, rightly, that this should be presented at a Pre-Council Meeting instead.

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

AMY TEJRAL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1:12 p.m.

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