

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

I. MINUTES

- *1. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: ILC Report on SDL's - July 1, 2002.
- *2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Holmes Lake Restoration Update - July 1, 2002.
- 3. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for July 1, 2002.
- 4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Antelope Park Triangle Master Plan - July 1, 2002.

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

- *1. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors Meeting (Camp) - **NO JULY OR AUGUST MEETINGS**
- *2. Joint Budget Committee (McRoy/Seng) - **NO JULY MEETING**
- 3. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
- 4. Joint Budget/United Way-Special Meetings (McRoy/Seng)
- 5. Board of Health (Svoboda) - **JULY MEETING - CANCELLED**

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

- 1. NEBCO, Inc. and the Lincoln Saltdogs invite you to attend the Inaugural Lighting of the Haymarket Pedestrian Connector by Congressman Doug Bereuter on Saturday, July 13, 2002 at the beginning of the 7th Inning. 7:05 p.m. - Saltdogs vs. Joliet Jackhammers – Please advise Marilyn Ludtke by July 9th at 434-1710, as to whether you will need tickets to the game (Council received their copy of this Invitation on 7/8/02)(See Invitation).
- 2. You are cordially invited to meet Planning Director candidate Marvin Krout - on Friday, July 12, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to Noon in the Mayor's Conference Room - (Council received their copy of this Invitation on 7/9/02) (See Invitation).

3. The 2002 Nebraska Power Association (NPA) Annual Conference will be held August 13-14, 2002 at the Best Western Riverside Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska - The registration fee is \$95.00. You will need to make your own arrangements for accommodations at the Best Western Riverside Inn. A block of rooms has been reserved for NPA conferees until July 31, 2002 - The theme of this year's conference is "Back to the Basics" - **Please fill out the registration form (See enclosed Conference Registration Form and the Preliminary Program).**
4. July 18th Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Tour - The tour is scheduled for the afternoon and early evening of Thursday, July 18th - We will gather in the Auld Center at 3:30 p.m. and be at 7:00 p.m. - Please park in the lot located south of the building, if possible - Please RSVP to Jeanne at 441-8264 no later than July 15th to let them know if you will attend the Tour so that they can finalize arrangements for the meal (See Invitation).

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Discussion on "City Council Office Economies" (Requested by Jon Camp) (See Attached E-Mail).
2. Discussion of Inter-Department billings for Services provided to General Fund Departments. Fiscally wise or Fiscal folly? (Per Jonathan Cook)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM JULY 8, 2002.**

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
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Council Members Present: Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner. **ABSENT:** Glenn Friendt

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda (attended briefly); Bill Luxford, 5-City TV (a brief appearance near the end of the meeting).

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Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda enthusiastically moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and carried by unanimous consensus of those Members present, for approval.

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

- *1. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS MEETING (Camp) - NO JULY OR AUGUST MEETINGS
- *2. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) - NO JULY MEETING

3. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) Mr. Camp reported that there had been a lot of discussion on the space [needs] study. Ms. Seng commented that she assumed all the Council Members had received the new plan showing the Council Office in this area [west of the Chambers]. Council members discussed the plans briefly. Mr. Camp stated again that he would like to have a cost analysis of the finishing of the 3rd Floor if a new building is a possibility within the next 10 years.

Ms. Seng encouraged Council Members to review the time-lines suggested in the plans, noting that the 3rd Floor expansion is in the 2nd phase (2004-06) and the final remodeling which would effect the Council Office would be in the 3rd phase (2007-09).

Mr. Cook noted that the moving of 5-City TV to the 3rd floor would be logistically inefficient for the broadcast of the Council meetings. Mr. Bowen explained that the area beneath this room, including the entryway from the 9th Street entrance was also being considered for remodeling for the 5-City TV operation. He noted that the current cafeteria area is also dependent on the arrangements made when Valentino's lease has expired.

Mr. Werner asked if the Public Building Commission has adopted this plan, or if it was still just another draft? The response was that it was just another draft. Mr. Camp explained that there has not even been an agreement to do this expansion. He stated that this bothered him because we have all this in writing, and we haven't even decided to complete the 3rd floor area. He explained that was why he would like to have a cost analysis on the expansion so we could understand what we're looking at. Mr. Werner noted that this was the 2nd draft that they had come up with and asked if they just keep presenting drafts until at some point the PBC decides that "here is our ten year plan"? Ms. Seng stated that [prior to approval] everyone should feel comfortable with what has been presented.

Mr. Bowen asked Ms. Seng if, in the past, they had a Master Plan that was approved at some point. Ms. Seng answered that they did....that was the Plan under which the current County-City Building was built. He asked then if eventually there will be a Master Plan adopted. Ms. Seng responded that is what we've been working under for the past 10-11 years.

Mr. Cook stated that he liked the current space study original plan better, noting that he did not care much for this one. Ms. Seng answered that several members of the PBC had agreed that the County Board and the City Council should remain on the 1st floor in proximity to the Chambers.

Ms. Seng noted that there would be another work session on August 6th. She reported that Warren Wisner had been approved once again as the bond counsel for the PBC, but would be operating out of a different law firm. Ms. Seng also reported that PBC had moved to follow through on the City's watering schedule. The final decision was that the watering would be based, not on the location of the property, but upon the address....odd being watered on odd days and even numbered properties being watered on even days.

She added that the PBC had also approved the demolition of the property at 744 South 8th Street, they had discussed river rock, and they had approved the resolution for the bonds.

4. JOINT BUDGET/UNITED WAY-SPECIAL MEETING (McRoy/Seng) Ms. McRoy reported that they had the five agencies of which the JBC had additional questions to be answered regarding criteria upon the funding approval.

Day-Watch, the Indian Center and Fresh Start were the three agencies that were having some financial problems, staff accountability and confused programming. Ms. McRoy noted that Kit [Boesch - Human Services Director] would do a follow-up meeting with the directors of those agencies.

She noted that Day-Watch had made an almost adversarial presentation. They needed to find a new location because their rent had gone up three times, in substantial amounts. She informed Council that there was a great deal "up-in-the air" right now with long range planning issues for these agencies. Ms. McRoy reported that all of the agencies would be receiving their money - some after criteria adjustments.

Ms. Seng reported that there had been a good meeting with those working on the Community Learning Centers. She noted that Bonnie Coffey was not there due to family concerns, but that meeting was very positive.

Ms. Seng and Ms. McRoy both expressed frustration with the presentations and attitudes of two agencies noting that professionalism was lacking to the point of being a deterrent to the agencies. Council briefly discussed problems of the different agencies.

5. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) - **JULY MEETING - CANCELLED** Ms. Seng asked Mr. Svoboda if he hadn't gone to the National Meeting of the Board of Health.

Mr. Svoboda responded that he had. The meeting of the National Association of Local Boards of Health had been held in New Orleans, Louisiana. He reported that Dr. Ed Schnider, the Lincoln/Lancaster County Board President received the Midwest Trustee's Person of the Year Award. He was there in attendance to receive that award, which is an honor to our community. It was a very good conference with the largest attendance they'd ever had. Ms. Seng asked if there would be any publicity on the award presentation. Mr. Svoboda answered that the Health Director had been notified and upon his return from a school he is attending, there should be a press release issued.

OTHER MEETINGS - Ms. McRoy reported that she has been working with a group regarding issues of concern for the area on "L" Street between 6th and 8th Streets. The principals involved were from several area industries regarding the parking configuration in the area. The group also included participants from the Police Department and the Public Works Department who were working on various situations - looking for some solutions to problems they're having with parking in that area.

III. **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS** - Mr. Camp asked about the appointment to the Health Endowment Board and requested that Council be kept posted on the progress made on those appointments. Mr. Bowen stated that they had not taken any action on anything at this point. He noted that the appointments would be handled by Joyce Quinn now, adding that if Council Members knew of anyone interested in serving on any Boards or Committees to have them contact Ms. Quinn in the Mayor's Office.

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

V. **REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR** - Mr. Bowen requested that the "Requests of Council from Mayor" section of the Council Members' "Noon" Agenda be combined with the "Appointments/Reappointment's" section. Mr. Cook offered that the two could be placed together on the Agenda for more convenient reporting. [Staff so noted]

Mr. Bowen reported that the Special Session of the Legislature would be coming up at the end of the month. There will be a meeting of the State Delegation scheduled for this week. The Council and County Board Chairs are invited to attend to see where we stand regarding the budget as well as receiving an update from the legislative side.

Mr. Cook stated that he had misunderstood what this meeting was about. He had thought it was about setting legislative priorities 'down the line', but this is about just the Special Session. Mr. Bowen indicated that the meeting would be occurring this week. There will also possibly be a follow-up during the Special Session on how things are going. He noted that Mr. Bob Workman would be attending for the County adding that the County's budget problems are beginning to appear with a significant deficit which they will have to deal with now.

Mr. Bowen also reported that Peggy Watchorn [City Controller] has gone over to LPED and has gone through some of their financials and is back there again this week and hopes to have the review wrapped up this week. There will be a report forthcoming upon the completion of that review.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

*1. Discussion on "City Council Office Economies" (Requested by Jon Camp) Mr. Camp made suggestions as to ways that could help reduce the photocopy time and expense for the Council office. Several suggestions were made and implemented.

Subscriptions and Departmental Reports were also discussed with ways to cut back on the number received in the office in order to cut back on copying expenses for all City Offices. It was suggested that the LES and Health Department reports could be cut to one copy. These two Departments were notified. The reports will be placed in the Council Office for review by Council Members.

Mr. Svoboda brought up the RFI process as well. He noted that his inquiries regarding his concerns are directed to the appropriate departmental person by his aide Darrell Podany. Ms. Seng noted that the RFI process gave Council a tracking process for requests. If one Council Member had made an inquiry to a department, others with the same question from their constituency would be aware of the answer to the question. The RFI process provides a better and more permanent record. It also provides a mechanism for Directors to be made aware of whether or not their staff persons are responding to inquiries in a timely manner. Ms. Seng also noted that the constituent then knows that action is being taken because he/she receives a copy of the RFI as well.

2. Discussion of Inter-Department billings for Services provided to General Fund Departments.(Per Jonathan Cook) This was discussed at the Council's Budget presentation. Mr. Cook requested that Mr. Hubka prepare a brief response on such issues as the cost of billing through Inter-Departmental process and the Inter-Departmental billing process generally. Mr. Cook felt the I.S. Services were being pressured to bill more now than they were before...so this may be happening more than it had been previously. [Staff notified Mr. Hubka of this request on July 15, 2002].

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - Mr. Camp requested a pre-council on the History of the South 84th Street Development regarding changes that had been made, perhaps without the knowledge of the neighborhood. He also requested a pre-council on the acquisition of public right-of-way. The 84th Street pre-council was set for August 5th. The right-of-way issue would be added to the future pre-council listing.

Mr. Camp also brought up the funding required for a new Assistant Fire Chief position. He requested that Council delay the issue which is on the Agenda for today's meeting until his request for more information on the funding required for that position could be answered. Several Council Members stated that they had talked with Fire Department personnel on the issue and had been told that the position was needed. It was agreed that Chief Spadt would be at the meeting today to answer any concerns about the position and the financing involved.

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook brought up the question of what to do with redundant testimony when it comes forward from one citizen week after week. Council discussed several scenarios and options. Mr. Roper felt the only course open to Council was to allow a citizen to speak, even if that citizen were abusing the privilege.

Mr. Cook also brought forward the issue of the elimination of the position on the Parks Department staff. It was agreed that this was a Budget issue and public discussion should be postponed to the August 12th Budget Hearing.

Mr. Cook stated that there would be one night meeting in August and it would be on the 12th for the Budget Public Hearing. The meeting of August 26th, which would normally have been a night meeting, would be an afternoon meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m.

GLENN FRIENDT - Absent

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner expressed concern as to whether or not the 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. time allotment for the changes to the Mayor's Proposed Budget scheduled for next Monday would be enough time. Discussion ensued with a consensus that the two hours would be enough, but if more time were needed, the Directors Meeting could be pushed back.

Mr. Werner also requested Council input on the televising of the Budget Hearings. He also felt the Common meetings should be televised. Mr. Cook asked what budget meetings would be televised. Mr. Roper noted that it would only be the Council's Public Hearing meeting.

Ms. Seng noted that she also felt the Common meetings should be televised. She did feel that the budget work sessions would not need to be televised because personnel issues are often a part of those discussions.

Mr. McRoy noted that the budget work sessions wouldn't be much help in affording the public any greater understanding of the budget discussion. They would not have the materials or the budget books or background available to them that the Council Members have for studying prior to and during the discussion. Mr. Bowen stated that the Department heads prepare their presentations for the Council in the current meeting format. If the presentations were televised, they would have to offer a different presentation. They don't currently offer any of the materials in a visual graphics form..it's just number crunches.

Mr. Luxford came into the meeting to relate the televising schedule for last years budget meetings. Mr. Werner noted that he would like to make these meetings as open to the public as possible and the City should make every effort to provide this in a public forum.

It was agreed to have the August 14th Budget Session (to be held at 9:00 a.m.) televised. Mr. Cook requested that Bill Luxford be notified. [Staff so noted - Mr. Luxford was notified on July 16, 2002]

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

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

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