AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002
Immediately Following Director’s Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES
1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Tour (Cook)
2. PRT Meeting (Seng)
3. Homeless Coalition Meeting (Werner)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
1. Lancaster County Abstinence Coalition - Invites You and a Guest to An Informative Breakfast Program - On Friday, July 26, 2002 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel - Mr. Mike Worley, national abstinence speaker and trainer, will be our featured presenter - Please join us for this important community breakfast - Breakfast is complimentary, however, pre-registration is required - Please call Saint Elizabeth Telephone Line to Care at 486-7000 by July 23rd (See Invitation).

2. You are cordially invited to participate in the 2002 StarTran Celebrity Bus Roadeo - on Friday, August 9, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Haymarket Park (parking lot west of baseball stadium) - RSVP by July 30th to Kitty Miller at 441-8469 (See Invitation).
VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion with Doug Ahlberg - He needs Approval for the Revision of the Local Emergency Operations Plan. (need 1st & 2nd Motion to accept it) (5 minutes)

2. Discussion on the number of copies for the Director’s Agenda packets - to whom distributed and from whose budget are copies charged. (See Attachment) (Requested by Jonathan)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Council Members Present:  Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair (arrived late); Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, (arrived late) Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner.  ABSENT: None

Others Present: Kent Morgan, Ann Harrell, Mayor’s Office; Steve Hubka, Budget Officer; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew McRoy, parents of Council Member Annette McRoy; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda (attended briefly); Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star representative.

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of “Noon” Council Members’ Meeting for July 15, 2002

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 Terry Werner and carried by unanimous consensus of those members present, for approval. (Camp and McRoy Absent for Vote)

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

1. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - TOUR (Cook) Mr. Cook did not attend.

2. PRT (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that a number of cases had been closed out. She noted that when a case reaches the PRT, it is because there are various departments involved in the issue. When a case gets down to the jurisdiction of one department, then the case is removed from the PRT schedule. Ms. Seng noted, however, that there were quite a few cases still on the list, and even some funding loss would be detrimental.

3. HOMELESS COALITION MEETING (Werner) No Report

OTHER MEETINGS - None
III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Werner welcomed Kent Morgan, who was present for the first time in his new capacity as Mayoral Staff Member.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Ms. Harrell passed out several pages of material that the Mayor had intended to distribute at the Directors’ Meeting (which was cancelled due to budget discussions being extended). Most of the material summarized the water information that will be discussed at the press conference scheduled for 1:15 p.m. this afternoon.

Mr. Friendt noted that the south channel of the Platte River at Kearney is grown up and grassy - it’s absolutely dry. He asked Ms. Harrell if Lincoln had ever had mandatory water restrictions before. Ms. Harrell answered that the last time this had happened was in 1974. Mr. Friendt asked how mandatory restrictions are enforced? It was explained that fines and water-turn-offs can be initiated. There would be disconnect & re-connection fees involved and a bond posting to be required of violators prior to a re-connect.

Ms. Seng commended Mr. Jerry Obrist of the Public Works Department for his presentation at the press conference last week on this water conservation issue. Ms. Harrell noted that the Mayor’s Office had not received as many inquiries from the public as they had anticipated...she hoped this indicated that they are understanding the situation.

Mr. Camp asked about the restrictions on fountains. Ms. Harrell stated that she would get the information to him.

The last item Ms. Harrell mentioned to Council was the paperwork process of placing the confirmation of Marvin Krout (for the Planning Director position) on the Agendas for the Council and for the County Board. She stated that she did not know what day the item would be on the Agendas, but it will be very soon. She distributed copies of Mr. Krout’s resume to the Council Members. She noted that there had been an introductory meeting with Mr. Krout earlier, but she was not aware of who all had been able to attend. Ms. Seng noted that some had been able to be there. Ms. Harrell stated that they would like to move the process along as quickly as possible and if Council had any questions regarding the appointment, they were welcome to call her, Mr. Morgan or Georgia Glass and the questions would be answered.

Mr. Cook asked that the appointment be placed on the “to be heard next week” list the week prior to the regular hearing date agenda....through the normal process. Ms. Harrell stated that she assumed that would be the case.

Mr. Camp requested information on the proposed salary vs. what we had been paying for the position. Ms. Harrell stated that she would get that information to him.

Mr. Friendt asked about the water issue. He noted that as scrutinized as the newspaper is....he would guarantee that there is a sizeable portion of Lincoln’s population who don’t know that there is even a voluntary water restriction now. He requested that CIC put out public service announcements to be aired by the local radio and television stations with more continuous communication about this. The cost of such a possibility was raised and it was determined that these announcements would be run as a public service and no costs would be incurred on any City office budget, other than the preparation cost of the material to be distributed for airing. Ms. Harrell noted that some stations were already involved in doing that, but she would speak with Diane Gonzolas, CIC Director, to see that all the media outlets were contacted.
V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion with Doug Ahlberg - He needs Approval for the Revision of the Local Emergency Operations Plan. (Need: Motion & 2nd for vote to approve the Plan) (5 minutes)
   - Because of the delay in meeting time due to budget discussion held this morning, this presentation was moved to the August 5th Common Meeting.

2. Discussion on the number of copies for the Director’s Agenda packets - to whom distributed and from whose budget copies are charged. (Requested by Jonathan Cook) The issue was discussed briefly. It was determined that Ms. Ann Harrell of the Mayor’s Office would check to see who receives the Agenda packets in her office and whether or not the Mayor’s office could receive one copy of the packet and make their own copies for in-office distribution.
   Further discussion concerning access to the materials on the website ensued. Staff indicated to Council that to have the Directors’ and “Noon” Agenda w/attachments posted on the Internet would require additional staffing in the Council Office. Since no major changes in procedures would be made today, the discussion was brought to a close.
   Ms. Seng felt the County Commissioners did not need to receive copies of the Directors’ and Noon meeting minutes. Mr. Cook asked that Staff check with the County Board to see if they would still want copies of these Council work session meetings. [County Board was contacted on July 23rd and have indicated that one copy for in-office routing would be sufficient for their needs]

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook announced the time and location of the meeting scheduled to discuss river rock and landscaping in public right-of-way areas. The Time, Date and Location was determined to be: Tuesday, July 30th, 7:00 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Sheridan Boulevard and South Street. He requested that those attending enter from Ryons Street because of the construction in the area. Mr. Cook requested that, because of the confusion in the date/time and location of the meeting, Council Staff send notification to all City/County Employees of this finalized schedule. [This was done on Monday, July 22, 2002.]

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy introduced her parents who were in attendance at the meeting today. The Council Members introduced themselves to Mr. Andrew and Ms. Marguerite McRoy who arrived in Lincoln yesterday to visit their daughter, Ms. Annette McRoy.
COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng asked when the Appointments to the Health Endowment Board would be made. She noted that Council had received a letter from Lori Seibel on that issue. Mr. Morgan stated that he did not have information on that issue at this time.

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner requested Ms. Harrell to talk to Mr. Hubka about having the motions for amendments [Re: Budget] to Council today. Mr. Cook noted that they would have to have them by this Thursday in their packets. Mr. Hubka, who had just arrived at the meeting, stated that he could have some of the individual copies requested by Council Members available today, but would definitely have the material available for Council’s Thursday packets. It was agreed that Mr. Hubka would do a summary for each Council Member’s questions and an over-all update for Council by the packet date. He noted that the goal of his office at this time of year is to get budget information to the Council. Council noted, in agreement, that the reason for the delay was to get a summary of the information prior to the public hearing.

Mr. Werner also asked for information on the cost of a separate Council Insert in the local newspaper. Mr. Hubka noted that this is one of the items that comes out of the City’s General Fund. The insert is of the Mayor’s Proposed Budget. [The Council’s Approved Budget is not issued in an insert format, but as a legal notice and then printed in the finalized report form distributed by the Budget Office, usually in October]. Mr. Hubka informed Council that the cost of the insert is approximately $7,000. The insert goes into the paper several days prior to the public hearing date.

Mr. Werner noted that apparently Mr. Roper wasn’t going to be here today....and he had wanted to ask him if there was going to be a lawsuit on the Red Star Auto issue. The illegal parking has continued and the surrounding businesses were expressing concerns. [The letter received by Mr. Werner was copied and distributed to all Council Members, to the Mayor and to Mr. Roper.]

KENT MORGAN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - Absent

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1:08 p.m.

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