

**AGENDA FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2002  
Immediately Following Director's Meeting  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

- \*1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for November 18, 2002.

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

- \*1. Star City Holiday Festival Board Meeting (McRoy)
- \*2. Joint Budget Committee (McRoy/Seng)
- \*3. Floodplain Task Force Meeting (Seng)
- \*4. PRT Meeting (Seng)
- \*5. Homeless Coalition Meeting (Werner)
- \*6. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Camp) - **HELD OVER FROM THE NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> "NOON" AGENDA.**
- 7. Internal Liquor Committee (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner)
- 8. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board of Directors Meeting (Werner)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

- 1. Letter from Shelley R. Sahling, Assistant Secretary, DEC Energy to inform you that the term of Glenn Friendt will expire at the end of this year. Mr. Friendt is eligible for Reappointment. You will need to name your Appointment or Reappointment for a two-year term before the end of the year. (See attached Material)

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE**

**V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

- 1. Updowntowners Membership Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10, 2002 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn (Downtown), Arbor Room - Cost \$10.00 – RSVP to Heather Stewart at 434-6507 - (No Shows will be charged \$10.00) – (See Invitation)
- 2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition– You're invited . . . Legislative Breakfast – on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 – Nebraska State Capitol in Room 1023 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – "Is Teen Pregnancy a Policy Issue?" – Special Guest Speaker: Senator Paulette Irons, District 4, State of Louisiana – (See Invitation)

3. Fresh Start Home and Jack Saltzman - cordially invite you to a gathering of stars to benefit Fresh Start Home - Specialty Desserts, Coffee, Wine Party, - on Friday, December 6, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 841 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street - \$20.00 in advance - \$25.00 at the door – Please join us at Jack’s and tour a world full of fantasy featuring Christmas trees, beautiful antiques, and old world architecture as you enjoy delicious desserts, wines, and coffee - Jack’s home is featured in December 2002 Elle Decor magazine - RSVP with the enclosed card or call 475-7777– All proceeds will benefit Fresh Start Home – (See Invitation)
4. You and your staff are cordially invited to an Open House on Friday, December 6, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Saint Elizabeth Company Care, Your business health partner, 1000 West “O” Street - Lunch at your leisure while you tour our facility, see our improvements, see demonstrations and get expert advice (475-6656). (See Invitation).
5. You are cordially invited to the Havelock Business Association - 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Breakfast on Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. at the Isles Reception Hall, 6232 Havelock Avenue - Please RSVP at 434-3107 by Thursday, December 5, 2002 – Additional company guests are welcome. (See Invitation)
6. College of Business Administration 2002 Holiday Mixer - Wednesday, December 4, 2002 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 “R” Street – Please RSVP at 472-7773. (See Invitation)
7. Holiday Party – Home of Jon & Jenny Carlson on Saturday, December 7, 2002 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. - at The Barstow House, 1445 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. — (See Invitation)

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

- \*\*1. Discussion of hold message on Council phone system. — **HELD OVER FROM THE NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> “NOON” AGENDA.**
2. Discussion on the “Fire Department Study”. (Requested by Jonathan Cook)

## **VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*HELD OVER FROM NOVEMBER 25, 2002.**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2002**  
*CONFERENCE ROOM 113*

**Council Members Present:** Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner.

**Others Present:** Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joel Pedersen, Deputy City Attorney; Don Herz, City Finance Director - [dropped off material to Council]; Mark Hunzeker, Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, Lincoln *Journal/Star* representative.

**I. MINUTES**

- \*1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for November 18, 2002.

Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Glenn Friendt moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Annette McRoy and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus.

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

- \*1. STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BOARD (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that the Parade was on schedule and the Board would be having a breakfast this Friday. She announced that the Parade would be this week-end. (Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Downtown Lincoln)

- \*2. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) Ms. Seng reported that the Child Care Advisory Committee which had been operating under the auspices of the Health Department will be terminated. She explained that Bruce Dart and Bonnie Coffey will be coming to the Common Meeting to discuss this. Ms. Seng said that this Committee will be placed under the C-SIP group which is working on similar issues. This move was designed to eliminate some duplication in efforts.

Ms. Seng reported that Marsha Malone is the new head of Region V (following a shake-up over there on the State side of things). She reported that they had reviewed the Human Services Report and had discussed the status of the Malone Center briefly.

Ms. McRoy noted that one thing that stood out, for her, on the Human Services Report, was the number of Directors and Executive Directors that have come and gone. There were 10 agencies within the last two-six month period with new Directors.

She reported that the Indian Center had also been discussed briefly and that she had attended the Malone Center Garage Sale. (Unfortunately, she had found no antiques there.)

\*3. FLOODPLAIN TASK FORCE (Seng) Ms. Seng passed out corrected material which, she explained, is more complete than the earlier information they had received. She reported that at the next meeting, which will be tomorrow morning, the Task Force will begin to make recommendations that will come forward to Council. At the last meeting, Rick Peo had talked about the legal parameters of what can or cannot be done. There had also been a long presentation on "No Adverse Impact" which is something that the State Floodplain Managers are promoting. There was a great deal of discussion on that issue.

Ms. Seng noted that the Task Force will now have to cull the information they've received from the various people who have come in with all the possibilities. Tomorrow the hard work will start.

\*4. PRT MEETING (Seng) Ms. Seng gave a brief report stating that they had copied the minutes of the meeting for a citizen who had expressed concerns about certain discussion that had occurred at the referenced meeting. Ms. Seng felt the minutes should allay his concerns regarding that discussion.

Ms. Seng commented that the Police are marvelous. She explained that they get one place cleaned up and they wonder where all the vehicles go. They receive a report that someone believes they've been moved to another location. They investigate, and sure enough - there they are. They keep trying, though, to stay on top of the problems.

She reported that they had dropped several cases that were not PRT issues as they only dealt with one agency or department.

Ms. McRoy commented on the house on "T" Street on which she had sent an RFI, noting that they had gotten it cleaned up and now had new tenants. She hoped that this would help take that property off the PRT list.

\*5. HOMELESS COALITION (Werner) No Report

\*6. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS' MEETING (Camp) - *Held over from the November 18<sup>th</sup> "Noon" Agenda.* Mr. Camp reported that he had another meeting tomorrow. He explained that they keep making progress. There is more coordination between LPED & the City. They are working on technology businesses - trying to stave off the out-flow; and they will be publishing those figures.

Mr. Friendt asked if they hadn't announced a major investment in terms of a strategic plan. Mr. Camp answered that they had, noting that there had been an article in the newspaper yesterday on the plan. [Much of the remainder of Mr. Camp's report was inaudible].

Mr. Werner asked how the restructuring was coming along? Mr. Camp stated that nothing had been done on it yet, but informed Council that this study would be a part of that process.

He reported that the interviews for Director had been held last week and the nominees had been narrowed to two. Mr. Camp didn't know if there has been any announcement yet as to a final decision.

7. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) Mr. Svoboda stated that they had met last week and had been shown the new on-line server training program. This is a joint effort among several groups. It is the first such program in the country and other states are requesting information from the University on how it was put together. Mr. Svoboda thought it would be a fabulous program.

Mr. Svoboda explained that presently the server has to go in and take a test somewhere. This will be on-line with self-checks. The owner or manager can check on the progress of the employee; where they are in the program - how many they've gotten right, how many they've gotten wrong; whether they've completed the program - with self-checks all the way through the program. Mr. Svoboda stated that that was what the majority of the meeting had been spent in reviewing.

Ms. McRoy reported that one of the bars in downtown Lincoln has quite a few violations stacking up this fall.

8. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner had no report.

\*Held Over from 11-25-02 Agenda

OTHER MEETINGS: Ms. Seng reported that she had gone to the Center Team Meeting. These meetings are held about 4 times per year. They have a new little card that they're sending out called the "Trouble Shooter Card". Anyone can fill it out and drop it in at a collection location. They can remain anonymous if they so choose. Ms. Seng explained that the cards were for anything, not just PRT issues. These complaints can be filled out and the Police can then actually pick up some information for further investigation. Ms. McRoy explained that a schedule conflict had kept her from the meeting. She had contacted Captain Citta who stated that she would brief Ms. McRoy on the meeting content. Ms. McRoy stated that she felt the card might be a good tool for citizens to use when they have a grievance.

Ms. Seng reported that there has been a bit of a drop off in citizen participation at these Center Team meetings. She felt it was probably because that Team has been really very good in working with the schools and the churches and the neighborhood groups, so when they hold one of these quarterly meetings, the problems have already been addressed.

Ms. McRoy reported that when they had had the shooting on Holdrege a couple of months back, she had helped organize a neighborhood meeting at the Center and about 25 people had shown up. She felt the neighbors are pretty active and concerned. Ms. Seng agreed that the Team is very plugged in to the businesses and the community folks that live in the Team Area.

Mr. Cook reported that he and Ms. Seng had attended the Parks and Recreation Forum. He stated that it had been pretty well attended. There had been six groups and each attendee was placed in one of these groups. Then, the staff rotated through the groups making their presentations. Everyone had a chance to hear each element of the Parks and Rec's over-all Departments and each Department's functions. Mr. Cook felt this was great way to do it.

He did note that they weren't asking people if they'd like new programs, they were asking how to be more efficient - what can be cut, what did the people think would be appropriate. There were feed-back sheets from which information will be compiled and reported upon. A majority of the attendees seemed to lean toward *NOT* cutting money for tree planting and trimming, so that seems to be an important issue for the people. Other elements had more varied opinions, of course.

The Parks & Rec Staff wanted a more scientific survey, so from some of the feed-back based on this meeting, they are going to put together questions and do a survey city-wide.

Ms. Seng noted that in every category in the survey, on the question of whether or not to add or increase fees for services, she voted YES!

Ms. Seng reported that she and Mr Friendt had attended an Endowment Blue Print kick-off meeting on Tuesday at the "F" Street Rec Center. She noted that this program was one that is important to the community.

### III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -

1. Letter from Shelley R. Sahling, Assistant Secretary, District Energy Corporation - to inform Council that the term of Glenn Friendt will expire at the end of this year. Mr. Friendt is eligible for Reappointment. Council will need to name an Appointment or Reappointment for a two-year term before the end of the year. *Mr. Friendt indicated that he would be willing to serve another term if Council chose to reappoint him to the DEC. Coleen Seng moved to reappointment Mr. Friendt to another term; the motion was seconded by Ken Svoboda and approved by unanimous consensus - Council staff will prepare the Resolution Request for Re-appointment.*

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen stated that his comments would be addressed under the Miscellaneous Discussion of the Fire Stations.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

### VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

- \*\*1. Discussion of 'hold message' on Council phone system. - Carry Over to Next "Noon" Meeting (12-09-02)

2. Discussion on the "Fire Department Study". Mr. Bowen stated that last week the Mayor's Office had sent Council a letter regarding the fire study with the suggestion that it be discussed during the week of the 9<sup>th</sup>. He would like to know if it would be possible for the Mayor to sit down with a couple of the Council Members Wednesday or Thursday of this week in anticipation of what Council will want to bring about on the 9<sup>th</sup>....for further discussion. Would that be possible?

It was agreed that Mr. Svoboda, Mr. Werner and Mr. Camp would be able to attend such a meeting and would report back to the rest of Council at the next "Noon" Meeting.

The meeting was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday in the Mayor's Office. The Fire Department Study Discussion will be carried over to the next "Noon" meeting for further input and an update from the Council Members who will attend this meeting.

3. Discussion of the possibility of a Pre-Council on Impact Fees. Council discussed this possibility, reviewing procedural issues, participants, necessity and appropriateness of, as well as a time-frame and televising that would be involved in setting up a meeting. It was determined to have Public Works, City Finance and Ron Ecklund in attendance at a televised Pre-Council meeting on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Conference Room 113. It was determined that the Mayor's Staff would contact Mr. Ecklund to insure his availability for the meeting.

Some of the details of the actual ordinance and possible amendments were also briefly discussed along with the time-line of the actual vote.

4. A brief review of the Haymarket Item which was discussed at the Directors' Meeting this morning: (Item 1 on today's Formal Agenda: "Declaring approx. 3,225 sq. ft of City owned property generally located at 9<sup>th</sup> & "Q" Streets as surplus and authorizing the sale thereof to B&J Partnership".) Mr. Joel Pedersen of the City Attorney's Office explained the issues of the Agreement and the reasoning behind those issues. Council's concern that this item had not gone through the usual public hearing processes before being brought to Council led to the decision to withdraw the proposal from the Agenda and refer the project to the Planning Commission so that it could be routed through the process in an appropriate manner. (Reference #38-4424)
5. Mr. Cook mentioned one other issue before the Council today on which he had received amendments from Dana Roper. Council discussed it briefly and determined that a decision could be made at the meeting.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS - Chair did not poll.

JON CAMP -

JONATHAN COOK -

GLENN FRIENDT -

ANNETTE McROY -

COLEEN SENG -

KEN SVOBODA -

TERRY WERNER -

MARK BOWEN -

ANN HARRELL -

CORRIE KIELTY -

DANA ROPER -

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

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