AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003
Immediately Following Director’s Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

2. Minutes of Pre-Council Meeting on North 48th Street Redevelopment Plan Amendment and Green’s Plumbing - April 14, 2003 10:30 a.m.

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

1. Infrastructure Finance Committee Meeting (Friendt)
2. East Downtown Committee - Antelope Valley Projects (2nd Follow-up Meeting) (McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR -

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. On Thursday, May 22, 2003, the combined Rotary Clubs of Lincoln, Nebraska and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will host a Noon Luncheon to salute NEBCO, Inc. and its employees for their contributions to the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska - Seating will be available at 11:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Ballroom 1040 “P” Street - Reservations are $18.00 per person & corporate tables of ten are available for $180.00 - Please complete the attached RSVP form and return it with your check by May 12th. (See Letter of Invitation)

2. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Meeting - Monday, May 5th, 2003 9:30 a.m. Lower Platte South NRD Conference Room - 3125 Portia Street - Lincoln, NE (402) 476-2720 - At this time there are no pre-councils - Directors’ Meeting begins at 11:00
3. Aging Services Lifelong Living Festival - Agricultural Hall Nebraska State Fair Park - May 8, 2003 - 8:00 am. - 4:00 p.m.

4. Informational Meeting by Seacrest & Kalkowski on the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments on an area located north of West Denton Road between South Folsom Street and Homestead Expressway - Tuesday, May 13th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Scott Middle School Room 223 - 2200 Pine Lake Road

5. 2003 Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference - (Budget Cuts and Revenue Shortfalls - Meeting the challenge and sharing ideas) - June 18-20, 2003 Midtown Hiliday Inn, Grand Island - (See Information included with “Legislative Bulletin”)

6. Recruiting A Diverse Staff Seminar - Presentation by Bryan LGH - Friday, May 9, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Bryan LGH Medical Center East Plaza Conference Center C - 1500 S. 48th Street Cost: $25.00 for Members of Human Services Federation or Leadership Lincoln/$45.00 for Non-Members.

7. Midwest Archeological Center Open House - Monday, May 12th from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. (Entry to Center through Room 497 of the Robert F. Denney Federal Building - 100 Centennial mall North (Visitor parking available on the west side of the parking garage which is immediately south of the Federal Building (across “O” Street)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. LPS has requested Agenda Items for May 13th LPS/City/County Meeting - (7:30 a.m. at North Star High School - 5801 North 33rd Street). Items should be sent to LPS by Tuesday, May 6th. - Let Joan know.

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
I. MINUTES

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Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Jon Camp moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of those Council members present.

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

1. INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE COMMITTEE (Friendt & Seng) Ms. Seng explained that this had been a meeting scheduled separately for Mr. Friendt and for herself as an informational briefing on the Infrastructure Finance Committee’s Report. At this point the information is not yet ready for dissemination, but will be made available to Council as soon as it can be released.

2. EAST DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE - ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECTS (2ND FOLLOW-UP MEETING) (McRoy) Ms. McRoy had a schedule conflict as the meeting was held on a Monday, during scheduled Council business. No Report

Prior to continuing with the scheduled “Noon” Agenda items, Mr. Cook asked Mr. Huggenberger to come forward with a special presentation regarding a Time-Warner Audit report. Mr. Huggenberger stated that he could not discuss the issue, but could state why his request is necessary. He explained that the Law Department had received an audit report on Time-Warner which had been in process for almost a year. The Law Department wants to send a Notice of Violation to the company and the Council’s authorization is needed to do that. He realized that the report that he has is confidential and cannot be shared with Council at this time. So, the Law Department is preparing a “public version” of the report which can be presented to Council for review prior to the decision as to whether or not to authorize the filing of the Notice of Violation. The sum involved
is $720,000, covering a period from May, 1995 thru the present (in addition to the other audits that have been submitted). There was brief discussion among the Council members and it was agreed that an executive session pre-council (30 Minutes) would be scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2003, prior to a decision as to whether or not Council would approve the filing of the Notice of Violation.

OTHER MEETINGS - Mr. Werner reported that the AED (Automated Exterior Defibulator) Group had met. The results of those meetings have been very positive. Mr. Werner did not want to make a formal report to Council yet, but noted that the group may be getting contributions up to as much as $35,000 to initiate this program. It’s been a community wide effort and is coming along very well. He added that the group probably won’t meet until after the Community Health Endowment report on the funding, then we may be ready to make some sort of presentation to the Council.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen asked if Council Members had received the memo regarding the Pension Trust Fund. Council members indicated that they had received the letter. Mr. Bowen stated that they were awaiting a memo [inaudible]. When it’s ready we’d like to take it off pending. Mr. Cook reviewed the process for clarification. We would place this on Pending and when a time-line is determined, we take it off Pending and determine the public hearing date. Mr. Bowen stated that he felt it would be relatively soon.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

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Ms. McRoy requested (and Ms. Seng concurred) that the busing issue regarding student busing from Arnold Heights and the Highlands areas to North Star High School. This would involve StarTran and LPS busing representatives. Ms. McRoy stated that several concerns had been expressed by constituents, such as the half-hour layover in the downtown area and the transport of inmates from the Work Release Center to the downtown area on the morning bus trip.

Another request for the May 13th Joint LPS/City/County Meeting Schedule came from Mr. Camp. It was for discussion of the SRO (School Resource Officers) to see where LPS is at this point in budgeting these positions. There have been rumors that the LPS funding for the SRO positions was being considered for cuts in the elementary schools.
These two issues were relayed to the LPS office for inclusion on the May 13th Agenda. The meeting has been confirmed to be held in the common area at the North Star High School with a tour scheduled after the LPS Joint meeting and just prior to the Common meeting (which will be held immediately following at the North Star High School)

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - Absent

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner suggested that Council should, after the elections, support some sort of campaign financing at the City level. Mr. Roper stated that the Law Department was still looking into that issue. Mr. Werner noted that even if it was a voluntary thing, he wondered if a Charter amendment would be required for the City to contribute to campaign funding. Mr. Roper asked if he meant the City should contribute money for election campaigns. Mr. Werner stated that he was trying to think of a way...if a person participated in agreeing to limits, then at some point there would be a matching fund [from the City]. Mr. Werner stated that he felt it was unfortunate that at the very basic level of political involvement [City Council] that the amount of money being spent in the last two elections is going to discourage the average person from even running - when $100,000 is being spent to run for City Council. He would like to explore some possible financing options.

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 11:36 a.m.

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