AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2003
Immediately Following Director’s Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES


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

*1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Seng)
*2. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
*3. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Seng)
*4. C-SIP Meeting (McRoy/Seng)
*5. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)
*6. Homeless Coalition Meeting (Werner)
*7. Hometown Security Study Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda)
   8. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) - NO MEETING IN MAY
   9. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board Meeting (Werner)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:
   A.) Sell2All, Inc., 2610 West “L” Street on Friday, May 30, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.
   B.) Woods Bros. Realty, 27th & Superior on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.
   - Please RSVP to Tera Pugh at 436-2355 or E-Mail
2. As a friend of AGING SERVICES RSVP, you are invited to attend the 29th Annual Recognition Dinner on Thursday, June 12, 2003 - Join us as we pay tribute to these valued individuals, the volunteers - Your attendance means so much to them! - Aging Services Retired & Senior Volunteer Program 29th Annual Awards Dinner - Dinner & Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m.- Dance at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - With the Greg Spevak Orchestra - at the Cornhusker Hotel - An Evening of Dinner & Dancing - $15.00 each - Please return the RSVP card by June 6th - (See Invitation)

3. Neighborhoods, Inc. of Lincoln - invites you to attend our Leadership Recognition Luncheon on Friday, June 13, 2003 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - at The Cornhusker Hotel - RSVP by June 1st to 477-7181, as seating is limited, guests are welcome. (See Invitation)

4. Cornhusker Place is celebrating 20 years of service in the Lincoln community - Campaign Anniversary Breakfast - In honor of our anniversary we invite you to join us on Monday, June 30, 2003 for a special breakfast where we will launch the public portion of our Capital Campaign for the expansion and renovation of our current facility - at 7:30 a.m. at the 7th Street Loft, 721 “K” Street - RSVP by June 15th to Valorie at 477-3951 or E-Mail Patti. (See Invitation)

5. Letter of Invitation from Steve Nolan, Nolan Consulting Services, Inc., Central Financial Services - You are invited to join us on Saturday, August 9, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Folsom Children’s Zoo and Botanical Gardens for the Second Annual “Evening at the Zoo” - Admission is free and includes Pony Rides, Train Rides and the Butterfly Pavilion - Treats will also be provided - Would be honored to have you and your family (children, grandchildren, etc.) Join with me for this evening of fun. - RSVP to Ruthann at 423-4022. (See Invitation)

6. You are cordially invited to ... Spring 2003 - Lincoln Police Department Academy Graduation & Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. - at Embassy Suites, Regents B Room, 1040 “P” Street - Reception Following – (See Invitation)

7. Conference - Congress for the New Urbanism - Congresses CNU XI Ideals to Realities: The Evolving City on June 19-22, 2003 - Washington, DC - The Congress for the New Urbanism is the foremost conference for people interested in building or restoring walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.— (See E-Mail Invitation)

8. Come Join Us for our Season Opener! - Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers - Come enjoy an evening of ballpark fare! - Celebrating our Best Play of the Year. .. Our new Lincoln Office! – It’s going to be a Grand Slam Event! Stop by and visit the home of our Lincoln Expansion Team! – KM Sluggers - Open House on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - at 411 South 13th Street,
Suite 101 - (FREE Parking at Cornhusker Hotel) - Please RSVP: Mail your season ticket to reserve your VIP seats or call Lucinda Bugbee at 477-4240 by June 6th - (Season Ticket RSVP form enclosed) (See Invitation)

9. Updowntowners - Membership Luncheon on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at PO Pears - Cost is $8.00 - Topic: Spread the Jamm - RSVP for Luncheon by June 16th to Heather Stewart at 434-6507 - (No shows will be charged $8.00-cancellations must be made by June 16th) (See Invitation)

10. On Thursday, June 12, 2003 the Southwest Lincoln Business and Civic Association, at their regular meeting, will hold the 21st Annual RECOGNITION DAY for City, County and State officials - at The New Smith Collection Museum, 340 Victory Lane - at 11:30 a.m. - (Regrets only please to Melanie at 402-323-3100. (See Letter of Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. Discussion on Council Members’ Committee Assignments. (See Attachments)

**2. Discussion on the Memo from Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln regarding their 4th Annual Meeting with the Community on Wednesday, June 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Inviting a member of the Lincoln City Council to give welcoming remarks (2-4 minutes) and assist in the presentation of awards. (See Attached Memo) (This is also listed under “V. - Meetings/Invitations”)

3. Discussion on possible replacement of Laptop Computers. (Requested by Jonathan Cook)(See Attached Note)

4. Discussion on “student interns”. (Requested by Jon Camp)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT


**HELD OVER FROM MAY 26, 2003.
Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman, Ken Svoboda; ABSENT: None

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Mayor’s Office; Carol Connor, Library Director; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative (present for a portion of the meeting).

I. MINUTES


*Held Over from Previous Week’s Agenda

Chair Jon Camp requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Annette McRoy and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of the Council.

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

*1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) - Mr. Camp reported that the meeting had basically been a review of the progress on the Parking Facility.

*2. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) No Report

*3. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) Ms. McRoy reported that she had attend the meeting and they are receiving the books this week on the United Way and JBC funding requests. Of course, there are more requests than funds, but we’ll begin reviewing the requests at the next meeting for allocation. She noted that the increase in allocations had been between 3-5% over last year; and the application process for this year’s budget has been closed.
*4. C-SIP MEETING (McRoy/Seng) - No Report

*5. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) - No Report

*6. HOMELESS COALITION (Werner) - No Report

*7. HOMETOWN SECURITY STUDY COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda) - Mr. Svoboda reported that they are approving recommendations now. The process has been extended by another week. There will be a meeting again this coming Wednesday where, hopefully, we’ll compile the last of the recommendations from which a report will be prepared. At least from the Fire/EMS Sub-Committee, there will be a minority report being forwarded along with the recommendations. But, we’re finalizing the report within the next week or so.

Ms. McRoy stated that the Police Sub-Committee were also finalizing their recommendations. Their last meeting will also be this Wednesday. Mr. Camp asked if, once Council had received the whole report, that would be a good time to have a pre-council for a Council Update. Mr. Svoboda and Ms. McRoy both felt that would be a good idea. Mr. Friendt asked what the minority report would be on? Mr. Svoboda stated that the minority report was coming from one individual who served on the Fire/EMS Sub-Committee. That individual alleges that the Fire Chief and the Committee just pretty much pushed through all of the Fire recommendations and didn’t explore a number of the options as to questions that he had raised. So, the minority report will pretty much just state that. Mr. Werner asked if Mr. Svoboda agreed with the individual? Mr. Svoboda stated that he did agree with him, noting that it was kind of a “slam-dunk”. He stated that he had missed several of the Fire-EMS meetings, but from reading the transcripts and listening to others, such as Doug Ahlberg and several others, the recommendations pretty much went as proposed by the Chief.

Ms. McRoy noted that her sub-committee was pretty much in agreement on most recommendations. There were some minor disagreements, but not enough to create a problem. Ms. McRoy made some further comments, but they were inaudible.

Mr. Camp asked Ms. Newman if she were tracking some of these issues. She stated that she had been following some of the issues and was aware of some of the concerns.

8. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) - NO MEETING IN MAY

9. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN B.I.D. ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner reported that they had met at the Visitors’ Center over by the University in the Ross Theater area there. They had a tour of that facility. The meeting had been rather non-eventful. Jim Fram talked about the Angelou Report and passed out a survey that some of the Council Members may have taken. The report described how Lincoln is and how Lincoln should be. There was also an update...
by Dallas McGee and Debbie Brehm on the Multi-Plex project. There will be an open house on the Mega-Plex and the exterior design. That will be on June 12th, either in the morning or at noon. There might have been two times for the presentation - 8:00 a.m. and “Noon” on June 12th. Ms. Harrell commented that she thought the meetings would be held at the SECC Board Room. (See Mr. Werner’s Comments under VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS - TERRY WERNER)

*Carried Over from Previous Week’s Agenda

OTHER MEETINGS - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Ms. Carol Connor, Library Director, was in attendance at the “Noon” meeting to inform Council that there would be an opening on the Board as of September 1, 2003 due to the expiration of the term of Peter Levitov. She also explained the nomination process. She noted that the current procedures were working fine for the Library and wondered if the process was satisfactory for Council. Council Members agreed that it was. Ms. Connor did explain, in answer to a question from Ms. McRoy that service has always been limited to one seven-year term in order to allow everyone who wishes to participate an opportunity to serve. There is great community interest in serving on the Library Board. Board Recommendations will be coming to Council soon. [See VI - MISCELLANEOUS - From the Addendum:]

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen noted that there were a couple of issues to discuss. First, Mayor Seng is moving the Boards and Commissions from Joyce Quinn [Welsch] back into the Mayor’s Office. Corri Kielty will be handling all of those from this time forward. If Council Members have names to submit for consideration to appointments, contact Ms. Kielty.

Secondly, Mayor Seng will be giving Council Members the lists of upcoming appointments and reappointments for Council packets prior to introduction.

Thirdly, with Mayor Seng no longer able to serve on the Building Commission, there is a vacancy there. Following the process we now know about, she has nominated Jonathan to serve on the Public Building Commission. We’ll be advancing that nomination through, but there is a Public Building Commission meeting next week. So, it will come through for first reading and, hopefully, action for next Monday. If you prefer not to do that, then Jonathan could just attend as a nominee member at next week’s meeting. Mr. Friendt asked if this is a different process than has been done in the past? Mr. Bowen indicated that it was. In the past, no one ever realized that the Mayor is supposed to nominate the Building Commission Member - Council has always just appointed their own choice. Now, we have the knowledge that the Mayor is to nominate the Council Member to serve on the Commission. This appointment will fill the unexpired term of Coleen Seng and will expire August 1, 2004.

Mr. Camp asked if Mr. Cook would not object if the normal time-frame in the appointment process were followed with introduction next week and action the following week? Mr. Cook agreed that attending next weeks meeting as a nominee member would be fine.
Mr. Svoboda stated that he had respectfully expressed to the Mayor his objection to Mr. Cook’s appointment to the Public Building Commission. He noted that this objection was not on the merit of what Jonathan is able to do, only on the fact that this is the third year now that Mr. Svoboda had requested a position on the Public Building Commission, and has been turned down each time. This time he noted, he had been turned down because he was fairly vocal in his opposition to the parking garage next door and, most vocal, about the tunnel. Apparently that isn’t the type of people “we” want on the Public Building Commission - those people who ask questions and who are outspoken. He added that he understood that it was Ms. Seng’s decision and Council would ultimately vote on it and that he would vote in the affirmative for Jonathan, because it is the Mayor’s prerogative of appointment. He just noted that he had expressed his concern to the Mayor that he had requested appointment for three years in a row and had not been able....

Mr. Bowen requested an opportunity to make a clarifying comment. He noted that this is the first time a Mayor has ever nominated a Council Member to the Public Building Commission. Mr. Svoboda answered that he had not made the request to the Mayor. When he was first elected, he had asked at that point when Committee assignments were being done; he had said that the ones he was interested in would be Board of Health and Public Building Commission - plus several others. He added that when they had done Committee re-assignments last year, he had expressed the same interest and neither Jon nor Coleen wanted to give up their seat on Public Building Commission, so they were reaffirmed. Then this year, he had sent a letter to the Council when Coleen was elected Mayor and immediately to Coleen when it was recognized that the Mayor made the appointment. He stated that the point he was trying to make was that for the third time he had expressed an interest in the Public Building Commission appointment....obviously to no avail.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. Discussion on Council Members’ Committee Assignments. After Discussion the following Committee Assignments were made:

JON CAMP: Transportation Officials Committee (w/Chair)
Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (Chair)
Public Building Commission
Internal Auditing Review Committee
Building Parking Committee
ISPC/GAIC (Information Services Policy Committee)

JONATHAN COOK: Railroad Transportation Safety District
Public Building Commission (Reso to City Clerk 06-04-03)
Cable Franchise (Negotiation Sub-Committee)
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (Reso to City Clerk)
Wilderness Park Advisory Committee (Reluctantly)
GLENN FRIENDT: Internal Auditing Review Committee  
DEC (District Energy Committee)  
Wilderness Park Advisory Committee  
Railroad Transportation Safety District  
Affordable Housing Steering Committee (06-12-03 -Last Mtg)

ANNETTE McROY: Multicultural Advisory Committee  
City Council Internal Liquor Committee  
Star City Holiday Festival Board  
Joint Budget Committee  
C-SIP Steering Committee  
Human Services Keno Prevention Fund  
Mayor’s Downtown Action Team

PATTE NEWMAN: Homeless Coalition (Official)  
Problem Resolution Team  
C-SIP Steering Committee  
City Council Internal Liquor Committee  
Citizens Meeting (3rd Thursday)

KEN SVOBODA: Board of Health  
City Council Internal Liquor Committee  
Railroad Transportation Safety District (Reso to City Clerk - 06-04-03)

TERRY WERNER: Joint Budget Committee (Reso to City Clerk 06-04-03)  
City Council Internal Liquor Committee (Alt - If Possible)  
LNM - Legislative Committee  
Gas Franchise Committee  
Downtown Lincoln B.I.D. Association

Diane Gonzolas of the Mayor’s Citizen Information Center Division, came forward to request a moment to discuss the Mayor’s Arts Awards. The attendance of Council members was reviewed. Ms. Newman and Mr. Friendt have RSVP’d. Mr. Cook, who had RSVP’d as attending, has had a change of plans and will not be able to attend. Mr. Werner, Mr. Camp and Mr. Svoboda did plan to attend. All agreed that pasta for dinner would be acceptable.

It was noted that the formal Council ‘picture for posterity’ would be taken on June 23rd when all the Council Members would be present. The pictures would be taken at approximately 1:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers. - A reminder note will be sent.

**2. Discussion on the Memo from Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln regarding their 4th Annual Meeting with the Community on Wednesday, June 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Inviting a member of the Lincoln City Council to give welcoming remarks (2-4 minutes) and assist in the presentation of awards. Mr. Werner would be attending that function.**
3. Discussion on possible replacement of Laptop Computers. (Requested by Jonathan Cook) Mr. Cook stated that he was requesting that, after four years, Council get new laptops. He noted that, according the memo, I.S. Department said no - there would not be enough benefit to have them replaced at this time. He noted that Council Members can use Discretionary Funds to buy new laptops.

The question of an upgrade was brought forward because they are all using Windows 98 and should be upgraded to XP. He noted that the machines were not reliable, needing constant re-booting to perform. He stated that the office computers should also be upgraded, noting the speed at which they are currently operating is unacceptable.

Discussion continued with Ms. Ray pointing out that the cost of the laptops would come from the Micro Computer Fund if they were all replaced in one total upgrade. It was decided that a copy of the proposed Council Budget be provided in the Thursday Packet for Council Review and a time on the June 9th “Noon” Agenda for a question/answer time with Doug Thomas, I.S. Director. (Mr. Thomas informed of meeting request on 06-03-03 - confirmed on 06-04-03)

Mr. Camp also offered for consideration during the budget review at next Monday’s “Noon” meeting the City funding of cell phones for City business.

4. Discussion on “student interns”. (Requested by Jon Camp) Mr. Camp had a memo on the “Council Process and Efficiency” which included the use of student interns. This list was reviewed briefly with Council agreeing that Pre-Councils and the Directors’ Meeting could be revamped for expediency - if necessary at all.

Discussion continued with various options being posed for methods of stream-lining the meetings process. Mr. Camp indicated that he would work with Mr. Bowen on a revised Directors’ Meeting schedule. Several Council Members suggested having one more night meeting per month to offer more opportunity for community involvement in the governmental process, both as concerned citizenry and as possible Council candidates.

The conducting of the Formal Council Meetings was discussed briefly, including the Robert’s Rules of Order regarding Council Members’ comments on an issue brought forward for consideration, with more than one question being discussed at length. Allowing more than one comment was seen as conducive to a coherent train of thought, while allowing one question per Council member per Chair recognition would allow all Council Members an equal opportunity to bring questions forward as well as lessening the perception of one member conducting an interrogation.

Mr. Camp stated that he would try to work with what has been discussed here today, with appreciation for all of the Council Members showing respect for one another in their discourse at the Formal Meetings. The time limits for individual public input was also discussed briefly with a decision to leave the time limit set at the current five-minutes with an enforcement on limiting the input to the issue at hand.

The student intern issue was touched on briefly with the Council agreeing that the use of student interns would be a valid option for Council Members to utilize. Mr. Camp had discussed this issue with Deanne Finnegan and felt this would be a great educational opportunity for young people to participate and understand more about City government and at the same time be of help to the Council Members. He requested that Council Members give this some thought. He would continue to discuss this with Ms. Finnegan and continue the discussion at next weeks “Noon” Meeting.
FROM 06-02-03 ADDENDUM:

1. Discussion on the Library Board Appointment. (See Discussion under III - APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner commented that the Entertainment Center Workshop would be held at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Thursday, June 12th and it is at Energy Square - 1st Floor in the Board Room (Two Meetings to offer an option. If lunch is desired, call Christy at 441-8206).

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1:20 p.m.