

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of February 2, 2004.

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

1. Mayor's Outdoor Dining Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda) — **HELD OVER FROM THE FEBRUARY 2ND "NOON" AGENDA.**
2. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Camp)
3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook) – **CANCELLED**
4. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Friendt)
5. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Werner)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. 2004 Nebraska Leadership Prayer Breakfast - on Friday, February 27, 2004 at Embassy Suites Hotel - Doors open at 6:30 a.m. - Breakfast served promptly at 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Tickets \$15.00 each - Please RSVP. — (See Brochure)
2. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings: - Please RSVP to Jaime Henning at 436-2354 or E-Mail:
 - A.) Lincoln School of Commerce (Hamilton College), 1821 "K" Street on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
 - B.) Jetsplash Full Service Car Wash, 3801 S. 9th Street on Thursday, February 12, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

3. In conjunction with the League of Municipalities Mid-Winter Meeting in Lincoln, Kirkham Michael will be hosting a “Client Appreciation” dinner for your elected or appointed City officials and their guests. – The Dinner will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004 at The Nebraska Club, 233 So. 13th Street, 20th Floor at 7:30 p.m. – Cocktails available at 6:45 p.m. – Please return the enclosed RSVP card by February 18th including guests names and dinner selections. – (See Letter of Invitation)
4. Please join Olsson Associates for a 1920's Bootleggers Ball - on Monday, February 23, 2004 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - At The Cornhusker Hotel, Renaissance Room (aka Mr. Big's Joint), 2nd Floor, 333 South 13th Street - RSVP to JoAnn at 458-5978 or E-Mail.– (See Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman, Ken Svoboda; *ABSENT:* Glenn Friendt, Terry Werner, Vice-Chair

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Cori KIELTY, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City 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 from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of February 2, 2004.

Chair Camp requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Jonathan Cook moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ken Svoboda and carried by unanimous consensus of the Council Members present (5-0).

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

1. MAYOR'S OUTDOOR DINING COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda) Minutes Received by Council Members - No Report
2. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS' MEETING (Camp) - Conflict with Common Meeting Schedule - No Report
3. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) – CANCELLED
4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Friendt) Postponed to a March date.
5. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Werner) Meeting CANCELLED - Rescheduled to Friday, February 13th.

OTHER MEETINGS - Mr. Cook noted that the Public Building Commission would not meet tomorrow. He reported that the date has been changed - PBC is to meet at 2:00 p.m. on February 19th. [The PBC Staff indicated that the meeting would be held on the 19th at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 113]

Mr. Svoboda reported that the Mayor's Streamlining Committee had met under full committee. The three Chairs of the three individual subcommittees made their recommendations to the over-all Committee. The Mayor made some opening comments. Quite a bit of the Building & Safety, Public Works and Planning staffs were in attendance....it was pretty much a full house over at the Chamber. Mr. Svoboda stated that there had been some very good recommendations coming out of the Streamlining Committee. He noted that he was very impressed with them. There were a few hang-ups that have been amended out of it to avoid stalling the entire process.

Building & Safety did an outstanding job of reviewing their areas. Mr. Svoboda stated that he had sat on the Executive Order and Engineering sub-committee which was primarily made up of Planning and Public Works Staff Members.. He was very impressed with the fact that both Allan [Abbott] and Marvin [Krout] were able to suggest several different things that even a year ago would have never been suggested in a streamlining process. Giving more weight to the engineers that are certified from the private sector and allowing them to do the inspections and signing-off on it [was one instance of this forward thinking attitude]. The engineers are all bonded and are put on a list indicating that they meet certain satisfactory marks. If they don't meet those standards, then they're eliminated from the list.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he was very impressed with the Committee's process and accomplishments which were achieved in a relatively short period of time. The items that came out of the streamlining committee normally would have, Mr. Svoboda thought, taken a good year. A lot of it will require some ordinance changes which will all be coming forward to Council, as necessary.

Mr. Bowen stated that there will be two steps to be gone through. One is the administrative changes which we can just implement. We'll go ahead with those as soon as we have all the recommendations finalized. The second phase is the ordinance change request that we need. Those are the ones that will come before Council for consideration.

Mr. Camp asked if this was "City" or "City/County"? Mr. Svoboda stated that it was "City". Mr. Camp requested that a pre-council be held on this. He felt this would be appropriate in order to give Council the whole scope of the project. He stated that he would appreciate having an over-all picture. Mr. Svoboda stated that he was not sure if there had been a suggestion for that, or if that was a part of the original process - that there would be more of an updating, similar to what Council received last week, but instead of the sub-committee chairs doing it, just having the over-all chair move it forward for Council.

Mr. Camp felt that would be something that could be televised to the community to give the public an opportunity to be informed. Mr. Bowen noted that the most appropriate time for a pre-council would be after the report is finalized and we have a schedule on the Administrative changes....those could be announced as part of the pre-council. At the same time, we could identify what the ordinances changes are that would be coming before Council. Mr. Bowen felt that would be sometime in March. Council agreed that this would be acceptable.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen passed out the State Pending Legislation List and reviewed for Council the City's stance regarding the bills. During the review, the Mayor's Staff answered Council's questions and concerns on these issues. [See Attached List]

Mr. Bowen then discussed with Council the Council Discretionary Fund Budget Allotment for Radios from last years budget process. Mr. Bowen explained that the \$70,000 which the Council had dedicated toward purchasing emergency radios has already been committed. The grant from FEMA for \$468,000 requires a rather hefty match. If there is any money left over, we'll probably use it to go toward that match. A \$489,000 grant requires a 30% match - so that would be \$209,000 additional funds from the local government to fulfill the match requirement. Mr. Svoboda asked if that was an additional amount over and above the \$70,000 that Council has already committed? Or would that be put towards it.

Mr. Bowen noted that of the \$70,000, approximately \$55-60,000 has already been spent. The \$10-15,000 that is left will probably be used toward the \$209,000 match.

Mr. Camp asked if the original cost hadn't been in the \$400,000 range? Now, it's a match plus the \$468,000? We're at approx. \$750,000? Mr. Svoboda stated that \$412,000 was the original amount on the bond for radios. Mr. Bowen indicated that was a failed bond for \$412,000. The grant of \$489,000, with the additional \$209,000 match brings it to \$684,000. This brings us to a little icy ground. That grant is not just for hand-held radios, which is what the bond had been to cover. This also includes mobile systems and that exact number is in the 60 range. There is yet a third kind of radio that is involved, but those are just the two primary kinds.

This discussion continued briefly with a break-down in the numbers of radios being allotted to Police and to Fire. Mr. Bowen stated that if we could get the money together for the Federal Match, that could probably deal with all of the Fire Department's needs. The Police are still trying to deal with their needs. The Police did spend about \$30,000 of the Council Money on radios.

Mr. Svoboda asked of the \$489,000 was the \$449,000 a maximum amount from the Feds - so if we come in with a smaller matching amount, we get a correlated maximum amount off that? Would there be a reduction? Mr. Bowen stated that they were talking about that right now. The amount is "up to" \$489,000. If we don't need all that much, does that back off our local contribution? It should. They're trying to sort out between the hand held units and mobiles and what that breaks down to. Mr. Svoboda noted that it just seems that last week, Glenn Friendt had been asking about another chunk of grant through the State. Mr. Bowen stated that that was grant money. Mr. Svoboda noted that he just wanted to make sure we were being smart about what we're purchasing.

Mr. Bowen stated that that is part of this discussion, too. That money would be a grant and would therefore be more attractive than the matching fund monies.. We're trying to put everything all together in order to get what we actually need. Mr. Svoboda stated that the only reason he asked this was because he felt the Council had every best intention last year during that budget cycle of being able to allocate and re-allocate the \$70,000 from their Discretionary Funds to Police and Fire Radios. Then, if Police and Fire now have this very large chunk of money coming and available to them for that purpose, we want to make sure the we have spent our \$70,000 wisely. It sounds as though that has happened. Mr. Bowen reiterated that the bulk of the Council's money has been spent - up to about \$60,000.00.

Mr. Bowen added that what the negotiations with the Feds focuses on now is the question of can that \$70,000 count as a part of the local match funds.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS - None - However, Mr. Cook brought forward, the discussion of upcoming pre-councils which had not been addressed at last weeks "Noon" meeting. He noted that the pending pre-council meetings noted on the Upcoming Pre-Council List could be deleted. Discussion led to the Pending Pre-Council list being revised to include only the following:

Police and Fire Pension Plan w/Amendments & Revisions
LPED Re-organization Update
Mayor's Streamline Committee Report
Alleys - City Policy on Maintenance and Improvements
City-wide Audit

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - None

JONATHAN COOK -

GLENN FRIENDT - Absent

ANNETTE MCROY - Ms. McRoy brought to Council's attention the State Liquor Control Commission's action granting Mickey's Irish Pub their license - this after the Council had voted unanimously, 7-0, to deny the license. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Roper if he had any comments on that - wondering why the Commission had decided to grant that license. Mr. Roper stated that he would check into that and find out what the Commissions' reasoning had been.

Mr. Cook asked what conditions had been placed on the license? Mr. Svoboda answered that the conditions had included the requirement of developing a policy, training personnel and the stipulation that if there are any convictions in a twelve month period, the license is revoked. He noted that this is a little stricter than the normal licensing conditions.

Mr. Svoboda asked if Council would object to having him, as an individual Council Member, write a letter to the Liquor Control Commission expressing his displeasure with their decision. Ms. McRoy wondered if the letter could be written on behalf of the ILC [Internal Liquor Committee]. Council decided that they would appreciate the letter being written on behalf of the entire Council. It was determined that Mr. Svoboda and Mr. Camp would compose a letter and get it sent to the State Liquor Control Commission expressing their collective disgust at having no power in the matter at all.

Ms. McRoy stated that the applicant had gone ahead and gotten all of their equipment ready to go, with the knowledge that Council would deny the license; but that it would be granted at the State level. She felt this certainly defeated the whole local process. Mr. Roper commented that they might want to "copy" the governor with the letter as well so that he might understand the situation.

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - Mr. Svoboda stated that he had received an invitation to the Black History Month luncheon this Friday afternoon at the National Guard Armory on 10th Street. He noted that he had attended this annual luncheon for the last several years and encouraged Council Members to try to attend this year. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at the Armory and the event lasts over the lunch hour. They have Brown Bag lunches that can be picked up and paid for on the way in. There is a short program and that is it. Major Ford, the organizer of the event, requested that Mr. Svoboda try to get as many Council Members to attend as he could. The Mayor will be there; the Governor will not be able to attend this year, though he has attended in the past. The Lt. Governor will be attending to represent the State. Mr. Svoboda encouraged his colleagues to attend. He reiterated that the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program starts at approx. 12:00 p.m.

TERRY WERNER - Absent

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

CORI KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12.17 p.m.

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