

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004
Immediately Following Directors' Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

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- 4. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of June 16, 2003.
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- *1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
- *2. ISPC Meeting (Camp)
- *3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)
- *4. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)
- **5. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
- **6. Future's Committee Meeting (Cook)
- **7. Community Development Task Force Special Meeting (Friendt)
- **8. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Werner)
- **9. Homeless Coalition Meeting (Newman)
- **10. Citizen's Meeting (Newman)
- 11. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting (McRoy/Newman/Svoboda)
- 12. PRT Meeting (Newman)
- 13. 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: - Please RSVP to Jaime Henning at 436-2354 or E-Mail:
 - A.) Comfort Keepers, 145 South 56th Street, Suite A on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
 - B.) Guardian Angels Homecare, 3200 “O” Street, Suite 6 on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
 - C.) Culver’s of Lincoln, 70th & Pioneers on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.
 - D.) New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 620 N. 48th Street, Suite 203 on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.
2. You and a guest are cordially invited to attend.... 1st Choice Credit Union - 2004 Annual Membership Meeting - on Saturday, March 27, 2004 - Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. - Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall South - RSVP by March 19th to 475-7059. – (See Invitation)
3. 2004 Federal Issues Fly-In Trip from May 1st through May 5th - In Washington - RSVP by March 15th - (See Brochure for more details)
4. Nebraska State Historical Society’s - Museum of Nebraska History, 15th & “P” Streets - Please join me for a private reception and viewing of the Don Forke Map Collection Exhibit with special guest Don Cresswell, national map expert and contributor to the Antiques Roadshow on Friday, March 19, 2004 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Museum of Nebraska History - Marilyn Forke, Trustee, Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation - RSVP by March 12th to Therese at 435-3535. - (See Invitation)
5. Open House — Multi-Modal Transportation Study on Monday, March 8, 2004 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at UNL Van Brunt Visitor Center, 313 N. 13th Street - (See Invitation)
6. You’re Invited to an Olsson Associates Pre-St. Patrick’s Day Party to Toast the City of Lincoln on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at the Starlite Lounge from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (247 N. 8th Street, Suite 101 in the Haymarket below Buzzard Billys) - Appetizers and Drinks will be provided - RSVP to Sarah Wood at 458-5961 or by E-Mail - (See Invitation)

7. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - Join us in welcoming the new Husker Football Coaching Staff! - Husker Football Coaches Welcome Reception - Join us for a special reception on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 as we welcome Bill Callahan and the rest of the new Husker football coaches to Lincoln - from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Stadium View Lounge inside Memorial Stadium (use Skybox entrance on the west side) on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus - (There is no cost to attend this reception!) - RSVP to Jaime Henning at 436-2354 or E-Mail by March 1st - (See Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion of Council Holiday Schedule (Specifically April 12th)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2004.**
****HELD OVER FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2004.**

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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, Corrie Kielty, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Don Taute, Personnel Director; Joan Ray Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda

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Chair Camp requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Annette McRoy moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Patte Newman and carried by unanimous consensus of the Council.

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

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Camp reported that the meeting had been held on February 19th. There were change orders being approved on the North Parking Facility. They were working with the architect on the control mechanisms which were not working. The naming of the garage was discussed - the North City-County Parking Facility was chosen as the name. Comments concerning originality and innovation were heard from several Council Members. Mr. Camp continued the report noting that they had discussed various issues which included:

Approving \$100.00 for petty cash to refill the machine; the smoking policy would prohibit smoking in the tunnel, stairwells and elevators; and the fire alarm proposal was discussed.

Mr. Camp reported that the PBC Members had also discussed at the meeting the Automated External Defibrillators and a decision was made to hold off until we find out what happens with the Legislature on the liability issue. Mr. Werner commented that the only thing about that is that it is pretty hard for dead men to sue, stating that the point was that we should take the risk of having the Defibrillators available. Mr. Camp noted that our legal counsel recommended that we wait.

Mr. Camp continued, noting that they had approved general vouchers; the Midlands Recycling Contract was approved, though they are still investigating aluminum cans and plastics. There were some maintenance agreements approved; they deferred a panic alarm proposal from Alltel and approved some floor carpeting for the Community Mental Health Clinic. The audit was discussed. The Chairs for the Council Chambers were discussed.

Mr. Cook reported that, regarding the panic alarm system, the panic buttons all over the building currently go into the 911 Center and whenever one is tripped, it comes up on the screen - like a 911 call. That is changing because their equipment is changing down there. Alltel wants some large amount of money, plus \$650.00 each time one of these alarms is tripped - in order to link it to the system. We decided that just seemed crazy, so we are looking at some other ways to wire it.

Regarding the Chairs, Mr. Cook reported that there was basically a feeling that they might not be appropriate for the dais, but were more of an office type chair - not really suitable for the Chamber's presentation environment. They were very expensive because of the many adjustments that are appropriate for someone sitting 40 hours per week, but not for the Chambers. There are so many different people using them [*This seemed like a good reason for easily adjustable seating, but apparently that was only in the mind of Staff*]. Larry [Hudkins] had mentioned that National Crane was auctioning off their executive Board Room chairs. Mr. Bowen noted that the auction was Saturday, but did not know if the chairs had been purchased. Mr. Cook thought they might get the chairs for nearly nothing, so that would have been a boon...otherwise, they will be looking at high-back versions of the chairs in Conference Room 113. So, basically, the selection presented was rejected.

One of the other things discussed were the monitors on the dais. Though in the original plan there had been eight monitors proposed for the dais, it has been noted that LCD screens have come down dramatically in cost, especially the smaller ones, so the thought is that now is the time to install these monitors and go forward with the original plan - only in a much better way, at a better cost.

Ms. Newman asked why eight were needed? Mr. Cook explained that there are nine Planning Commissioners, and the thought was to have one monitor between each microphone. We'll have to see what the costs are - the cost of an extra monitor or two may be minimal in comparison to the cost of getting the whole thing set up. Mr. Friendt asked what range of cost was being considered, noting that he would rather have comfortable chairs. Mr. Cook answered that they did not know, adding that he wanted comfortable chairs, too. He stated that monitors are needed for this room [Conference Room 113] and the Chambers. There was a short discussion regarding replacing the equipment in Conference Room 113.

Mr. Camp reported that with the parking garages, there was one item which was excepted from the proposal and that was an overhang. At the 9th Street Entrance there was a pedestrian walk-thru and the architectes had talked about putting some type of an over-hang there that would protect people from snow and rain. It was a \$20,000 expense and we decided that they could just get wet.

Mr. Svoboda questioned why we wasted several months on deciding what chairs were best suited for our needs when those chairs were not even now being considered. This totally amazed Mr. Svoboda. He noted that it is unbelievable how City government works. We allowed ourselves to waste several months in that futile process. Now we're back-tracking and going back toward something that several of us had suggested in the first place.

Another point Mr. Svoboda wished to address was in regard to the volunteers that work at the front Information Desk. They now have indicated that they would like to have some type of carpeted mat for that area. Because most of them are elderly and several of them handicapped, they said their arthritis was flaring painfully when they have to plant their feet on hard, tile-concrete flooring. They are hoping for some type of carpeting - even offering to bring it in themselves, if necessary. Mr. Svoboda had suggested to them that it could be one of the temporary rubber mats that is heavily carpeted that would accommodate both wheel chairs and the desk chairs that they use.

Some of the volunteers have informed Mr. Svoboda that the heating system above the doors actually does help. Others have said it doesn't help at all and now that the doors have "automatic swings" on them, the doors are open, actually, even longer as opposed to someone just quickly walking through. So, they've asked if we might just be able to come up with some nice, but inexpensive, mats that they can use at that front desk area.

Mr. Camp noted that that was a good suggestion and they would bring it up at the next PBC meeting. He noted that Mr. Svoboda had hit the nail on the head when he said that a wheel chair calls for such matting. We want to make sure that a disabled individual would have that opportunity to volunteer.

2. ISPC Meeting (Camp) Mr. Camp reported that he had brought copies of the report to Council for their review.
3. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that there had been a presentation on Native-American Cultural Issues and the racial climate regarding different policies. The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussion with the Mayor on City policies regarding proclamations and resolutions. If we do it for one group, we must do it for others. Ms. McRoy believed that discussion would be on-going. Other than that, there was only the usual "housekeeping" business.
4. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that, for once, they had had an uneventful Board of Health meeting, with nothing controversial on the Agenda. There was a food handler permit change that will be coming before the Council which will raise the Level II Foodhandler fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Passage of this would make it 77% funding by the fees instead of the current 55%.
5. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) This meeting was included in the comments made under the report of the previous meeting (PBC - #1 Above)
6. FUTURE'S COMMITTEE (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that they had held a combined meeting with the Futures Committee and the Arts Council and had discussed the Art Accession Policy. Basically, we have the issue of how the City handles donated art work. When we're through with an art work, how do we dispose of it? What is the process? Do we give the donor a chance to take it back or the family, or the artist? Museums have these policies already, so we're looking there for a workable policy for the City.

But, it is important in the context of the Public Building Commission because the PBC doesn't really know how to handle it. So, Linda Wilson may also get involved with this. The policy we come up with for the Parks Department in handling sculptures in the parks and

possibly paintings and things that could go into buildings owned by the Parks Department - we'd want that policy to be broad enough that it could work for the PBC and potentially, even for the Libraries if they wanted to deal with public art. Those are basically the three entities that deal with art work in Lincoln's city government.

So, we'll see what we come up with - there are an awful lot of details to work out. The next meeting will probably cover this issue again.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE - SPECIAL MEETING

(Friendt) Mr. Friendt reported that this was a special meeting. He noted that some revisions were made to the goals and the five-year action plan. Most of those revisions were to increase the achievement levels for our goals. So, it looks like we'll get more done within the plan time than we had anticipated. Part of that was done in order to get an extension for turning in our new five-year plan, because of a problem with the Fed's planning year/our planning year.

Another revision was the transfer of \$60,000 out of funds set aside for Antelope Valley to Neighborhoods, Inc. Then we as committees set our plans in place for meetings in the next three to four months as we prepare for the adoption next fall of the Community Development Task Force Plan.

8. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Werner) Mr. Werner did not attend. Ms. McRoy reported that they had prepared for the April and late May allocations for the JBC grants for the City and County. That will be discussed again at the next meeting. The Keno funds were approved so that was a point of discussion. Kit had questions about the living wage, but we deferred those in a letter to Mr. Werner.

9. HOMELESS COALITION (Newman) No Report

10. CITIZEN'S MEETING (Newman) Ms. Newman reported that there had been approximately 16-18 people attending. It was basically a very interesting group discussion. We talked about some issues coming up such as the Living Wage, which the group pretty much supported. We talked about Stevens Creek and a variety of issues. It was a nice discussion of about an hour on many things. Mr. Friendt asked if the meetings were held in the same place each month. Ms. Newman answered that they were always held at the Anderson Library each 3rd Thursday at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. She added that all of the Council Members were welcome to attend. *[Note: For the Month of March, 2004, Ms. Newman's Citizens' Meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday - March 11th].*

11. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Newman/Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that they had met last week. Linda Majors from the University of Nebraska and NE Directions, and Tom Casady asked us for our help in working with problem landlords. This is as it relates to landlords and their allowing loud, large parties and not doing anything about them. So, the ILC has agreed to bring these problem landlords in at the direction of both Linda and Tom and discuss with these landlords alternatives on a contractual basis between tenants and landlords and anything we might be able to do to help..and basically just try to enforce through intimidation.

Mr. Svoboda noted that there are currently a couple of landlords whose rental houses and apartments are routinely having the large, loud parties - almost every week-end. This is just a way for us to bring them in and privately discuss it with them. Mr. Werner noted that

the ILC had no authority to require them to come in. Mr. Svoboda agreed that they did not. This would be very similar to what we've done with problem liquor license holders. We do have a bit more of threat in that we can subpoena them to appear before the full Council and discuss the matter there. We do have that ability according to law.

Ms. McRoy added that with the liquor license holders, we actually do have a little more "teeth" than we believed. We can bring them before the full Council and send the issue to the State Liquor Commission. We can do that with the landlords, too. We've never exercised our authority.

Mr. Friendt asked if the landlords do not fall under the ordinance regarding the maintaining of a disorderly house? Mr. Svoboda answered that they do and they can be cited. And they have been. This is just a way of trying to show that there is someone watching them other than our Police Department. Mr. Cook observed, though, that the Liquor Commission may ignore our "teeth". He asked if we have we sent that letter that we talked about? Mr. Svoboda stated that they had not, but he would get that done.

Mr. Werner asked for clarification of the issue, asking if we were discussing landlords of bars? Mr. Svoboda stated that it was landlords of homes and apartments. Ms. Newman commented that that would be another good step forward - talking to landlords of bars. Mr. Svoboda stated that they've always done that in a private way....with the nefarious landlords.

12. PRT (Newman) Ms. Newman reported that it was more of the same, but one of the issues of which Council should be aware is at 1st and "H" Street - under the over-pass. There have been several businesses who have been using it as a private parking lot. They've got their own facilities there, but they go ahead and put their equipment there, because it's protected from the elements. Ms. Newman noted that the Police Department has been out there and Harry Kroos of Public Works has been there. They're trying to clean it up. Apparently some of the business owners have said that "up the road, you're allowed to do it - they're allowed to park their vehicles". So, if you hear about this, the difference is that the City has easements over some of the private property - some of it is actually City right-of-way. The Directors will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss what the next step is going to be. Whether it needs to be posted, or whether they think a policy could be changed if we think that it should be opened up to let private businesses park under there.

13. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner reported that the Agenda had been scraped because Jim Fram asked to have time to speak to the DLA. So, Mr. Werner had asked to have time as well. So, they scraped the entire agenda to deal with the Living Wage Ordinance. Jim made his presentation and then Milo and I made our presentation. Then we were asked to leave so that they could deliberate. Mr. Werner told Council that Polly [McMullen] had related to him later that she recommended to the Board that they remain neutral since she had watched the hearing the night before and a lot of people who support the downtown were in favor of the ordinance. But, her Board didn't agree. They took a vote and decided to oppose the ordinance. Two people voted in favor of the ordinance and the rest did not.

OTHER MEETINGS - Ms. McRoy reported that she had attended the Center Team Community Meeting. The Center Team Police Department meets with business owners, school liaisons, Cedars Home, People's Health Clinic, etc., and interested neighborhood people. That meeting was last Wednesday to get a feeling for what's going on such as major crime trends in the area downtown and in the neighborhood. Things are looking pretty good. With the warm weather coming, they will start doing more of the party policing - to keep that under control. Ms. McRoy added that Captain Cita had mentioned the landlord issue again.

They haven't solved the purse snatchings at the store, yet. That isn't in this area - it's in the Lincoln General area. Mr. Camp stated that they haven't had any lately because people are apparently watching their purses and being more aware in the grocery stores.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Ms. Kielty stated that she would have a written report for Council next week, but it looks like we're going to need a couple of nominees for Aging and for the Women's Commission Appointments. She encouraged Council Members, if they had suggestions for people who would be interested, to let her know. We're focusing on trying to get more women and minorities on the Codes Task Forces. So, if you know folks who are in the trades - all of the trades- we're very interested in that. We need Licensed trades people. At questioning from Council Ms. Kielty explained that they would be contacting the Trade Unions in the effort to find qualified people.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Camp asked why it is always noted "None" at this juncture on the Agenda. [Council Staff used to receive requests from the Mayor's office for Council Members attendance at functions the Mayor would be unable to attend either because of previous commitments or because the Mayor would be out of town - See the following explanation from "Noon" Minutes of 02-02-04: *[FYI - Historical Update: This portion of the Agenda used to include requests from the Mayor's Office for Council Members to speak at or attend functions at which the Mayor could not be present. It might be noted that any scheduled out-of-town engagements that would result in the Mayor's absence would/could be noted here. Legislative Updates used to be presented at Pre-Council Meetings with the Mayor's Office providing Minutes coverage].* Mr. Camp requested that the indication be noted "To Be Announced" from this point on.

Mr. Bowen indicated that he had several issues to discuss. The City Audit Pre-Council is scheduled for March 22nd. We're checking with the private auditor to insure that they can attend then, but that is when the Finance Department thinks it would be the best opportunity to do it. That is a tentative date.

Mr. Bowen noted that in Council Members' packets last week was the Trust Board Police/Fire Pension Memo. He hoped everyone had had a chance to read it. If there are any comments you'd like to make ... he had asked Don Taute to attend this meeting to answer any questions.

Mr. Friendt stated that he had a couple of questions on the wording of it...not related to the Memo, but on the actual ordinance, itself. He noted that he could wait 'til they were in a public hearing setting to see where that goes.

Mr. Bowen answered that they have had the public hearing, so the next step would be to ask someone to take it off Pending and bring it back for discussion. Mr. Friendt stated that he thought when we bring it off pending that we would have another public hearing on it. Mr. Camp commented that he was curious as to why the number of members went from 9 to 7 and then back to 9? Mr. Taute stated that after the initial public hearing, there had been a number of discussions held over the course

of the past few months. Actually, Glenn had gotten comments from a couple of private individuals who deal with Trust Boards and investments and that was a suggestion that they had made in answer to some comments that Glenn had mentioned. Mr. Taute explained that Mr. Friendt had spearheaded some of the discussions and looked at possible changes to address some of the concerns that had initially been raised at the public hearing last April. After further discussion and review, we decided that nine members wasn't something that was a big problem. That was it.

The other changes are pretty much cosmetic - there was language in the the original version which is on pending, that the Board be able to make recommendations regarding plan changes. That may be one of the issues that Glenn had some concerns with. Mr. Taute has had subsequent discussions on 3-4 occasions with both the Union Presidents. He had tried to fashion some language that dealt with the Committee being allowed only to make recommendations based on financial feasibility - or suggest making recommendations. The rest of the changes were to clear up some administrative issues

Mr. Friendt commented that his thoughts regarding "nine vs. seven" were that they could have gone with seven and allow the Police and Fire to have alternates, because there was that concern of having a forum and a majority to be able to make decisions. He saw that as a negotiating point. The fact is whether it is seven or nine [members] it still comes down to convincing one swing vote when you go with an odd number and you're looking for a majority. He noted from a practical standpoint, he was not sure it was worth any concern.

Mr. Cook stated that even with an even number, you have to have more than the majority, potentially, to pass something. Mr. Friendt indicated that he understood that math...but he was, philosophically a proponent of even-boards that then require swinging more than one person to reach a winning vote. That philosophy was not something that he wanted to inject into this discussion.

Mr. Cook noted that he did want to ask a question about the public hearing. If we have made changes, then gone back to, essentially, what was in the original - is this significantly different from what we had before? Or was that original public hearing adequate [for the legislation as it now stands]? Mr. Taute remarked that the change had been made, then reverted to the original wording, so what is on pending now - he viewed the changes as clarifications of what the responsibilities of the respective parties would be.

Discussion continued with the changes being reviewed as to substantive vs. clarification and the possible need for further public hearing.

Mr. Friendt thought there were two key issues: 1) The decision to move away from any fiduciary responsibility and he thought that deserves some further consideration; 2) he still wondered about the ability to use this independent board beyond professional oversight and management of the funds and the board's viability to be an entity that starts making benefit recommendations. He felt these two issues were worthy of public discussion.

Exchanges continued with a final decision being made to have the ordinance removed from Pending and placed on the March 15th Agenda for Continued Public Hearing and Action on that date.

Ms. Kielty, regarding the Legislative Bills currently before the State Legislature, had this to say: "There are 26 days left in this legislative session. All day debate is beginning on March 2nd. Debate on the budget begins March 10th. That does not leave much time for the bills that are left.

The gas tax bill introduced by Sen. Beutler, LB 1181, is 11th on the agenda. It was advanced out of committee with an amendment that reduced the tax. Senator Beutler plans to amend it on General File back to the original amount. The Constitutional Amendment regarding State Fair funding, LR 209CA and the ethanol fuel tax bill, LB 1065 are earlier on the agenda. Watching the debate on LB 1065 may provide some indication of how Senators feel about gas taxes.

Mark [Bowen] reported that LB 32 which is the Stormwater Utility bill, was designated a committee priority again this year but committee priorities will follow senators priorities on the agenda. Sen. Beutler has drafted an amendment that makes the stormwater utility fee a fee based upon water meter sizes, not impervious surface. Interestingly, when staff researched it, the size of the meter did correlate to land size. Mark also reported that the bill that would prohibit local communities from passing an occupation tax on fuel, LB 1246 was killed in committee".

Mr. Cook asked about how the stormwater utility fee would effect home owners. Ms. Kielty noted that there is a minimum cap that would protect homeowners. Ms. Newman noted that apartment houses would have bigger meters - how would that be handled? Mr. Bowen noted that the cost would possibly be passed on in rental fees.

Mr. Friendt asked if government entities were not excluded? Ms. Kielty noted that they were not excluded in the Beutler amendment. She noted that churches and schools [universities] would not be exempt.

Mr. Bowen also stated that the Scan Bill was voted down in committee 4-1 on Friday. We do not disagree with them in attempting to build a state-wide communications network, but Lancaster County, in particular, already has one. So, we have interests that are different than the electric companies and their reason to oppose it. But, we'll work with the counties and other entities around the State to help them find ways to do what we've already done. One of the things we would encourage them to do is to put their Homeland Security funds that they're requesting through grants - to make that a priority for each of the counties...spend their money locally that way.

Discussion continued briefly as Mr. Bowen reviewed other bills currently before the Legislature.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1 Discussion of Council Holiday Schedule (Specifically April 12th) After a brief discussion, Mr. Friendt made a motion to rescind the Council's designation of April 12th as a Council Holiday. The motion was seconded by Ken Svoboda and lost by the following vote: AYES: Jon Camp, Glenn Friendt, Ken Svoboda; NAYS: Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman, Terry Werner. Motion lost 3-4. The holiday will stand.

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 - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

CORI KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12.35 p.m.

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