AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004
Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES


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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. ISPC Meeting (Camp)
3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)
4. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. Updowntowners Membership Luncheon on Thursday, May 20, 2004 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Tico’s, 17th & “M” Streets - Cost is $10.00 per person - No shows will be charged - RSVP to Health Bullock at 434-6507 by May 17th, - (See Invitation)

2. Invited to ... Spring 2004 Lincoln Police Department Academy Graduation and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. - at The Cornhusker Hotel, Grand Ballroom - Reception Following - (See Invitation)

3. Downtown Neighborhood Association - General Membership Meeting - Please join the neighbors for beverages & hors’dourves on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Program at 6:00 p.m. - at Centerville Farmers Market, 803 “Q” Street - (Individual $7.00) - (See Invitation for more details)
4. Antelope Creek Veterinary Healthcare Center - Open House, to celebrate the opening of our new location at 7405 Pioneers Blvd. on Saturday, May 22, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - 488-0993 - (See Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Letter regarding the Library Board vacancy. - (See Attached Letter)

2. Discussion on Letter regarding the Downtown Master Plan Study-Steering Committee. - (See Attachments)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy (arrived after minutes approval), Patte Newman (arrived after minutes approval), Ken Svoboda; ABSENT: None

Others Present: Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Mayor’s Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members’ Camp, Friendt and Svoboda

I MINUTES


Chair Camp requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes, as presented, by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Glenn Friendt and carried by unanimous consensus of the Council Members present.

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

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Cook reported that they had heard from the Clark-Enersen Partners representative. They have the contract, as we approved them as the ones who will handle the design work, for the Health Department Expansion project. We discussed how changes will be handled in this process, because there will always be changes. For this building and for other Public Building Projects, we’ve had a “Change Committee” that has looked at and overseen the projects to approve minor changes without bothering the PBC with them. But, for this Change Committee, we need a City Council representative. Mr. Cook indicated that he was responsible for asking if any of the Council Members were interested in serving on this Committee. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Ken Svoboda would serve on the committee as the Council representative. Chair Camp requested staff to notify Don Killeen of Ken Svoboda’s appointment to the Committee with the understanding the Mr. Killeen would disseminate the information to any others who would require notification.

Continuing his report, Mr. Cook noted that they had discussed the North Parking Garage. A judge had come before them who told them that there are, though rarely, some circumstances when it is uncomfortable for the jurors and those who are on trial and their family members to be in the same parking lot, crossing paths. Judge Merritt requested that judges be given the ability to assign jurors to the parking garage under this building. PBC didn’t think there was room for 13 jurors down there, so we approved an option that would
allow jurors to use the lower level of the North Parking Garage, while the others would use the upper level - in any circumstances that would warrant those measures. So, we will have 13 “juror permits” available at the Public Building Commission for whenever a judge requests them. We were pleased that the judge came to us and asked permission for this because, apparently, a judge can just order us to do pretty much anything. Several Council Members noted that the jurors and those on trial would still meet in other public areas such as the tunnel and City sidewalks - but, they did not object to the judge’s plan.

Mr. Cook informed Council that there will be a Public Building Commission meeting with the Omaha PBC in September to allow the Lincoln Commission to look at the facilities in Omaha.

He continued, stating that they had also discussed chair replacement. We decided to put the chairs that were formerly at the dais here in this room [Conference Room 113] and put the chairs that had been here on the dais. This will allow us the opportunity to see if we actually like these chairs. If we are comfortable with the chairs now at the dais, then we can go ahead and move forward and approve the purchase of the blue chairs with the high backs. Ms. McRoy asked how long this chair project has been going on? Mr. Cook thought it had been ongoing for about a year.

Mr. Camp commented that the judges’ chairs cost over $3,000 each, while we’re waffling around trying to decide between a chair costing $618 versus one costing $643. And, he noted, their robes cost $550.00 each. Mr. Cook didn’t understand why the Public Building Commission was involved in buying judges’ robes. He continued his report, adding that Staff is saying they’d like the Office Chairs with the 50 adjustments instead of the regular chairs. We’ll try to make everybody happy.

Mr. Cook reported on the monitors for the Council Chambers: We were supposed to have a 15” sample monitor up there last month, but nobody brought one, so that decision will wait yet another month. Bob Workman did suggest that perhaps we could put in larger monitors, but have them around the Clerk’s desk there in the chambers. Mr. Cook didn’t know if that would be a practical option, but we could look at that.

2. ISPC (Camp) Mr. Camp reported that the main issues of discussion had been Spam and Virus Control. Doug Thomas was continuing to monitor that within the City and County. There is also a new problem, not really a virus, which is being called the Trojan Horse. This is not Spam or a Virus, but the Trojan invades a computer. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Cook to explain the difference. Mr. Cook explained that the Trojan Horse would look like something other than what it is. So, a user would invite it in to the computer, only to find that it takes over something. It’s not a virus that reproduces on its own...it’s something that fooled the user. Mr. Werner commented that, of course, it doesn’t reproduce - that’s why it’s called a Trojan. [Laughter]

3. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that they had discussed articles relating to the City’s public policy regarding ethnic and new immigrant communities in Lincoln. We want to make sure that we allocate resources fairly and equitably. She noted that most of the discussion had been on a philosophical level. Ms. McRoy stated that they had discussed the flyers that have become an issue lately. Ms. McRoy believed there would be a proclamation supporting the Committee’s conclusions on this issue presented this afternoon.
4. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda)  Mr. Svoboda reported that the meeting had been held last week and they had welcomed their two new Board of Health Members; and we had a couple of minor changes to the Food Code which will be coming before the Council. Then we brain stormed on various ways that the City/County Health Department could make the lives of City Council Members even more miserable. [Laughter]. We came up with several real good options. So, please beware! Ms. Newman asked if one of the issues might be a cat leash law? Mr. Svoboda answered that that might be one of them.

OTHER MEETINGS - Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Friendt, Ms. Newman and he had met with the folks from the Health [Department] and discussed the smoking ordinance. They will be making some revisions and, hopefully, providing a copy to us before the packets go out next week so that we can see what the substitute ordinance contains. We made a number of changes to the permitting process. There are some areas that, of course, we’ll just have to decide on at the Council Meeting because there may be disagreement among the Council Members. Those things will stay in the version that is presented to the Council and we’ll have to decide what amendments to make.

Mr. Camp noted that all of the Council Members had been offered the opportunity to meet with Bruce [Dart]. Mr. Cook realized that was the case, but he just wanted to share what the three Council Members had discussed at their meeting with Mr. Dart.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Ms. Harrell explained that Mr. Bowen was attending a funeral today but would be in later. He had not indicated that there was anything for Ms. Harrell or Ms. Kielty to mention to Council. Mr. Camp offered sympathy and thanked Ms. Harrell for her comments.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Letter regarding the Library Board vacancy - After a brief discussion, it was determined that Council would follow the traditional procedure of appointing to a full term a current member who had been filling in an unexpired term and was willing to continue service on the Board. Jonathan Cook moved to approve the reappointment of Mr. James O’Hanlon to a full term which will run from September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by Terry Werner and carried by unanimous consensus of the Council. [The Library Director and the City Clerk have been advised of this and the resolution request for appointment will be forwarded to the City Clerk’s Office].

2. Discussion on Letter regarding the Downtown Master Plan Study-Steering Committee. - A brief discussion ensued which included concerns for representation on the many issues of Downtown development, as opposed to one-dimensional representation on a one issue basis. Since this project is of major importance to the City, and to insure that desired balance of representation, Council Members decided to appoint three Council Members to the Steering Committee. The members, appointed by unanimous consensus, are: Jon Camp, Annette McRoy and Terry Werner.
VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook asked if Council wished to discuss the new dais seating arrangements that would be operative after the new Chair and Vice-Chair were sworn in at the Formal meeting today. After a brief discussion, Council decided that they would make that determination at the dais after the new Chair and Vice-Chair had been elected.

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 - Absent

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:15 p.m.

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