

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of July 12, 2004.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of July 12, 2004.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. Downtown Action Team Meeting (Camp/McRoy/Werner)
3. Group Home Task Force Meeting (Cook)
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy) - **NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST**
5. Homeless Coalition Meeting (Newman)
6. 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. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cutting: - Please RSVP to Jaime Henning at 436-2354 or E-Mail: A.) Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.
2. Transcript International - Grand Opening of our new location on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 - Open House from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. - at 3900 NW 12th Street - Please RSVP by E-Mail. - (See Invitation)
3. Letter of Invitation from Clint Burge, Secretary/Treasurer, Lincoln Building and Construction Trades Council - Hosting our 6th Annual Summer Bar-Be-Que Picnic on Saturday, July 31, 2004 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Burge's Cabin - 1 ½ miles east of 84th Street on Old Cheney Road - (See Invitation)

4. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us for ... 9th Annual Celebrate Business - Wednesday, September 1, 2004 - 11:30 a.m., Reception - Noon, Luncheon & Awards Ceremony - (\$35 Chamber members or 45\$ non-members per plate) - at The Cornhusker Hotel - RSVP to Jaime Henning - (See Brochure)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Budget item "Membership/Subscriptions" - (Requested by Glenn Friendt)
2. Discussion on Agenda items for the August 2nd Common Meeting - (See Attached E-Mail)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Corrie Kielty, Mayor's Office; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative (arrived late).

I MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of July 12, 2004.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of July 12, 2004.

Chair Werner requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Jonathan Cook moved approval of the minutes as presented. Patte Newman and Ken Svoboda both seconded the motion which carried by unanimous consent of the Council Members.

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

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Cook reported that Clark-Enersen brought forward a change to their contract. They, apparently, made a mistake and missed asking us for the appropriate amounts at the appropriate times. They were going to be stuck with a big chunk of the bill for an extra eight or nine months. We decided not to take full advantage of that mistake -we showed [mercy] by allowing them to get their payments on a normal schedule - except at the very end....when Jon made a motion. They normally expect a 5% hold-back at the end and they made a mistake and put 10% - Jon decided we should keep the 10% figure as originally presented.

Mr. Cook continued, noting that the monitors for the Council Chambers had also been considered. Council then discussed the monitor issue at some length. Mr. Cook made a final request for input from Council Members regarding their preferences prior to a final decision being made by the PBC.

The PBC also reviewed a parking update. (Mr. Cook noted that the County was discussing charging County employees for parking privileges). He reported that the Lincoln/Lancaster PBC would be meeting with the Douglas County PBC on September 9th. He reported that the Holocaust Memorial art piece has been approved for installation in the Hall of Justice entrance area, (from storage, where it had been for some time). Ms. Kielty noted that it had been placed in the wrong spot in the Hall of Justice. It had been positioned in the walk-through at the exit area in that building. What she understood was that the Building Commission told Gary Hill that it would be located near the elevators instead. That is where Mr. Hill wanted the memorial to be placed. Mr. Werner noted that Wyuka would be announcing and fund-raising for a large Holocaust Museum.

Mr. Cook continued his report, stating that the public hearing to be held before the Public Building Commission is scheduled for August 10th at 5:30 p.m. He also noted that PBC had discussed the weeds in front of the County-City Building. That area is supposed to be sodded soon - so it has been noted.

That is the extent of the PBC report, except, as Mr. Camp pointed out, they had approved the placement of an informational poster on their table at the Hyde Park Observatory. This poster would relate to the [danger] of obscuring of the night sky with too much light in and around the area of the Observatory.

2. DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM MEETING (Camp/McRoy/Werner) Mr. Camp reported that the consultants from Portland, Oregon had been there. Most of the membership of the committee had been in attendance along with some support personnel and City Staff as well. The consultants gave a presentation (examples and videos) of what they had done in other cities - much of their work was done in Portland and other Northwest communities. They also asked those in attendance for each member's top two priorities. Mr. Camp felt they would be requesting this same input from all of the Council Members, asking for each Council Member's top two priorities for the Downtown Action review - whatever those priorities might be. They also set out a time-line on the public hearings that they have scheduled in Lincoln. It is a pretty structured upcoming two-three month process.

Mr. Werner agreed with Mr. Camp that these consultants would be doing a very good job for the City of Lincoln. He noted that the request for input had included a map of the Downtown area where the priorities could be noted. This will also be a part of the public process as well. He encouraged everyone to "stay tuned", as he thought the process should be interesting. Mr. Camp added that Kent Morgan was the staff person involved, noting that Mr. Morgan always does a good job.

3. GROUP HOME TASK FORCE (Cook) Mr. Cook requested that this report not be added to the Reports Listings from this time forward. He stated that this was a weekly meeting and he would be updating Council periodically, as warranted. He did report that, so far, Chief Casady has been the star of the show, and has given the Task Force a great deal of information. Chief Casady has said that just the fact of having these meetings has been of great benefit. He felt that they have made more progress (by opening up the lines of communication between the State and local agencies) in just a few weeks than they had made in twenty years prior. He felt it had been a great experience. Now everyone knows the correct contacts for various situations and the contacts at the State level are saying 'give us the information so we can help find solutions'.

Mr. Cook felt that it has been a great effort, though they're still looking into the legal aspects of the efforts. They'll find out what can and cannot be done legally in these collaborative efforts.

4. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) - *No Meetings in July or August*

5. HOMELESS COALITION (Newman) Ms. Newman reported that the meeting had been a short one. They are planning to do a consumer survey of homeless people based on some of the Community Services Initiative base-line data that they want to compile. So, they're going to get a survey out twice a year to some of the homeless population to see what services are lacking in the community. Ms. Newman thought it would be a good base-line for the CSI to track in the future.

The only other news was that RSACC apparently has bought the house next to them, so they can expand. That's good news, too.

6. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that the meeting had been fairly short. They had been given a couple of reports, including the Vital Statistics Report for Lancaster County and the Youth Assessment Report. One of the things that jumped out in a glaring manner from the Youth Assessment Report was that smoking amongst youth has dropped over 20 percentage points since the last report was done two years ago. We don't know that that is not an anomaly, but they are obviously tracking it.

Mr. Svoboda continued his report, noting that the Vital Statistics Report indicated that cancer is still the number one leading cause of death in Lancaster County and that lung cancer is at the top of that list.

OTHER MEETINGS - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Ms. Kielty announced that there were a few openings to be announced. The Parks and Rec Advisory Board had a resignation, so there is a replacement necessary to fill that post. Mr. Werner asked who had resigned and Ms. Kielty answered that it was Mr. Mike Seacrest.

She noted that the Women's Commission had an opening to replace Holly Burns - a recent appointment to that Commission who had chosen to serve on the Personnel Board instead. Ms. Kielty reported that there were also openings on the Forestry Advisory Board and on the Commission on Aging.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Council Office Budget item "Membership/Subscriptions" - After discussion of current Council Memberships/Subscriptions it was agreed to cancel the Nebraska Tax Research Council Membership but to continue with the CouncilLink membership (a research tool utilized by staff) and the membership in association with the Homeless Coalition.

2. Discussion on Agenda Items for the August 2nd Common Meeting - No Agenda Items were proposed by Council Members.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - Mr. Friendt asked about the lease agreement on the Fire Department and 911 equipment. He requested specific numbers in the agreement and was told that they had none at this time. He wanted to know how much the agreement would be - on an annual basis. Ms. Kielty answered that the amounts were purposely not in the agreement. She explained that what they are asking is that the Council approve that they can do the agreement. She noted that they had had this discussion with Steve Hubka last week - because they haven't finalized everything yet. She directed Council to ask Mr. Hubka for further information on the lease agreement.

Mr. Werner commented that they could ask during the public hearing next week. Mr. Cook stated that they could have numbers in the agreement - asking, then, if they're just not ready with numbers yet? Ms. Kielty answered that there was some dispute as to whether or not -when Council does these sorts of leases- whether the numbers are in there - or not. So, Steve was going to go back and look to see if such agreements had previously been complete [with figures] when Council had leases like this before them for consideration. Mr. Friendt stated that he would like to see the projected [figures], plus a list of the leased equipment, noting that \$2.5 million is...

Mr. Cook asked if this would be passed by Resolution? Mr. Werner stated that it was an ordinance. Mr. Cook felt, then, that the public hearing would be held next week and Council could have information by then. Mr. Camp stated that he, too, would like the information in advance with a break-down on the equipment. He hadn't realized that the 911 equipment was included in the agreement. Mr. Friendt indicated that he would do an RFI on the issue.

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

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 11:48 a.m.

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