

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of March 7, 2005.
- *2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of March 7, 2005.
- 3. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of March 14, 2005.
- 4. Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of March 14, 2005. — **CANCELLED**
- 5. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: City of Lincoln Annual Financial Report - March 7, 2005.

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

- *1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
- *2. ISPC Meeting (Camp)
- *3. Mayor's Motor Sports Task Force Meeting (McRoy)
- *4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy) -**CANCELLED**
- *5. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Werner)
- *6. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)
- 7. Motor Sports Task Force Meeting (McRoy)
- 8. Citizen's Meeting (Newman)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

- *1. Discussion regarding the letter from Doug Lienemann, Midwest Steel, Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation requesting that a member of the Lincoln City Council be appointed to serve on the Haymarket Development Corporation's Board of Directors. - (See Attached Letter)
- 2. Discussion on City e-mail being used for political messages. (Camp)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health -2005 Public Health Awards Banquet on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 - Dinner & Program at 6:00 p.m. - at East Campus Union, Great Plains Room - Cost \$25.00 per person- RSVP by April 5th on the enclosed card - (See Invitation)
2. The American Cancer Society & the American Heart Association - An evening reception to learn more about the health benefits of clean indoor air. On Wednesday, April 13, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Short Program at 6:00 p.m. - At Windsor Stables Reception Centre, 1024 "L" Street - RSVP by April 8th to Kristin Tyler at 1-877-232-4787 ext. 4117 or by E-Mail - (See Invitation)
3. 2005 University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration Advisory Board Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 22, 2005 - at The Champions Club at Noon -Cost is \$15.00 per person - RSVP to Marilyn Hoskins at 472-3382 or by E-Mail -(See Invitation)
4. Fresh Start Home First Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at The First Plymouth Church, 20th & "D" Street - Social Time at 11:30 a.m. - Luncheon & Program at Noon - Cost is \$15.00 per person - RSVP by March 25th - (See Invitation)
5. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce requests the honor of your presence as we welcome our new Governor, Dave Heineman at an Executive Reception on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 1135 "M" Street, 3rd Floor - RSVP by April 4th to Jaime Henning by E-Mail -(See Invitation)
6. 2005 Technology Expo Luncheon on Tuesday, April 9, 2005 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at The Nebraska Union on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, 14th & "R" Streets - Tickets cost \$30.00 per person - RSVP by April 15th -(See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM MARCH 14, 2005.**

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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, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Rick Peo, City Attorney's Office; Frank Delgado, Lincoln City Council Candidate; Joan Ray, Council Staff; Mark Andersen, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative; unidentified tv media representative

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Mr. Werner requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Patte Newman moved approval of the minutes by acclamation. Glenn Friendt 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 there will be a special meeting tomorrow to approve bond refunding that is before the Council today, noting that we have only one opportunity to do this. Mr. Camp added that they want the authority, but depending on where the interest rates are, it may or may not be done. Mr. Cook concurred. He noted that the law used to be that a local government entity could do this any number of times to save money on interest rates, but since interest rates were falling, the IRS put a stop to that. Now we have only one opportunity and it looks like this is the time to take it.

The scanner at the parking lot below the building was discussed briefly with Mr. Cook and Ms. Newman noting that it did seem to be in the traffic path. Mr. Bowen stated that it had been moved last week, but Ms. Newman explained that there was still a problem as she had noticed it this morning. Council felt there should be no more money spent on the project.

Mr. Cook reported that the State had sent PBC a letter with a claim for \$215,000 because of damage to their records incurred in the records storage building. It's frustrating, Mr. Cook noted, because apparently Dick Nelson, who signed the letter, called to say that they don't really feel as though this is a legitimate claim, but they are sending the letter anyway - perhaps to protect their rights. Mr. Cook was dubious, thinking that now that the letter has been sent, despite the statement that they have no legitimate claim, they will have to proceed. He didn't know if the City would wind up having to fight this or not.

Mr. Cook further reported that the monitors in the Chamber had also been discussed -again- with a new concept being considered.

Ms. Newman asked about a parking study that had been discussed about two years ago which would cover all the City employees. Mr. Camp, who is on the PBC Parking Committee, stated that for many years they'd talked about doing something to come up with fees for employee parking. It seems however, especially during election cycles, that people want to avoid these discussions. Ms. Newman asked if such a study could be initiated this Fall, which would be a time between election cycles. Mr. Camp indicated that he had been supporting a program such as that which the State has implemented. Ms. Newman thought it would be good to investigate to see if parking is considered an employee benefit [parking underneath this building or in the outlying lots]. There is a cost to maintain those lots. Mr. Camp noted that some of the employees who have chosen to utilize the North Parking lot do pay a monthly fee, though it was not known the exact number of employees who do utilize this option. Ms. Newman wanted to make any parking fee City-wide and fair to everyone while encouraging bus ridership.

2. ISPC (Camp) No Report

3. MAYOR'S MOTOR SPORTS TASK FORCE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy noted that she had attended this meeting where they had reviewed a couple of option areas. A report will be put out later this week on the Task Force findings. There is still some disagreement, but this should all be worked out by the time the report is released. The Abbott Fields complex is on track.

4. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) -CANCELLED

5. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Werner) Mr. Werner stated that the minutes reflect that this was reported on previously.

6. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that they had reviewed and received an update on the expansion schedule. There had also been a report from Scott Holmes regarding the Land Use Planning Community Design Subcommittee Recommendations. Mr. Svoboda stated that the Health Department, along with the Subcommittee of Land Planning would like to meet with a sub-committee of the Planning Commission to start talks about land use issues as it relates to public health - both environmental and general public health.

8. CITIZEN'S MEETING (Newman) Ms. Newman reported that they had a record crowd with 31 people signed in with a few slipping in without signing in. Mayor Seng had been the guest speaker and had answered building questions that citizens brought forward.

OTHER MEETINGS: Mr. Camp reported that he had attended a budget meeting through LIBA with the Board of Education. He wanted to relate one thing that he had learned at this meeting. On Tax Increment Financing, he had wanted to bring this forward for discussion at a Super-Common, because when we do propose a project that has T.I.F., he believed that 65% of the tax dollars are being taken away from the schools. But, what he had learned was that the schools are not really concerned about this because at the State level, with the State Aide to Schools coming back to the local district, they work on the base valuation to determine allocations. If we do a T.I.F. project, the schools get compensated, really, through State subsidies. So that 65 cents on the dollar which is their portion of the mill levy, isn't lost....and this opened a whole new line of thinking for Mr. Camp, putting T.I.F. in a whole new perspective. He explained that if we didn't do a T.I.F., the School District would just get less State aide.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - The Haymarket Development appointment was discussed. It was agreed that Mr. Svoboda would serve as a Council Member on their Board and it was determined that there would be no formal resolution necessary to make the appointment.

Mr. Friendt asked where the Council drew the line on Committee serving. It was agreed that guidelines should be set up and this would be discussed at a future "Noon" meeting, after the election, when the Council would be reconsidering all the Members' Committee Assignments and their redistribution for the benefit of any new Council members. It was agreed to have this on the June 6th "Noon" Agenda for further discussion and action.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he would send a request to the Haymarket Development organization to send a schedule of their meetings to the Council Office so the meetings could be scheduled on his personal weekly agenda.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen reported that the monthly meetings between the Mayor and Council Members would be rescheduled to the first week of April since the Mayor would be out of town on the regularly scheduled date.

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion regarding the letter from Doug Lienemann, Midwest Steel, Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation requesting that a member of the Lincoln City Council be appointed to serve on the Haymarket Development Corporation's Board of Directors. - [This was discussed under the "Appointments/Reappointments" segment of the Agenda].
2. Discussion on City e-mail being used for political messages. (Camp) Mr. Camp stated that he had requested this simply to bring it to the attention of all of the Council Members. It was agreed that this was a policy that should be adhered to by everyone and if the Council Office received such messages, Staff was directed to contact the sender and let them know, courteously, that this was the policy of City government.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - The Council Committee Reports were discussed briefly. It was suggested that the reports be streamlined by having only the Committees by Resolution listed for reports. It was agreed that if a Council member believed other meetings he or she had attended would merit a report to the Council as a body, that could be done under the "Other Meetings" portion of the "Noon" Agenda.

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

RICK PEO - No Further Comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Terry Werner requested a motion to have Council moved into Executive Session at approximately 11:53 a.m. for discussion of personnel issues. Annette McRoy moved to have Council go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Patte Newman Rick Peo recorded that vote and adjournment.

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