AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

*1. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of April 4, 2005.
5. Minutes from Council Members’ “Noon” Meeting of April 11, 2005. - CANCELLED

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

*1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
*2. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Werner)
3. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)
5. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on Jon Camp’s expenses for the “Fly-In Conference”.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. The Lincoln Police Department will recognize our fallen officers in a brief Memorial service on the front steps of the Hall of Justice, 575 S. 10th Street on Monday, May 16, 2005 at Noon -(This Memorial service will begin Law Enforcement Memorial Week) (See Letter of Invitation)

2. Arbor Day 2005 at Pentzer Park-Join The City of Lincoln & Faith Lutheran Elementary Students in Celebrating ARBOR DAY 2005! - On Monday, April 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (rain or shine!  If raining, Salvation Army Building, N. 27th & Potter) - at Pentzer Park, N. 27th & Potter Streets - (See Invitation)

3. 1st Public Meeting: “O” Street roadway improvements, 46th to 52nd Street - On Thursday, April 28, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Villager, 5200 “O” Street, Lincoln Ballroom - (See Invitation)

4. For the 9th year, KZUM will host its annual 2005 Cultural Awareness Awards Banquet with this year’s theme a salute to Service on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at First Plymouth Church, 20th & “D” Streets - Luncheon at Noon with the program to begin at 12:30 p.m. - Tickets cost $15.00 each - RSVP by May 16th by filling out the order form or call 474-5086 -(See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM APRIL 11, 2005.
Council Members Present: Terry Werner, Chair; Ken Svoboda, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman; ABSENT: Jonathan Cook

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Rick Hoppe, Mayor’s Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney’s Office; Joan Ray, Council Staff; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star representative

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Mr. Werner requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes by acclamation. Jon Camp seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous consent of the Council Members.

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

*1. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) - Absent. This Meeting Report will not be carried over to the May 2nd “Noon” meeting at Mr. Cook’s request.

*2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Werner) Mr. Werner reported that he had attended the meeting, but it had been rather uneventful. He stated that they had discussed the Five Year Strategic plan. There had been discussion on issues that are brought forward every year and nothing ever changes.

3. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Camp reported that they had gone through an update on the Health Department Expansion. There had been a change order in the amount of approximately $17,000 on that project. There was some water/sewer that has to be replaced in the parking lot...that all seems to be going well.
There had been discussion on the “K” Street facility. There is concern about the contract with the State and their storage at the “K” Street site. We are trying to clarify whether or not the State wants dry systems or not. There was a claim from the Health and Human Services for $200,000 for damages after the water-sprinkler leak. Bill Kostner of City’s Risk Management stated that the claim had been denied. If the claim were to have been paid, it would have been paid out of Self-Insurance funds.

Mr. Camp stated that they had wanted some discussion regarding the paper work required to “un-surplus” the “K” Street Building - and whether or not the lease really ran with the PBC or the City. The City Law Department has to get that paperwork in order.

Ms. Newman stated that there is, apparently, a legislative bill that John Gale has brought forward which would mandate that the State’s document storage has to be with a dry system. It was Ms. Newman’s understanding that the bill has been prioritized. She asked if that had been discussed at the PBC meeting? Mr. Camp answered that they had talked about Mr. Gale’s concerns. Ms. Newman noted that the bill would turn his concerns into law. Basically, they could pull the contract based on those issues unless the City makes the storage a “dry system”. Mr. Bowen noted that the discussion referenced by Ms. Newman had occurred during the appropriations discussions with the Legislature. It is not a bill. Ms. McRoy agreed with Mr. Bowen, stating that she believed that the bill was an appropriations bill, not a legislative bill.

Mr. Camp stated that there had been discussion with Lori McClurg at DAS regarding the contract. The State Constitution holds John Gale as Secretary of State responsible for the preservation of State Records. Mr. Camp noted that Dana Roper and Don Killeen were working on that contract. The State of Nebraska has about 60,000 square feet of leased area in the “K” Street complex.

Mr. Werner asked if there had been any discussion regarding the 3rd Floor Expansion at the PBC meeting. Mr. Camp indicated that there had not.

4. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that they had reviewed Larry William’s Human Rights Annual Report. One interesting thing that was noticed is that a lot of sexual harassment cases are coming from young people who work in fast food type restaurants...many times an incident has been instigated by managers who are not much older than the 16-year olds who file the complaints. Ms. McRoy noted that it looks like the educational program in the public school system is working, because young people are aware that this is not appropriate behavior - or behavior that has to be tolerated.

5. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that the meeting had been a very short one, held prior to the annual meeting last Tuesday. Bruce had updated the Board on a couple of issues on the Humane Society contract and the fact that they’re exploring a Plan “B” right now - which would cover a situation where the contract dispute is not resolved. If the Humane Society does not respond to a bid request then, we would have a Plan “B” in place...so all options are being explored.

OTHER MEETINGS: Mr. Camp reported on the ISPC meeting. He reported that there was a new parking ticket system. They are making a wireless real-time basis system with which they’ll be able to tell if somebody has paid a ticket. They’ll start practicing with that in early May. The other thing is there is a $70,000 implementation of an application system for an Ombudsman Tracking
system. This will help constituents and others to be able to go in and track complaints that have been submitted to that office. Mr. Camp also reported that he had gone to the LPED meeting where they had heard a report from the Joslyn Castle Institute.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Hoppe gave to and reviewed for Council a list of upcoming appointments/reappointments. Council requested that Mr. Hoppe continue with the format set out by Ms. Kielty in showing those who’s terms are expiring, but who are interested in continuing their service. It was noted that this allowed Council Members, if they are given the information far enough in advance, to submit names, or encourage candidates to submit their names, for some of these appointments.

In discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Svoboda would be re-appointed to the Board of Health. Mr. Hoppe requested a May 2nd docket date for that appointment. [Council Staff, working with the City Clerk, and upon Mr. Svoboda’s request, set the introduction date for May 9th and the Public Hearing/Action date for this resolution of re-appointment for May 16th]

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen announced a clarification regarding the RUTS program and the Joint Public Agency issues that are on the agenda for the next Common meeting: We are not looking for a definitive answer from the Common Members...this will be an ongoing process that will cover a number of months until we get to a joint agreement. Ms. Newman, Chair of the Common, stated that as long as no one expects a definitive answer, we can include everything requested on the May Common Agenda.

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Jon Camp’s expenses for the “Fly-In Conference”. Mr. Camp reported that he planned to do the “Federal Fly-in Conference” with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Werner asked why Mr. Camp was doing it...wondering if it weren’t traditionally done by the Council Chair? Mr. Bowen pointed out that last year was the first year for the program. Mr. Camp had signed up to attend and proposed that, since he did not have a lot left in his Discretionary Fund, he would cover half of the traveling expense and would like to have the Council Office’s “Schools & Conference” budget carry the other half.

Ms. Newman commented that she felt it should change with the Chair, giving each Council Member an opportunity to participate in this event. Mr. Werner thought it should be assigned to the Chair. Mr. Camp noted that transferring the Council representation yearly would lose the continuity required to be effective in the position. Mr. Friendt felt that the Council should not pay for any member to attend, since no member of the Council had been specifically invited to attend as a City representative. He felt this was especially true since the Administration was sending a representative in the official capacity of City representative. Mr. Werner felt the point should be to present a united City dedicated to moving forward with economic development - it would be very important for someone to go as a representative of the Council. Discussion ensued that resulted in the decision to carry this issue over to the next “Noon” meeting (May 2nd). Staff was instructed to have the Discretionary Funding and Council Office budget information available for this discussion. Ms. Ray indicated that she would have the requested information for Council at that time.
VI. CITY 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 - Mr. Svoboda announced, for those who had signed up to attend, that the School Health Fair scheduled for this Tuesday evening, April 19th, has been cancelled. Council thanked Mr. Svoboda for the update.

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner explained to Council that Rafael Trotman, an international visitor, and a member of parliament in his homeland, will be attending the City’s Council Meeting today. Mr. Trotman would like to meet the Council Members and have a photo taken with the Council at 1:15 prior to the meeting. Council agreed to meet at 1:15 in the Chambers to meet Mr. Trotman and honor his request.

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

RICK HOPPE - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Ms. McRoy had a question on one of the Council’s Invitations. She asked if the Council would have Pre-Council’s on April 25th - the date of the Arbor Day celebration at Faith Lutheran Elementary school. She had stated “no” on the attend sheet, but would go if there were no pre-council’s scheduled that would be in conflict with the 10:00 a.m. event. In a brief discussion it was noted that the meeting on the 25th was a night meeting and there would be no pre-councils scheduled on that date. Ms. McRoy re-assessed her decision and signed up to attend the Arbor Day celebration at Pentzer Park.

Mr. Werner noted that this also brought up the Memorial Service for the recognition of fallen police officers, which he knew most of the Council Members would want to attend. He observed that this event fell on the date of the Council’s traditional “Farewell Luncheon”. Mr. Svoboda commented that the Memorial service is a national event, so changing that to another date might not be possible; but he noted that the memorial event might be scheduled to a different time. There was discussion regarding a rescheduling of events and it was decided to reschedule the luncheon. Mr. Werner directed Mr. Bowen to handle the re-scheduling of the Council Members’ “Farewell” luncheon.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Council adjourned at approximately 11:31 a.m. cm041805/jvr