

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of May 9, 2005.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of May 9, 2005.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)
3. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Werner)
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. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion regarding the upcoming Library Board vacancy and the process to fill the vacancy. As of September 1, 2005, a vacancy will exist on the Library Board due to the expiration of the term of Darrell Podany. (See Attached Letter)
2. City Clerk: In attendance to answer any questions regarding procedures for the Change of Council Ceremonies at today's Formal Council meetings.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

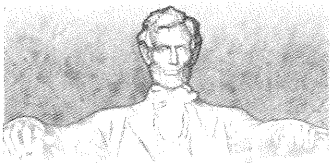
VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. Downtown Lincoln Master Plan Community Update on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at Cornhusker Conference Center, 333 S. 13th Street - (See Invitation)

2. Spring 2005 Lincoln Police Department Academy Graduation and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at The Cornhusker Hotel, Grand Ballroom - Reception Following -(See Invitation)
3. Care Consultants for the Aging “And Thou Shalt Honor”- Lincoln Town Hall Meeting “Who Cares For The Caregivers?” - Coming to you with an opportunity to participate in an upcoming special town hall meeting in Lincoln on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (meal available following) At the Bevins Family Life Center, Saint Paul UMC, 11th & “M” Streets - RSVP to Susan Campbell at 441-6182 by June 1st -Local Town Hall Meeting Lincoln Committee-(See Invitation)
4. Updowntowners Evening Social on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Zen’s-The Art of Martini Maintenance, 122 N. 11th Street - RSVP to Heather Bullock at 434-6507 by May 23rd -(See Invitation)
5. Neighborhoods, Inc. - Celebrate the Completion of our 16th High School House! On Thursday, May 26, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 1233 S. 16th Street - Student Builders will be recognized at 5:00 p.m. - Pizza will be served - (See Invitation)
6. Board of Commissioners of the Lincoln Housing Authority invites you to celebrate the construction of 3416 “X” Street - built by students from Lincoln Northeast High School, a joint venture of the Lincoln Housing Authority & Lincoln Public Schools on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. -Special program at 5:00 p.m. - (See Invitation)
7. CenterPointe, Inc.-Grand Opening - celebration of our new facility for the Adult Residential Treatment Program and Administrative Offices on Friday, May 20, 2005 - Ceremony: 9:00 a.m.; Tours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; at 2633 “P” Street - RSVP by May 18th to 475-5161 or by E-Mail -(See Invitation)
8. The Mayor’s Summit, “One Vision, One Voice” on Friday, June 17, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Cornhusker Hotel - Please complete the enclosed RSVP form & return by May 20th which includes lunch choice - (See Invitation)
9. You and a guest are cordially invited to attend the 55th Annual Spring Party on Thursday, June 9, 2005 at The Isles Reception Hall, 6232 Havelock Avenue (north side) - 5:30 p.m., Social Hour; 6:30 p.m., Buffet Dinner - Sponsored by: Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association - RSVP by June 7th to Karen at 475-8360 - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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May 6, 2005

Terry Werner, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
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Dear Mr. Werner:

As of September 1, 2005, a vacancy will exist on the Library Board due to the expiration of the term of Darrell Podany.

In the past, the City Council has asked the Library Board to collect and review the resumes of interested individuals and make recommendations to the City Council. The City Council is forwarded copies of letters and resumes from all individuals who express interest along with the Library Board's recommendation of a candidate(s) whose qualifications and experience best meet the needs of the Library Board at that time.

The Library Board, an administrative board, strives to collectively develop occupational diversity such as public relations and media, law, finance, accounting, community service and volunteerism, business management, personnel, education.

Qualities looked for in potential Library Board members include:

- commitment to community-wide library service
- time to attend monthly board meetings as well as committee meetings
- interest in books and other media
- understanding of the legal responsibilities and authority of the Library Board
- ability to ask probing questions of the library administration on programs, policies and functions
- ability to work cooperatively with board members, elected officials, and the public.

Board members must also be residents of Lincoln.

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The past procedure was reviewed at the April 19, 2005 Library Board meeting. Board members expressed their willingness to again collect and review information from interested individuals and make recommendations to the City Council. Please let me know if the City Council would value the Library Board continuing to make recommendations to the City Council to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Library Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol J. Connor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carol J. Connor
Library Director

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cc: Norm Langemach, Library Board President

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

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney's Office; Robin Eschliman, Dan Marvin, Council Members-elect; Joan Ross, City Clerk; Joan Ray, Council Staff; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star representative

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of May 9, 2005.
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Mr. Werner requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Patte Newman 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. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Camp reported that the chairs had arrived in the Council Chambers. Council Members were delighted. Mr. Cook reported that the Health Department Expansion is on schedule. The refunding of the bonds have an expected savings forecast of \$140,000 per year through the year 2026...so that is a substantial savings. We have a good arrangement as to where we're putting our reserve fund monies in a full-flex repo account which will give us an interest rate that is basically the same as the interest rate that we're paying out. We can't ever earn more than the interest we're paying, because the IRS doesn't allow that.

Mr. Cook noted that discussion on food and drink restrictions in the chamber were delayed because Jon wasn't present for that. Mr. Cook felt the Council should have a little discussion before the next Meeting of PBC since he felt each governing body should decide the issue for themselves. This issue had been brought forward because some departments had planned noon events where people were encouraged to bring lunches; and we want to give flexibility to the departments for those functions.

Mr. Werner observed, in relation to this issue, that the coffee that is provided in the Chambers is available for the public and that is why it can be paid for by tax dollars. Mr. Cook answered that that was true, so we'll have to include that in our discussion.

Mr. Cook reported that the PBC had met with the State Records Division and our “K” Street Building meets all the State requirements and we are in compliance with all of their needs. However, we are going to look at the longer-term trends in record storage. The State has agreed to continue to partner with the City for their storage needs.

Mr. Cook stated that we’re still waiting for the permanent monitor installation in the Chambers. Someone will be coming to install the monitors properly.

2. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy did not attend due to a schedule conflict.
3. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Werner) Ms. McRoy did not attend due to a schedule conflict.
4. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that they had the meeting and had reviewed the strategic planning. The meeting had been a good one with a lot of open discussion. We’ll be sharing the strategic planning with Council as we progress on that.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Due to illness, Mr. Hoppe was not in attendance to offer input on this issue. Mr. Bowen explained that appointments to the Planning Commission would be the next appointments for consideration. He did note that nothing had changed on the Appointments List since Mr. Hoppe had passed it out to Council several weeks ago.

Mr. Camp stated that he wanted to make sure that there was a good representation from the Private Sector on the Planning Commission. He noted that it seems that on some Commissions and on some appointments, we’re getting more government employees. He thought it was important to involve the community and encourage that volunteerism. Mr. Werner asked if the people in the public sector aren’t volunteering?

Mr. Svoboda stated that he had an application from someone who wishes to be appointed to the Planning Commission and asked if it was too late for a nomination to be submitted. Mr. Bowen answered that they would pick it up today. He noted that if it weren’t in time for consideration this time, it would be held for the next round of appointments.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen reported that they would be talking to Council Members individually about the budget. He also gave Council the updated Federal Priority List for the City of Lincoln. He noted that the list had been in the Council Packets at the Fly-In....and he was distributing the hard copy to Council at this time. Mr. Friendt asked if much of this list was covered during the Fly-In? Mr. Bowen stated that they had talked about Antelope Valley. He was only there for one day of the sessions, so asked Mr. Cook and Mr. Werner to fill out this report. He added that they had also discussed the Highway Bill and the CDBG funds.

Mr. Werner stated that they would continue the report on the Fly-In after the rest of the Agenda Items had been addressed.

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion regarding the upcoming Library Board vacancy and the process to fill the vacancy. As of September 1, 2005, a vacancy will exist on the Library Board due to the expiration of the term of Darrell Podany. Mr. Cook noted that the letter was merely an inquiry as to whether or not Council would like to continue the process as it had been handled in the past. It was agreed unanimously that that would be Council's desire. Mr. Bowen noted that the Library Board is one of those which is purely a Council appointment.

Mr. Werner asked how many appointments there were at this time? Mr. Cook noted that there is one per year on staggered seven-year terms.

2. City Clerk: In attendance to answer any questions regarding procedures for the Change of Council Ceremonies at today's Formal Council meetings. Ms. Ross gave a brief explanation of the process for the New Members who were in attendance at the "Noon" Meeting. Seating arrangements for the dais were discussed with a decision being made to address this issue at a later time for all but the Chair and Vice-Chair. Their seats on the dais, according to tradition, would be the center seat for Chair and the seat to the left of the Chair for the Vice-Chair.

Mr. Friendt stated that he would explain to the new Council Member who would be taking his office what he had left there, and why. This prompted a discussion of Council Office assignments for the new Council Members. A final determination was made, with the flip of a coin, that Jonathan Cook would move to Mr. Werner's vacated office, leaving the two front offices to be occupied by the new members.

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JON CAMP - Mr. Camp reported on the Federal Fly-In, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, that he and Mr. Werner had attended. He noted that Mr. Bowen had been there for about a day & a half as well. He stated that there had been good representation from the City with about 35-40 people attending. The University had representatives as did the Lincoln Public Schools Board. They had met with Secretary Johanns early Monday morning where there had been an informative presentation by the Chamber of Commerce offices. There had been television media coverage at that meeting.

There had been presentations by members of Congress, including Senators Hagel and Nelson. Jeff Fortenberry had attended several of the meetings. Mr. Camp reported that he had been able to spend a significant amount of time in Mr. Fortenberry's office discussing city issues.

Mr. Camp stated that a big thing right now before Congress is the Highway Transportation Act. They're getting into the final stages and Representative Fortenberry was able to get some additional monies to be ear-marked for local projects. As you're aware, there is the basic bill within which there are appropriations for different roads projects throughout the country. Then there is a certain amount that the Congressmen and Senators are allowed to ear-mark for special projects....this is an additional amount and that is where we've been working to try to get more for Antelope Valley and the South Beltway - our two large local projects. Mr. Camp noted that he had stressed funding for the South Beltway.

One interesting thing is that Congressman Fortenberry was able to add more between the initial ear-mark and that amount in the final bill. He added that one of the things Congressman Fortenberry mentioned that Lincoln needs to do, as exemplified by South Sioux City, is to come to Congress very well organized. They focused on their top three priorities before they even approached him. They decide what they want, so all of the community groups are working in conjunction with one another on the same goals. That makes a really powerful presentation. That approach helps them get, essentially, what they want.

Another thing that came out is that, if we do that, even though Mr. Fortenberry ear-marked more for Antelope Valley, several of us have talked about fine-tuning the Antelope Valley appropriations and the schedule. What we want to do is coordinate our efforts. For example, if we were to scale back in a fashion that undermined what Mr. Fortenberry has ear-marked for Lincoln, then that money would go elsewhere in the country. It's important that we're planning ahead in conjunction with what has already been ear-marked for the project.

Mr. Camp noted that there would be a de-briefing meeting this week to go over the Fly-In meetings. One thing Mr. Camp wanted to recommend, regarding some of the business issues, is that Lincoln follow what the Schools' focus had outlined. The schools, from the University to the Public Schools of Lincoln, worked as a group and coordinated meetings with all of the staff members from all of the Congressional Offices that deal with their specific areas of interest.

Mr. Camp reported that he had also had several meetings with Carolyn Chaney, Lincoln's City Lobbyist in Washington. He noted that LES had also been represented at the Fly-In meetings. The LES's request for a 9% rate increase was based on the Burlington Northern Railroad, which delivers the coal to the Larime Station, and has LES in a captive shipper situation. LES is concerned that when they compare rates there, in some cases, it is 400% over other markets where there might be competition. In fact, in the last few weeks, LES has, along with other operators, filed with the Surface Transportation Board, an action that will probably last two-three years, asking the Board to make an official determination on the rate structure. This action was preceded by mediation. The filing has been done and the filing fee was approximately \$105,000. Mr. Bundy had commented to Mr. Camp in another meeting that not only that \$105,000 would be involved, but over the course of the action, the fees would probably total \$5,000,000. Nonetheless, over the next five years, it would amount to well-over a hundred billion in rate savings.

Mr. Werner added that Carolyn Chaney does an excellent job for the City. She was well informed; there every day. She asked good, important questions, especially in regards to CDBG funding. There certainly was mixed reaction on the discussion, but Ms. Chaney certainly does a good job. Mr. Bowen stated that Ms. Chaney has worked for the City for many, many years. The things that she does on the Hill are extremely valuable to Lincoln as a community. But, in addition, she also works the Departments for us. She spends time at the various departments, establishing a working relationship with the officials in those departments and those are extremely valuable contacts when we have to work through channels.

Mr. Camp mentioned the wrap-up meeting sponsored by a local corporation which happens to be the only Lincoln-based member of the New York Stock Exchange. We also had an informal reception with Gallup with Congressional Staff Members.

Mr. Bowen stated that he had had to return to Lincoln to attend a meeting with the State regarding possible annexation of the State Fair Grounds. That went very well. There were some State Senators from the Executive Board and Administrative Services. and the State Fair Board. They seem to understand the reason for annexation. He did not hear objections, but there had been some concerns regarding issues that will have to be worked out; but, overall it went very well.

Mr. Friendt asked if that is something that Lincoln can execute without the State objecting? Mr. Bowen answered that it is in the City's authorities. In this case, we'll probably reach some sort of agreement with the State after some issues of concern are addressed.

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

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Council adjourned at approximately 11:46 a.m.

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