

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of June 20, 2005.
- *2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of June 20, 2005.
- **3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Bond Summary - June 6, 2005.
- 4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - LAW - RE: Litigation-
Developmental Services of Nebraska v. City - June 27, 2005

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

- 1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Summer Tour (Cook)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS

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VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. Big BBQ Cookout - Lincoln North Menards - Thursday, July 7th. 11:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m. - 3500 North 27th Street, Lincoln, NE - 68521 - This invitation was e-mailed to Council on July 5, 2005.
2. Blue Ribbon Roll Out - 1st Annual Blue Ribbon Roll Out - Preview of 2005 State Fair Entertainment & events - Saturday, July 30, 2005 State Fair Park at Ag Hall, Lincoln, NE - 6:30 p.m. Fair Food Grazing; Entertainment & Silent Auction; 8:00 p.m. - Live Auction; 8:30 p.m. Fabtones (Tickets \$25.00 per person) RSVP by Friday, July 22, 2005 by returning card.
3. HDR Is Growing In Lincoln!!! Join Us At Our Open House on Thursday, August 4, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 301 South 13th Street, Cornhusker Plaza, Suite 701 - (See Invitation)
4. Mapping Nebraska Communities: An Introduction to GIS and Community Analysis Workshop on (Thursday OR Friday) July 21st OR 22nd, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (This is a one day workshop-please choose which date is most convenient for you.) - at New Horizons Computer Learning Center, 2125 N. 120th Street - Omaha, Nebraska - Fee \$399.00 Checks, Credit Cards and Purchase Orders Accepted - Register Online or call 877-241-6576 -(See E-Mail Invitation)
5. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for Blues & BBQ at Business After Hours on Thursday, July 28, 2005 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Chez Hay Banquet Facility, 210 North 14th Street (former Top of the Rock) - Admission \$10.00 per person - RSVP by July 27th - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM JUNE 27, 2005.**

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Council Members Present: Ken Svoboda, Chair; Patte Newman, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Dan Marvin, Annette McRoy; ABSENT: None

Others Present: 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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Chair Ken Svoboda, by acclamation of the Chair, approved the minutes. No objections were offered, thus the minutes were approved as presented.

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

1. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - Summer Tour (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that he had not had the time to go on the tour. One of the items on the tour was the Sunken Gardens. He did go to the Sunken Garden's statue dedication the day before, which he felt had been wonderful. He and Mr. Marvin had been in attendance on a beautiful day, with a good turn out. The sculptures and the lay-out were so much more terrific than could be imagined from merely viewing the drawings of the plan.

OTHER MEETINGS: Mr. Jon Camp mentioned that he had attended the Downtown Lincoln/Haymarket Parking Committee meeting which was held this morning. Regarding the rate increase, \$344,000 of that was due to the "Living Wage". Ms. Eschliman stated that she was still confused about that because of the \$344,000 - it sounded like it was not 'Living Wage', but pay increases. Mr. Svoboda noted that it was due to raises based on the "Living Wage". This is the same thing we went through with the Humane Society. With a private contract, they adjust accordingly.

Mr. Camp stated that the other thing on the downtown parking situation is that there is some concern that the approach we're taking is fragmented and they would like to see the issue addressed in a more holistic manner.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Hoppe reported that there are four re-appointments on the Council's Agenda today: One is a reappointment to the Housing Authority Board; one to the Charter Revision Commission and two re-appointments to the Cable Advisory Board. He noted that the following week there will be a "whole raft" of appointments to several different Advisory Boards. That's all that is pending for the Agenda right now.

Mr. Camp asked how the Library Board appointment was going? Mr. Hoppe stated that the Library Board takes care of nominations, which they submit to the Council for approval. He did know that they had received an incredible number of applications.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Hoppe announced that the "No Place for Hate" Rally is in Antelope Park on Saturday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. He hoped that all of the Council Members could attend, noting that there would be free ice-cream.

MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on the e-mail regarding Council members business cards. (See Attached E-Mail) - Already Addressed

2. Discuss re-initiation of Student Intern Program for Council. Ms. Nance Ardell (466-7052) stopped in the office and requested a form for her grandson Darnell - Would Council like to initiate another Student Intern Program? Council determined that a reinstatement of the intern program would not be feasible at this time. They did agree to have Ms. Ardell notified that a shadowing arrangement could be made for her grandson for a one-day exercise in the municipal political arena. Staff will make arrangements to have Darnell meet with a council member if this would be of interest to him. During a phone conversation, Ms. Ardell agreed to a shadow date of August 15th, with Darnell coming in at the beginning of the Council Member's day.

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JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook notified the Council that he had a schedule conflict with the Common Budget Hearings start time. He may miss the first few items on the Agenda for that reason.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - Ms. Eschliman asked if there was anything that the Mayor's Staff could tell Council about ITI? Ms. Harrell stated that she could not, noting that she was not the expert on this. She knew that they are working closely with Darl Naumann and Karl Fredrickson. It has had a lot of publicity that hasn't necessarily made it an easier thing for them. She felt Council would be better off speaking to Darl or Karl about it privately. Ms. Eschliman did note that she had submitted an RFI on this.

DAN MARVIN - Mr. Marvin questioned Mr. Roper about an article that Council had received from Mr. Roper in their Thursday packets. He asked Mr. Roper if he would like to talk about it? Mr. Roper indicated that he did not. Mr. Roper explained that the article had only been for Council's information. Every time we have something like this, we have to go with the conventional wisdom of "settle early" before the other side has a large investment in attorney's fees. But, that is a two-edge sword. If we always settle, we'll be seen as "easy" - if we try to just settle in order to avoid litigation expenditures. So, we don't always settle unless we think there is some merit to it. Lincoln has a bit of a different philosophy in that respect.

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - Mr. Svoboda reminded Council Members that the [Common] Departmental Budget Hearings would begin tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 p.m. - they usually go quickly....depending on the Chair. Then we'll be back on Wednesday for our [City] Departmental Budget Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a 4:15 - 6:00 p.m. Council Discussion following all of the Departmental presentations, should we want it. If not, we'd be done at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Svoboda asked if everyone had received their notification of helping to serve at the Food Bank City Employees' BBQ on Friday, July 22nd at P.O. Pears. Ms. Ray notified the Council that it had been requested that all of the volunteers wear red T-Shirts.

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

RICK HOPPE - No Further Comment

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Council adjourned at approximately 11:42 a.m.

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