

**AGENDA FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of October 3, 2005.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 3, 2005.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Litigation - October 3, 2005.
4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Personnel - October 3, 2005.

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

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board-Joint Retreat with the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Foundation (Cook)
2. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Marvin)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced**

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS -**

1. Discussion on Council requests correspondence. (Requested by Ken Svoboda)

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -**

1. Harris Overpass Project - Open-House Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Lincoln Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane - (See Invitation)

2. Invited to Join E&A .... Huskers vs. Raiders for Pre-Game Tailgating at 11:30 a.m. -Kick Off at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at 850 "S" Street Parking Lot - (See Invitation)
3. Updowntowners Evening Social on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Christo's Pub (formerly BC's) at 1200 "O" Street - RSVP to Heather Bullock at 434-6507 by Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> - (See Invitation)
4. Public Open House - City of Lincoln Storm Drainage Project 38<sup>th</sup> & Sewell on Thursday, October 13, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Southeast High School, Room D - (See Invitation)

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
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**Council Members Present:** Ken Svoboda, Chair; Patte Newman, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Dan Marvin, Annette McRoy.

**Others Present:** Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; Ray Stevens, County Commissioner; and Coby Mach, LIBA.

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[NOTE: The Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be carried over to the "Noon" Agenda for October 17<sup>th</sup> for Approval due to not being completed.]

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-Joint Retreat with the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Foundation** (Cook) — Mr. Cook stated they had a Retreat, it was a four hour meeting. He did not feel good, so he did not make it to the meeting. No Report.
2. **Community Development Task Force Meeting** (Marvin) — Rick Hoppe stated they have been working on whether they want to restructure the Community Development Task Force. As he understands, the subcommittee reviewed the issue and recommended to the entire committee that they would go ahead and leave the structure as is in place.

Mr. Marvin stated he attended the meeting. The meeting was moved to “F” Street in effort to try to increase attendance, they did not have a quorum until about five minutes into the meeting. At this meeting, we elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair, elected as Chair was Mary Jane Steward and Danielle Nantkes as Vice-Chair. He thinks they’re still waiting for the subcommittee to put together a way of making the task force provide more input from people who are members and attend the meetings to try to provide little more direction. He thinks that has a direct impact on people’s willingness to go to a meeting and they’re also trying to reemphasize with members that it is important they attend the meetings because if they don’t they lose a quorum and then have to reschedule another meeting.

### **OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

Ms. Eschliman stated last week she forgot to report on the Homeless Coalition. They’re doing a consensus count on the number of homeless people, working very hard on trying to update it. Ms. Newman noted it’s done every year. Ms. Eschliman reported one thing they said is contributing to the problem is credit card debt and they were encouraging us all to attend a seminar in Omaha. Apparently, average household credit card debt is up to \$17,000 a year and they’re working on it.

Another thing they are working on is trying to find housing for people who have been released from prison and having trouble finding housing. They’re having a hard time finding a landlord that will accept them and apparently now some of the faith based groups have started doing that. They don’t know which faith base groups have housing at what point and time, so they’re working on better communication.

Mr. Camp reported last week we had a Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Meeting (LPED). He thinks they’re all aware of Matt Carlson the new President of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, it’s exciting to have that position finalized now.

There were two interesting things that were presented at LPED. One was a presentation by General Roger Lempke, Adjutant General, State of Nebraska and Jim Krieger, CFO, An Entrepreneurial Collaboration, The Gallup Organization had a presentation. Mr. Krieger talked about they’re going through some funding efforts on arterial collaborations they call it, the whole idea is that they want to really create job opportunities.

Mr. Svoboda reported for the first time the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission meet last week and basically they took care of housekeeping issues. Some of the structural things that needed to be in place was electing Chair and Vice-Chair, he was elected Chair and Steve Oltmans from Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District was elected Vice-Chair. They’re going to be meeting on a monthly basis for the next few months which will be the first Thursday of each month with the exception of December and then after that they will reestablish a need for a monthly meeting. They adopted an operating procedures packet and from that point gave

Steve Miller and Richard Baier with the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development some tasks to come back to them next week or next month with information regarding over lane maps of utilities and jurisdictional maps. All the different types of things you would do at any comprehensive plan review or establishment to find out first of all what we have and what jurisdiction we have and move on from there. The next meeting we will start getting into some heavy discussion as to what role we will play.

Ms. McRoy reported on the "M" Class Meeting, the second meeting was on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and the members are Bill Harding, Georgia Glass, Ed Wimes, Don Taute and myself. Since our first meeting, they sent out the survey information to the eight cities and the deadline was September 30<sup>th</sup> and as of Friday afternoon they had all the information back except for Topeka and Des Moines. They did have a 3% increase from the last time they checked their numbers, so they're going to double check it. The matter of background, the City has 119 "M" class employees which is about 19 categories they sent out 25 job descriptions/25 titles and they're trying to get 85% match of all the job titles that come in. The states they surveyed do not have Public Works Coordinator and Water & Wastewater Coordinator which is two people in our City but don't exist in other states so they're going to throw those out. Adding, 911 does not exist, it's under Fire, Police, Emergency or County functions because there is only one match they are throwing these three out. For Purchasing, Risk Manager, and Budget Officer they still have questions because people had them under different job categories through the City and so they're trying to figure out how close it is to what Steve Hubka or Purchasing would do so these 3 jobs are in question. They're working towards making sure the Council has a lot of information. There are going to be 19 or 20 job categories that will be done which will include the percentage that matches from the cities and their threshold is 85%, so nothing less than 85% they will consider and so it is going to be a very comprehensive chart but it will be easy for the Council to read. They are not including any benefits because they can be different than ours and another question they're looking at long range is how they administer this process, are there going to be steps, merit increases, cost of living, eligibility which are the secondary level of questions that they are not asking but they are going to start looking at once they get the information back.

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS** - *[Rick Hoppe handed out a memo to Council regarding the upcoming Boards and Commissions Appointments.]* Rick Hoppe reported Roger Massey and a number of Technical Appointments out of Building & Safety are on their Agenda today for vote. They're still trying to find someone for the Pedestrian/Bike Advisory Committee. For the Multicultural Advisory Committee they are reappointing the five folks that were due in September. The Community Development Task Force has decided the current structure is okay, so the five people that are going off on the 1<sup>st</sup> page will be replaced with the four people on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page and he has a couple calls in for the fifth person and waiting to hear back. The StarTran Advisory Board folks should be on their Agenda starting next week and the Charter Revision Committee replacements are on their Agenda next week. In November, they have the Veterans Memorial Garden and Citizens Police Advisory Board appointments. *[See Attachment 'A']*

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR** - *[Mark Bowen handed out to Council a statement the Mayor made at the County Board Staff Meeting on Thursday regarding the RUTS Program.]* Mark Bowen stated they've attended a number of formal meetings and had a number of informal conversations with the County Board about their latest thoughts on RUTS. They do intend to be moving back towards an interlocal agreement. The Mayor talked to the County Board directly about their change of thoughts and encouraged them to not waste anytime. *[See Attachment 'B']*

Mr. Bowen stated he is going to have Ann Harrell give them an update on the Arena Task Force. Ann Harrell reported the task force meets once a week and Dick Campbell is the Chair. The task force is comprised of representatives from various event facilities in the community as well as other groups that have either played direct role in events or in the areas where events occur. It has been a very good group and very hard working, she thinks they are really getting close to the end. It has been a very open process, they've had some people sit in out of curiosity to hear their conversation, they've had off & on press coverage which they have probably seen some of the stories in the newspaper about how their discussions have been going and the stories have been relatively accurate. She thinks they will be ready to give a report to the Mayor in a couple of weeks. There has been a great deal of discussion at the task force and she thinks the task force feels very strongly that the community needs is not to have duplication of facilities. That in order to achieve the best economic effect and the best financial position that we need to have a single unified approach to what we build in terms of event facilities and make sure we are not competing against ourselves and we're not investing in facilities that perhaps could be collocated. There was a lot of discussion last week about the question of any individual project moving ahead while this report is still being compiled, you will see the task force moved in the direction of recommending that this not occur until the report has been completed.

Mr. Bowen stated on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. they put together a 'thank-you' pizza party which will be held at the Isles Hall. For those who participated in cleaning up the Hall of Justice building the night they had the flood problem.

Follow up with Council from last week discussion about the minutes of the 11:00 a.m. Directors' Meeting and history of the minutes. The Mayor's Office has never done those minutes from what he was told, when staff or City Council was under the supervision of the City Clerk they had provided those minutes. Mr. Svoboda said okay. Mr. Bowen commented but when the supervision went back to Council so did the minutes that's the history he was told. Mr. Cook commented well that doesn't prevent them from doing something new of having the Mayor's Office transcribe minutes.

**MARK BOWEN - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**ANN HARRELL - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**RICK HOPPE - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**DANA ROPER, City Attorney - NO COMMENTS**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS -**

1. Discussion on Council requests correspondence. (Requested by Ken Svoboda).  
— Tammy Grammer stated this is in regards to some of the requests that she has been receiving from Council on preparing and sending out letters for them. When Council sends requests to me, I need to know how soon they need to have it sent out because I'm real busy right now with doing some training with Mary (Meyer) on showing her how to do Thursday Council packets in case I am ever gone because if I am ever sick or on vacation there is no one to do packets. Also, I have been learning JDEdwards to pay bills and other things that I did not do before. Mr. Svoboda commented so he thinks a suggestion would be because we are short staff right now that we try to do everything as far in advanced as they possibly can. If there's something that Council wants out by Council staff that you try to give staff as much forewarning as you can of what you're going to be doing and try to keep it to a minimum for a while. Also, we have been told that the County Board will work with us on allowing Cori (Beattie) to help out if need be on something extremely critical.

Mr. Marvin commented being the new kid on the block, he would be happy to send his own letters out but what's the protocol. Ms. McRoy stated you bring a copy into the office for Tammy (Grammer) to have on file. Mr. Marvin stated okay.

Ms. Eschliman stated she has a question, why do we have Police officers deliver our Thursday Council packets to us. People responded tradition. Ms. Eschliman commented should we not be in our offices at least one day a week and we could pick them up and maybe save money. I don't know what it costs to run it by our homes, she just wondered if we could save anybody some money if we picked up our own packets. Ms. McRoy commented she picks her packet up whenever she can. Mr. Svoboda commented there has been times when he has picked his up or he plans his day coming in on Thursday's to pick it up but most of the time it is delivered by the Police officer. But again, it's tradition and the officers do it while they are on their route. Mark Bowen stated it's not a special trip, the officers do not take it right from the Council Office to your homes. Mr. Svoboda stated he thinks there is someone within each district that delivers the packets depending on where you live. Ms. Eschliman commented she just wondered if we could save anybody some money if we picked up our own packets. Mr. Svoboda commented you would have to make sure you were in the office on Thursday's to pick it up. Ms. McRoy stated how it works is Police Sargent Clark picks up all seven packets and

takes them back to his office and when they have role call for the people who works the second shift he hands them out. Mr. Svoboda stated if an individual Council member wants to pick up their packet they certainly can. But, he certainly would not want anybody other than law enforcement delivering his because there's pertinent information in there, a paycheck every other week. Ms. McRoy commented that's why they do it because confidentiality issue. Mr. Svoboda commented he doesn't know if we want to have a blanket policy where all Council members are to pick up their packets, unless, Council wants to do it at some point in time but it doesn't sound like that's the direction we want to go at this point.

Mark Bowen stated since you had sent those inquiries off to Senator Hagel and Congressman Fortenberry about the Triplets, we have not heard anything back. I'm inclined to do a call and ask the status of it, unless, they have received something back on it. Mr. Svoboda indicated he heard verbally from Senator Hagel and Jeff Fortenberry's Office that there is nothing they are going to be able to do with it. I thought we received a response letter from Jeff Fortenberry or Senator Hagel's Office, he will look through his file for the response that we got back. Ms. McRoy asked if Council will be notified before their moved? Mr. Bowen said if you would like to be, but we are to the point where we need to start making some plans if it's going to occur. Mr. Svoboda commented it didn't sound like anybody was going to be able to do anything without reopening the entire project. Mr. Bowen responded we were not going to do anything until we heard back from (inaudible). Mr. Camp stated he thinks Mark's (Bowen) idea makes sense to go ahead and contact both offices again. Council agreed.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS -**

**JON CAMP - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**JONATHAN COOK - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**DAN MARVIN - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**ANNETTE McROY - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**PATTE NEWMAN - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**KEN SVOBODA - NO FURTHER COMMENTS**

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Listed on the Attend Sheet for October 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 12:03 p.m.**

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Attachment 'A'

MEMO

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Richard D. Hoppe  
Aide to the Mayor

**DATE:** October 10, 2005

**RE:** Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Eligible for Reappoint</u>	<u>Desires Reappoint</u>	<u>Mayor will Reappoint</u>
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Roger Massey	Housing Authority Board	Replacing William Blue		
John Henry Zohner	Heat, Vent, Cool Exam Board	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ronald Geary	Heat, Vent, Cool Exam Board	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Henry Zohner	HVAC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ronald Geary	HVAC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Matt Morrissey	Plumbing Code Board of Appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tim Wentz	Plumbing Code Board of Appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brian Carstens	Uniform Fire Board of Appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fritz Moss	Uniform Fire Board of Appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Donald Dingman	Uniform Fire Board of Appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richard Noel	Uniform Fire Board of Appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan Schroeder	Electrical Adv, Appeals, & Exam	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan Pudenz	Electrical Adv, Appeals, & Exam	Yes	Yes	Yes
Doug Biggerstaff	Examining Board of Plumbers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Doug Biggerstaff	Water Conditioning Board of Exam	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Mjelde	Ped/Bike Adv Committee	Resigning		
Riek Puok Riek	Multi-Cultural Advisory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Christie	Multi-Cultural Advisory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amrita Mahapatra	Multi-Cultural Advisory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Annette McRoy	Multi-Cultural Advisory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Charles Greene	Multi-Cultural Advisory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jon Carlson	Comm' Dev' Task Force	No	NA	NA
Lois Haupt	Comm' Dev' Task Force	No	NA	NA
Don Post	Comm' Dev' Task Force	No	NA	NA
Carl Tesch	Comm' Dev' Task Force	No	NA	NA
Jeff Schwebke	Comm' Dev' Task Force	No	NA	NA

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Eligible for</u> <u>Reappoint</u>	<u>Desires</u> <u>Reappoint</u>	<u>Mayor will</u> <u>Reappoint</u>
Shawn Ryba	Comm' Dev' Task Force	New Appointment		
Scott Baird	Comm' Dev' Task Force	New Appointment		
Modesta Pulta	Comm' Dev' Task Force	New Appointment		
Jessie Payne	Comm' Dev' Task Force	New Appointment		
Jill Flagel	Star Tran Advisory Board	Yes	Yes	Yes
Susan Epps	Star Tran Advisory Board	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lauren Ekdahl	Charter Revision Commission	Need to be replaced		
Gerry Schleich	Charter Revision Commission	Need to be replaced		
Dao Tran	Charter Revision Commission	Need to be replaced		
Mike Donlan	Charter Revision Commission	New Appointment		
Jon Rehm	Charter Revision Commission	New Appointment		
LeRoy Stokes	Charter Revision Commission	New Appointment		
<b>November</b>				
Kenneth Orr	Veterans Memorial Garden	Yes		
Moe Carlton	Veterans Memorial Garden	Yes		
Dean Clawson	Veterans Memorial Garden	Yes		
Mabel Stamler	Veterans Memorial Garden	Yes		
Stanley Cooper	Citizens Police Advisory Board	Yes	No	
Greg Key	Citizens Police Advisory Board	Yes	Yes	
Dean Finnegan	Citizens Police Advisory Board	Yes		
Dorothy Anderson	Citizens Police Advisory Board	Yes		

County Board Staff Meeting  
comments by Mayor Coleen J. Seng  
RUTS Program  
October 6, 2005

I am very disappointed that the proposed RUTS program is stalled.

I asked that the County Board consider the RUTS program because Lincoln and Lancaster County are growing. We need new streets and in times of limited tax dollars, we both need to build those streets as efficiently as possible. We need to build county roads in a manner that allows us to save money and preserve traffic flow as they become city roads. That's why I first asked that the RUTS program be listed as a regular agenda item on the City County Common agenda until we could show the community we had completed our mission. We made considerable progress toward a logical and effective partnership.

**STRUCTURE MUST BE EFFECTIVE**

The County Board's recent actions in regard to the creation and funding of a Joint Public Agency (JPA) reverses that progress and makes the JPA a fairly one-sided partnership. The Board has moved us back a year to the original discussions about an interlocal agreement.

At that time, an interlocal agreement was discussed, but the conversation moved toward a JPA. Interlocal agreements work well in many instances but do not address the needs as well in this situation. That is why many months ago the conversation moved toward the creation of a joint public agency.

The interlocal you have discussed does not address the East Beltway. The motion earlier this week for an interlocal seemingly ignores a major portion of our future roads needs. That is a problem.

The current actions disregard a great deal of work done earlier this year. The Legislature approved a bill that would allow the city, county or local authority to protect the corridor of the East Beltway. It was thought that the Joint Public Agency would be the structure to preserve the East Beltway corridor. It was a logical and practical solution that allowed the City and the County to work together to preserve that corridor. Now we are back at the drawing board, retracing ground that had already been covered and slowing down the momentum.

**FUNDING FAIRNESS - DON'T OVER TAX LINCOLN**

You are casting doubts on whether there will be a dedicated funding source for the RUTS program.

You are suggesting the taxpayers of Lincoln will be asked to shoulder the bulk of the cost to design and improve the RUTS designated county roads. Is it fair to ask Lincoln residents to pay for RUTS when the funding would go to County Roads, not City streets?

Does the County intend to continue the inequity that Lincoln taxpayers pay at least 85 percent of the cost. That is not the partnership I envisioned. It was supposed to reduce the tax burden, not shift more of it to the City taxpayers.

The notion of taking the funding away from the very successful Rail Transportation District that builds bridges is a bad idea. The RTSD builds infrastructure, just like RUTS would do. Don't rob Paul to pay Peter and cause a new problem.

### **DON'T DROP THE BALL**

These county roads are an important part of the City's future infrastructure and planned growth to attract new jobs and build new neighborhoods. Our economic development efforts depend on the County and the City finding a common solution.

As the Mayor of Lincoln which represents 91 percent of the county population I urge this board "not to drop the ball" on the RUTS program. Don't continue the inequity of Lincolnites contributing far more toward financing county roads than they receive in benefit. The benefit to you is that RUTS will improve county roads.

As you deliberate, I ask that you do not delay and offer a proposal that is fair.

Do not let this innovative future looking program hit a deadend.

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