

**AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of March 20, 2006.
- 2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 10, 2005.
- 3. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of March 20, 2006.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES - NO REPORTS

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

- 1. Open House Public Meeting for the Pioneers Boulevard, Antelope Creek to Pagoda Lane Project on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Maxey Elementary School, 5200 S. 75th Street (Use the northeast entrance) -(See Invitation)
- 2. The Newcomen Society Of The United States BryanLGH Medical Center - Reception & Dinner on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel - 6:15 p.m., Reception - 7:00 p.m., Dinner - RSVP by April 7th to Mr. Edgar Bumanis at 481-8674 or by e-mail -(See Invitation)

3. Governor Dave Heineman and First Lady Sally Ganem cordially invites you to celebrate Nebraska's Quarter Launch on Friday, April 7, 2006 to be held in: Lincoln, Bob Devaney, Sports Center at 10:00 a.m. CDT; Kearney; and Gering; - RSVP for special seating by Monday, April 3rd to Nora Tallmon at 471-3222 or by e-mail- (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM MARCH 27, 2006.**

**MINUTES
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COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

Council Members Present: Ken Svoboda, Chair; Patte Newman, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook (arrived late), Dan Marvin (arrived late), Robin Eschliman, Jon Camp, Annette McRoy.

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; and 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. Jonathan Cook and Dan Marvin absent at this time.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES - NO REPORTS

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: -

Ms. Newman reported had a PRT (Problem Resolution Team) Meeting last week. There's about a total of 30 houses that we talked about on the list right now, and 16 current ones. The interesting thing was that one property owner had two on the list and he has been cited about 36 times with damages to correct the problem right before they actually bring it to them. So, it was an interesting meeting, but we are still slugging away. We are having a PRT+ Meeting tomorrow morning, we have a draft Graffiti Ordinance that they will be discussing. Apparently, the University Place private property was hit over the weekend and it's being cleaned up right now. But, also heard that around Lincoln High School and Elliott Elementary School and some neighborhoods over there that it is getting to be a real problem again so we are going to be bringing that forward very soon. Ms. McRoy commented the last one of her PRT houses that she turned in she drove by it this morning, it looks worse.

Ms. McRoy reported on the DLA Board Meeting (Downtown Lincoln Association) that she attended last week. Exciting presentation because they're excited about the BID, they're very appreciative of the Council passing it. We had a presentation by David Cary from the Planning Department and Randy Hoskins in Engineering on the Downtown Blight Plans, so that was partly a heated discussion. She thought she should bring this up because she will be speaking on the radio with Coby Mach (LIBA) on Wednesday afternoon about it. She doesn't

know what staff is going to do, but it was in the Downtown Master Plan as one of the projects they wanted to move forward on (inaudible) Scott can get some community into it. So, she's going to be speaking, not on behalf of the Council, obviously, I support safe pedestrian bicycle movement in our City and especially downtown. But, we need more community input on it, lets get more on board and so that's where they are at on it.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Rick Hoppe had none to report.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR -

MARK BOWEN -

Mark Bowen reminded Council the Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 11th at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. We're going to start this meeting earlier, we usually start at 7:00 p.m. but we're going to start at 6:00 p.m.

V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

Mr. Svoboda commented when Rick Hoppe and I met a few weeks ago, I had said to him since he is doing a great deal of lobbying for the City at the Legislature that we had not been getting legislative updates like we had in previous year. So, he just thought if there was anything that's important to the City that we're following closely right now, Rick (Hoppe) could update Council on Legislative issues. Rick Hoppe updated Council on the key priorities the City is pursuing at the State House. First of all, we've had really good luck this cycle, we're doing a really good job over there and I think we're going to turn out very well. The constitutional amendment formally known as LR18C8 now known as LB75 passed final reading today, it's for the Community Health Endowment that will allow the constitution to be altered would authorize the Legislature to permit greater leeway in investing public endowment funds for governmental subdivisions. Mr. Hoppe commented the Community Health Endowment has not been making a great rate return because the limitations are not constitution. This bill will be placed on the ballot at the General Election in November .

We're also very excited about the progress on LB904, would give us a half cent additional motor vehicle sales tax that would go directly to the City and Counties. It's additional money and should come to Lincoln in the amount of about \$1.1 million a year of additional roads money. It passed General File a couple of days ago, it's at the bottom of the Select File but it's looking really good. The good news is when it was debated none of the discussion was about our portions of it, and so that usually means your in pretty good shape when they're not talking about you over there. It's going to be the same, a number of years ago the Legislature had moved that half cent from the Highway Trust Fund into the General Fund to deal with some budget issues. Now, they are going to move it back, but they're not going to distribute the way they normally did, so we will get a little bit more money (inaudible).

One of our key priorities was trying to obtain some funds to deal with the Federal Governments requirements on stormwater run off and we've had quite a bit of progress on it. LB1226 is The Governor's Task Force Water Policy Recommendations and attached to that is a fund of \$5 million proposed that would allow communities to apply and receive grants to deal with the changes that they need to make for Stormwater Management. So, those are kind of our big three, and there all on target to pass this session, so we're feeling pretty good about it.

We've played defense on a number of things, changes to 911 System were taking out of LB1222, and just other small things we have tried to keep on top of.

Ms. McRoy asked Rick Hoppe if he is the Chief Lobbyist for the City now? Rick Hoppe replied no, he's kind of what you would call the Lobbyist Coordinator, we have a group that shifts and changes depending upon the various issues. Ms. McRoy commented so we don't have a City Lobbyist like Jack Moors anymore. Mr. Hoppe replied no, we have Paul O'Hare's Group who's working on a couple of issues, (inaudible) working on the Stormwater issues, and Health Endowments are working with a couple of folks as well and he just coordinates all of their work and try to fill in where ever gaps exist. Mr. Svoboda asked Mark Bowen to give them an update because there is discussion on both sides. Mark Bowen stated we have changed lobbyist since the beginning of the session and went with O'Hare and (inaudible) and we would consider them our prime lobbyists right now. Ms. Eschlman commented so there's a group of them. Mr. Bowen stated two of them, they're partners and we've partnered with others as well (inaudible). Mr. Camp asked what happened to our budget on the lobbyist? I didn't know we changed. Mr. Bowen stated it's pretty much the same (inaudible) for about the same money as Jack Moors of \$35,000 and we're around \$30,000 right now on retainer basis for the legislative year. Mr. Bowen stated we did mention this back in the first Budget Meeting in December that we are making a switch and part of it was to be able to be more diverse on how we approach things and a bit more flexible when we approach things and (inaudible).

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANNETTE McROY -

Ms. McRoy reminded Council that their Statements of Financial Interests forms are due today, April 3rd.

DAN MARVIN - NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook commented he should of asked Marc Wullschleger (Urban Development Director) to check on the date for the South Street Business & Civic Association Meeting. Mr. Svoboda stated the meeting is scheduled for April 11th, we received a follow up email that said it was going to be held on the 11th. Mr. Cook commented he just wanted to verify that with Ernie or somebody who attends those meetings. Mr. Marvin commented if that were the case, we could postpone action and have continued public hearing and action on April 17th.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - NO COMMENTS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Listed on the Attend Sheet for April 3rd.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:55 a.m.

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