

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of September 11, 2006.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of September 11, 2006.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Litigation Matters-
DSN & Dow Chemical - September 11, 2006.

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

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Cook)
2. Railroad Transportation Safety District Meeting (Eschliman/Marvin/Svoboda)
3. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
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 - NONE

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. Updowntowners - September membership luncheon (where we'll tour the new event headquarters) on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 11:45 a.m. - Meet at Updowntowners Event Headquarters, 206 S. 13th Street, Suite 101 - Cost: Members \$12.00; Guests \$15.00 (No shows will be billed) - RSVP by Sept. 15th at 434-6507 - (See Invitation)

2. Legislative Forum Breakfast 2006 on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at The Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13th Street - Cost: \$25.00 per person - Please RSVP - (See Invitation)
3. Community Services Fund of Nebraska's 25th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, October 5, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Apothecary Loft in the Haymarket, 140 N. 8th Street, Suite 500 - RSVP by Sept. 28th - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; Fire Chief Rich Furasek; John Becker, Talent Plus; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative; and Coby Mach, LIBA.

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Chair Patte Newman, by acclamation of the Chair, approved the minutes. No objections were offered.

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

1. **Public Building Commission (Camp/Cook)** — Mr. Cook noted Jon (Camp) was away. Mr. Cook reported we had a revised budget hearing which was a clarification on the use of the tax money for paying off debt, apparently, it was some legal issue and so we revoted on the budget.

Regarding the Health Department expansion, there were change orders which saved us about \$29,000. But, then we approved the garage, they came back with an estimate for a 24 x 24 foot garage, they came up with something that was approximately \$30,000 at 'Menards' two stall garage. To put the garage up and so on will be provided by Property Management. So, it's a considerable savings but still spending \$30,000 which they felt like that was a pretty fair price after checking out 'Menards' and other places that kind of balances out that savings.

The Courthouse Plaza status, we looked over the plans between the Public Defender and Community Corrections.

We approved the contract for the new City/County Building deli provider.

Regarding Security, I think the Building Commission was happy the Council passed the ordinance of strict weapons in city and county buildings.

Regarding the 911 Corridor/Door, Mr. Cook asked if anyone has gotten their fingerprint taken for the door. None of the Council members has had it done. Mr. Cook questioned have we received a memo, did we just never follow up. Mr. Camp commented there was a memo that went around. Mr. Cook commented okay, if any of us ever want to get through the 911 doors some day without having to go outside you might want to check into it. They will bring the laptop over and take fingerprints electronically so they can use it to get through that door. So, we might want to check on it and see if they can come by on a Monday morning or something to do it.

We discussed whether or not we were going to keep the 233 Building long term or whether there were other plans, we don't know at this point. We put in a new ground heating/cooling system.

We agreed to a purchase agreement on the Mattice property which is the house we're buying for \$104,500 and hoping we can move it to another site.

Checking on a new x-ray machine for the Hall of Justice, we put it off to get some more information.

We approved a new contract for re-roofing of the Hall of Justice. We budgeted \$600,000 our low bid was only \$480,000. We did have to cutback on some maintenance because of the cut in the city budget. There was a line item for Public Building maintenance and so they'll have to prioritize some of the maintenance that is done on certain city properties.

2. **Railroad Transportation Safety District Meeting** (Eschliman/Marvin/Svoboda) — Ms. Eschliman reported talked a little bit about the train whistles. Mr. Marvin reported we also approved the budget. The County Board lowered the levy rate a little. Roger Figard received the notice at 7:00 p.m. the night before that they are putting up barricades and closing the 44th Street. Mr. Svoboda commented he was concerned about the article in this morning's newspaper that Roger (Figard) had projected that it would be \$30,000/\$40,000/ \$50,000 for crossings to do the strong barriers. In the newspaper this morning a gentleman suggested several hundred-thousand dollars per crossing. Mr. Svoboda asked if RTSD discussed this issue? Mr. Marvin stated Roger (Figard) brought it up, I think I heard the hundred-thousands of dollars number earlier. I think that's what we're going to find out in December we'll get a number. I think there is a property that is pending purchase right now. I got a phone call prior to the meeting from our Real Estate appraisers saying that if we close the intersection that property is going to be worth very little. So, are you going to close it is the question and we're having trouble figuring out how to appraise the property.
3. **Multicultural Advisory Committee** (McRoy) — No Report - Ms. McRoy unable to attend out of town.

4. **Board of Health Meeting** (Svoboda) — No Report - Mr. Svoboda unable to attend out of town.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: -

Ms. Eschliman stated she attended the Homeless Coalition meeting which she kind of gave a report on it last week when she asked Police Chief Tom Casady about it and then Deena Winter wrote a nice article. But, we did talk about the downtown problem and are these people chronic or not, and if they are chronic will they go to treatment and would building more houses be effective.

Ms. Eschliman stated she has a Lincoln Cares report which is the utility check off for LES, she's the liaison from the City Council on that Committee. The bad news is that their donations have dropped just a little bit since they started the program, not a whole lot, a few hundred dollars a month on average. However, we went ahead and approved for the next year an increase and \$3,000 for the swimming scholarship programs plus there's a big list of new things we talked about that we are probably going to be doing in the next year. One of the biggest things we decided to do is designate \$25,000 for improvements at Centennial Mall. There is a post feature that would be developed down near the State House which has to do with veterans and putting their names on some sort of a wall. So, we designated some money and set it aside for it and we're hoping to approach the Rotary Club again and see if we can leverage some funds from the Rotary Club for Centennial Mall.

Ms. Eschliman stated she has a report from LPED which she passed out to them. I have been after LPED for the last several months to provide us a little bit better accountability so they put this together for me. I just want to point out a couple of things and she went over the report. *[See Attachment 'A' - RE: LPED Activities Report]*

Patte Newman, Jon Camp, Annette McRoy, and Ken Svoboda attended the Federal Fly-In trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Camp stated we broke up in sessions, he attended the Agricultural & Ethanol briefing. Mr. Svoboda stated he attended the Economic Development briefing, it was a very good program. Had a very good briefing by someone of an upper level staff person in Economic Development Administration, there were almost 120 of us, 20 from Lincoln and with 120 people there I was really impressed we packed the room. He had a conversation at the reception with Carolyn Chaney our Lobbyist and started talking to her about the EDA grants that are available and such. I asked why is Lincoln participating in it, she knew all about it and said no we don't meet their requirements but what she did ask was there any possibility that he would have available on Wednesday morning to meet with one of the deputies in the Department of Commerce and talk to them about Lincoln specifically to more importantly the region of I-80 Commission. Carolyn (Chaney) pulled a meeting together in a very short time and I spent a hour with an individual from EDA that was extremely helpful and I think there's certainly some information that Lincoln benefit from it. It was a very good briefing, unfortunately, on Wednesday afternoon the transportation briefing was cancelled Senator Hagel

was going into vote and they did not have enough staff people to move us around. So, we spent about half a hour with senior staff person from Parkin's Office so unfortunately it was not the transportation update that we had hoped for Lincoln but Omaha certainly benefitted from the meeting more so than Lincoln. Mr. Camp stated on Tuesday, Patte and I attended the Ag briefing, and Annette and I attended a reception at Gallup. Wednesday morning, we had a Nebraska Delegation breakfast and all five representatives were there, it was probably one of the largest attendance.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -

RICK HOPPE - ABSENT

Mark Bowen noted Rick (Hoppe) is out of the office day.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR -

MARK BOWEN -

Mark Bowen stated we need to talk about rescheduling the pre-council on the Zucker Report update. Following discussion with Council and Mark Bowen the pre-council regarding the Zucker Report update will be rescheduled to Monday, October 2nd for 45 minutes.

Mr. Bowen commented Robin (Eschliman) had asked about Animal Control and I think we were talking about trying to do those with your meetings with the Mayor but if you want we can do a pre-council on it. Ms. Eschliman commented I have a list of eighteen questions which I'm sure everyone else gets those questions from time to time, I think it would be good for everyone to hear the answers. Ms. Newman commented I think part of that was what's going to happen with the Humane Society. I know they're not a City agency but it would be nice if they could attend the pre-council meeting. Mr. Bowen replied we can ask them to attend but they are on their own to decide at this point.

Regarding the Child Care Fees which the Health Department has talked about, I don't know if the board has talked about it but those are coming through as a result of the budget changes. Would you like a pre-council on it or do what you've been doing having Scott Holmes show up at the public hearing? Council agreed to have Scott Holmes attend the public hearing.

We are going to be introducing a Resolution supporting the passage of Constitutional Amendment 2 to the Nebraska Constitution to allow public endowments such as the Community Health Endowment to invest its assets in accordance with the "prudent investment standard." and will come through starting next week.. The Constitutional Amendment 2 will be on the ballot for the November 7, 2006 general election and so this Resolution is just simply in support of that constitutional amendment being on the ballot.

There had been some discussion last week about an update on ‘Talent Plus’ working with the Fire Department. So, I asked John Becker to attend and give us an update about what ‘Talent Plus’ is doing. John Becker from Talent Plus handed out to Council a report and went over it with Council. *[Copy of the Report on file in the City Council Office.]*

ANN HARRELL - NO COMMENTS

DANA ROPER, City Attorney - NO COMMENTS

V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

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 September 18th.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 12:15 p.m.

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LPED Activities

Recent Projects that have been a success:

- Kawasaki – 100 new jobs at Rail Car Facility
- Lincoln Composites – 30 new jobs at Airpark
- Novartis – Expects new lines to be operational in the Fall

Recruitment of new companies from out of town: There are 3 projects that have narrowed down their search to 2-3 communities, one of which is Lincoln. One is a manufacturing prospect and 2 are technology/customer support:

- Total potential jobs: 1,200
- Total potential investment: \$70 million

Business Expansion and Retentions: We are in the final stages of working with five existing Lincoln companies

- Total potential new jobs: 700
- Total potential investment: \$45 million

Ongoing projects that we continue to follow up on:

- Responded to 15 major RFP's from companies in other cities since May. There are a large variety of these—about 1/3 call centers, 1/3 technology (4 are biotech companies from a trade show we went to in April), 1/3 manufacturing prospects
- 21 open expansion Projects (existing local businesses that are in the earlier stages of thinking of expanding)

Projects lost in the last year:

- We have not had any word that we have lost any prospects. We had strong interest from a number who apparently never made a decision nor moved anywhere. We watch their websites, call, and watch the Omaha paper and as far as we know, none of them have made announcements that they ever did anything.

Miscellaneous activity this fall:

- Angelou Entrepreneurship Strategy is to be released this fall (young professionals, retention of existing business, angels for investors. Hopefully November)
- Near completion of Greenfield Site Report with cooperation of City and utility partners inventorying all sites in Lincoln that are more than 50 acres. We will then have information about what infrastructure is available to the sites, as well as flood plain info. We get several requests for over 100 acres each year and we

usually don't believe we can meet the requirements. Usually they are distribution companies or large manufacturers. Mike Lang has been key in organizing this.

- CoreNet trade show in November
- Food Equipment and Packaging Show
- Industrial Assets Management Council State event
- Trade Mission to Japan to coincide with opening of State office
- Cosponsor of Area Development Site Selection Roundtable with State and Omaha Chamber

All recruitment and business retention and expansion activities are being coordinated with significant contributions from the staff of the City of Lincoln as well as our other economic development partners. We have experienced tremendous cooperation in putting these projects together and appreciate the staff for their dedication to this effort. Recently we had complements from a prospect that visited Lincoln on Steve Hendrichsen and Wynn Hjermstead. We have also had tremendous help from Troy Gagner, Steve Masters and others in Public Works, and Darl Naumann. We know we are missing some names and wanted the City Council to be aware that City staff has been very helpful.