

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of November 6, 2006.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Kennel Contract - November 6, 2006.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES - NONE

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Council discussion on LPED Funding.
2. Council discussion on Keno Funding.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. Annual College of Business Holiday Mixer on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the University of Nebraska Lincoln Wick Alumni Center, 1520 "R" Street - RSVP by email - (See Invitation)
2. Nebraska Title Company-Celebrating the appointment of Kent Radke as our new President - Customer Appreciation Open House on Friday, November 17, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Nebraska Title Company, 6003 Old Cheney Road, Suite 300 - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Council Members Present: Patte Newman, Chair; Dan Marvin, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda.

Council Member Absent: Jon Camp

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative; and Coby Mach, LIBA.

Location Announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act: A Copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is Located on the Wall at the Rear of this Room

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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 - NONE

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - Mr. Svoboda reported had our Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission Visioning Session last Thursday and it was a very good visioning session. We had 22 members attend, not a whole lot of Commissioner members, although, we had a quorum. We talked about some Legislative issues, we talked about how we're moving forward and we have decided at this point we're going to come back to the Legislature and look for numerous grants to try to do a Comprehensive Plan for the Commission. They're assuming that it's going to possibly take about a half of million dollars to do because they want to do an Environmental Caring Capacity Study in this as well which is probably the more expensive portion of that half of million dollar budget. So, we are going to be doing a Comprehensive Plan, we just need to find the budget to do it.

Ms. Newman noted everyone here knows that we met with the Omaha City Council last Wednesday. Mr. Svoboda commented I thought it was probably the best meeting that we have had, I thought last year's meeting was productive that we hosted, but I think this one was probably the most productive from both sides. I thought it was a very good meeting, so thank you to the Mayor's Office for putting it together. Ms. Newman commented we also had a tour of the Holland Center and Dan (Marvin) was impressed that 85% was private money. Mr. Marvin commented I was impressed that they passed the bond issue too.

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

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR -

MARK BOWEN -

Mark Bowen commented only in addition to what Ken (Svoboda) was talking about the I-80 Commission, they are having their summit later this week. Mr. Svoboda stated the I-80 Summit is Thursday morning at the National Guard Camp in Ashland. The I-80 Commission is hosting it, so we will have the majority of our commissioners there but this is more from the private sector side, so there will be a number of individuals sitting on the panel that will be of the private sector. It should be a really good discussion.

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Council discussion on LPED Funding. — Mr. Marvin stated on the LPED funding you know we all voted for increase funding towards LPED that meant some kind of contract update renewal. Ken, Mark and I have met with the Chamber and I think we are on a time-line where we might get it going the first of December or wrapping it up before the end of the year. Mr. Marvin indicated to Robin (Eschliman) that we have implemented some of your benchmark ideas.
2. Council discussion on Keno Funding. — Mr. Marvin stated Patte (Newman) and I have been working on the keno funding. I handed out the Interlocal Agreement from 1992, keno has been in effect since 1993. There is a subsection in it called 'Monitoring Committee' which says "The City and County will form a Monitoring Committee consisting of two City Council members, two County Commissioners, and the Mayor. The Monitoring Committee annually will review the financial impact upon the services both parties provide the citizens of the City and County. The Monitoring Committee will also review the proceeds split to ensure the split is equitable. The Monitoring Committee will meet as often as its members deem necessary" and the keyword is 'equitable'. According to our last

meeting in 14 years there has never been a meeting of the Monitoring Committee, so we have never been able to ensure that the split is equitable. The current stream of revenue comes from keno sites located within the City of Lincoln at 99.7% and .3% from one keno site outside the City of Lincoln which is “Merle’s” and “Merle’s” is up for sale. The way it’s disbursed out to the entities is 70% of it goes to the City of Lincoln and 30% goes to the County. We discussed with the County whether that’s an equitable arrangement and I think they all seemed to think it was very equitable. Mr. Marvin commented Patte and I were not particularly of that mind and the way we left the meeting was that we wanted to individually visit with other Council members to see if they can come to terms with what they think is equitable. Then we would make our proposal to the two County Commissioners on that board and share with them what we define as equitable and if we can’t come to a meeting of the minds on it, then I think the other alternative would be to dissolve the Interlocal and both parties go their own way. Mr. Cook commented if we dissolve the interlocal the keno of revenue comes in according to the split talked about of 99.7% to the City and .3% to the County. Ms. Newman and Mr. Marvin replied yes. Dana Roper responded I think so. Mr. Marvin commented I think that’s an extreme measure, we’ve got a lot of cooperation between the City and the County in the past on other things. Ms. McRoy commented that may be an extreme option, I would worry about the work the City and County does on the Joint Budget Committee which funds the City’s primary involvement between the services that comes from keno funds and the bulk of the money actually comes from the County and they administer it. So, that’s something else to keep in mind as we’re going down this path, noting part of the City share is for Parks & Recreations, Library, and Human Services. If we dissolve anything we might lose some of the Human Services money that we get from the County. Mark Bowen stated both the City and County put in shares towards Human Services indicating this is the remaining money. Ms. McRoy commented off the top. Mr. Bowen responded I think the Human Services money comes off the top before the split occurs, asking Dana (Roper) if that’s correct. Mr. Roper answered yes. Ms. Newman commented we’ll keep working on it. Mr. Bowen noted we are trying to have a second meeting organized for early December. Mr. Marvin stated so I would like informal feedback from Council members as to what they think the word equitable is.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - ABSENT

JONATHAN COOK - NO COMMENTS

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - NO COMMENTS

DAN MARVIN - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

ANNETTE McRoy - NO COMMENTS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN - NO COMMENTS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Listed on the Attend Sheet for November 13th.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:47 a.m.