

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 9, 2006.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of December 11, 2006.
- *3. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of December 18, 2006.
- *4. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of December 18, 2006.

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

- 1. Homeless Coalition - Eschliman
- 2. Downtown Lincoln Association - McRoy
- 3. Haymarket Development Corp. Board of Directors - Svoboda
- 4. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission - 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. West "O" Business Association Luncheon and Mayoral Forum - Friday, January 5, 2007 at 12:00 Noon at Speedway Motors Museum, 340 Victory Lane.
- 2. Park Middle School 8th Grade Celebrity Challenge (Physical Education classes Badminton Challenge) - Monday, January 8th or Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Park Middle School, 855 South 8th Street. Various times available.
- 3. Home Builders Association of Lincoln Installation and Awards Ceremonies. Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm for social hour and 7:00 pm for dinner at the UNL Champions Club.
- 4. Progressive Dinner presented by Updowntowners. Friday, February 9, 2007 starting at 6:30 pm at the Embassy Suites, 10th and "P" Streets. \$90.00 per person.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD FROM DECEMBER 18, 2006**

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“NOON MEETING”

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

**COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS
AND CONFERENCES - NONE**

MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - NONE

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

MAYOR'S REQUEST TO COUNCIL - NONE

MISCELLANEOUS

1. County Board Motor Sports Task Force.

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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

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

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 Newman submitted corrections to the minutes. The above minutes, with corrections, approved by acclamation of the Chair, with no objections.

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

1. **Homeless Coalition** (Eschliman) - No Report
2. **Downtown Lincoln Association** (McRoy) - No Report
3. **Haymarket Development Corp. Board of Directors** (Svoboda) - Svoboda unable to attend.
4. **Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission** (Svoboda) - Svoboda stated the Innovation Zone will be hosting a breakfast reception on February 1, 2007 for all State Senators at the State Capitol, Room 1023. He said they held discussion on ongoing funding with the State Department through the Economic Development budget. Review of meetings in Denver with EDA personnel and the Department of Commerce involving discussion of federal funding for a comprehensive plan with the Innovation Zone Commission.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS - NONE

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Bowen reported no new appointments at this time.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

MARK BOWEN

Bowen stated they are tracking Legislative bills, with 107 already introduced, and appropriate departments are analyzing with approximately half a dozen bills having direct financial impact on the City. There is still eight days left for introduction and it is believed the number of bills introduced will be quite high.

Bowen said with Hoppe leaving Harrell and he will divide his duties. Harrell will take over Human Right, Women's Commission, Affirmative Action, Libraries, Health, and Joint Budget with Bowen absorbing Police, Fire, Aging, Personnel and State Legislation, as well as Federal.

ANN HARRELL - No Comments

DANA ROPER, City Attorney - No Comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous of the Motorsports Task Force listed on the addendum.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Comments

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - No Comments

DAN MARVIN - No Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Listed on the Attend Sheet.

“Noon” ADDENDUM - (For January 8th)

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

MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - NONE

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

MAYOR'S REQUEST TO COUNCIL - NONE

MISCELLANEOUS

Motorsports Task Force: Marvin brought up letters received regarding appointing someone to the Motorcross Task Force. His direction would be the Council would not appoint anyone as he doesn't think appropriate to have a drag strip inside our jurisdiction. He stated to let the County decide where they want to place in the county.

Cook agreed that he also doesn't think appropriate that Council go down this path. He stated the three mile jurisdiction is there for a reason, which is to provide an area for future urban growth of the city, and believes incompatible with a race track of this type. No feelings, one way or the other, regarding a race track, and there may be appropriate places for a track but cannot imagine that within the three mile jurisdiction there would be such a place. He stated he thinks if Council would provide an appointment it would endorsing the idea, and doesn't believe that would be good.

Camp said he's undecided about endorsing, or not endorsing. Since asked for an appointment possibly good to have a voice from the city on the task force, for good communication from that standpoint. Not disagreeing with Cook's comments but thinks we should have someone on the committee because at some point, with growth, the track may be in the City limits.

Cook said the County set the rules, without discussing first with the Council, the fact of establishing a task force. Also, they didn't put more than one city person on as they want it to be one, and they do not want it to be a councilman, but someone we appoint. Cook asked what if we want to appoint a councilman? Doesn't quite understand the process.

McRoy said she thought along similar lines. Not specifically that this person would have any endorsement of the Council, or carry any weight, but someone who resides in the City being on the Task Force. She doesn't it as a bad idea. Agrees there shouldn't be a race track within the City limits, within the three miles, but we have had two public requests for this position and both individuals seem highly qualified about NASCAR and racing. Doesn't mind appointing one of them with the understanding they would not represent the Council, or the City's position, but appointed because they reside in the City.

Svoboda agreed and stated there is no way Zoning would allow a race track within the City limits. Obviously not within the three mile limit, but believes since Council was asked to submit a name and also because of the possibility of a huge economic impact from a track if the County were to come up with a proposal allowing a race track within the County. The Council was asked to have a representative and doesn't know if he/she would necessarily have to be a City resident. It would be a Council appointed position, and doesn't think they asked that the appointee actually be a City resident, just someone the City Council would appoint someone. And if that were the case would like to nominate Jeff Atkinson to the committee.

Cook stated he knows people are interested in a track, and probably very qualified, knowing a lot about the subject, but not sure they would be the kind of person who should be appointed. He stated possibly this type of person is interested in having a track but maybe the Council should be appointing, if we were to appoint someone, which he doesn't think is appropriate, but if Council did thinks it would be appropriate for the person to have a planning background, and to be looking at the kinds of impacts this might have on the City's future growth. As this is what we're talking about now. He stated he wouldn't agree with the suggested appointment and again, doesn't believe the Council should make any appointment.

Marvin said the other thing heard, whether true or not, is there are people who identified an area on West "O" Street as an ideal place for a track. This is inside our jurisdiction, inside the City, and an area which is convenient and also removes it from being something where the County has to vote, but putting to our judgement to decide. Again, probably great opportunities for having a drag strip. He stated he just doesn't want the County looking in the City to place. There are there's other locations, and fundamentally it challenges a compatibility issue. Marvin added a place where it would touch five hundred, or a thousand, different homes is a lot different than one in the County where you might touch five. He stated he recognizes this fact and thinks they should be able to vote for it.

Eschliman said it sounds to her as if the Council needs someone on the Task Force to protect the City's interest. Marvin said the person would be outnumbered approximately fourteen to one. Eschliman replied she would want to have a voice. Svoboda stated they were talking philosophical differences between whether a race track should be built anywhere in the County, or not. His opinion is there is a need, a desire, a great interest in having a track, if it could be done in the County. The Committee has asked us to appoint an individual to the committee to support our interests, and believes it is important.

Bowen added the County also asked the Mayor to appoint a non-voting representative, and Naumann is attending as such. Cook asked why would it be non-voting, did they want to make sure they tied our hands as much as they could?

Newman asked if everyone received an email months ago which said the County doesn't want to vote on a track, and will manipulate and push to the City Council. She stated she hates to be a conspiracy theorist but Council did receive and at that time she thought the County would have to vote on it, but all of a sudden a task force committee is formed which they don't bother to tell the Council about.

She stated she has the same concerns as Marvin and Cook, and any vote would be fourteen to one. Newman said she didn't know the committee makeup but heard two people, representatives, were from the north corridor who wouldn't want it near. Feels it is natural for people to say, let's put it someplace else. She then asked Svoboda if he would want to try a motion?

Motion: Svoboda made motion that Jeff Atkinson be the City Council's representative, or the City Council's appointment, to the Motorsports Task Force. Eschliman seconded for discussion.

Cook stated he doesn't think this person is involved with the Council enough to report to us, and represent the interests in the City. Cook said he has an interest in race tracks, and would talk on that subject. Again, he think it should be someone with planning experience, and a person who would say their job also is to represent City interests, and then report to the City Council. Cook stated he doesn't feel this appointment would fit.

Svoboda said it is his motion, and as he thinks a track will have some economic impact, even possibly great benefit, to the City at a point in time. He said this has obviously been approved by the County and this person would be an individual who has an interest in racing.

Cook said Council didn't have to follow the rules as set. If Council wants to appoint a Council member, should ask Svoboda if he would be interested in serving. Svoboda asked why they wouldn't follow the rules of not having a Council member, but a representative? Cook replied the City Council might think it important enough to have a Council member represent them. Camp said this should be put on the agenda for next week. We are not breaking city, or state, laws now. He stated he was also going to bring up the same thoughts as Marvin, and thinks before entertaining any motions need to wait a week, have on the agenda. Newman stated she had sent an email to Meyer to put on the agenda, which she did not receive, but did intend to have on the agenda.

Camp said he would also like the names of the other representatives on the committee. Newman added with addresses and backgrounds. Camp said that way would have everything before us.

Cook asked if the motion would therefore be out of order? Newman asked if everyone agreed? Grammer asked if they wanted a list of who is on the Task Force? McRoy responded would like to know if specifically two were on, Jeff and someone from Capital Beach. Newman said there were two names submitted, people who had indicated an interest, and then give us a list of all representatives on the Task Force, with addresses for the next meeting.

Camp asked if it would be a problem if not formally on the agenda? Roper replied he thinks the Council could go ahead and do it without it on the agenda. It would be important to you, the Council, to have on the agenda. Camp stated today has been a very good discussion.

Bowen believes the Task Force do have meetings scheduled and have already broken into subcommittees. Believe they are weekly meetings which should wrap up in March. Eschliman said since they're meeting already believes the Council should appoint someone.

Marvin stated he would appoint someone if they agree to not placing a track inside Lincoln. Eschliman said the Council needs someone they're comfortable in calling and giving preferences of individual councilmen.

Newman asked if they could legally vote tomorrow, at the Commons meeting? Roper said it could be added to the agenda with Svoboda saying it is on the agenda. Newman reiterated it is on the agenda but can we vote on an appointment, if it's a Commons meeting? Roper answered the appointment is not on the agenda and could be added. Newman asked if this has to be advertised? Roper replied on the bulletin board. Newman said the Council would do and make the appointment tomorrow.

Holiday Lights: Roper stated if questioned about rumors surrounding holiday lights that there are no rules, or regulations, requiring that holiday lights be removed by a certain date.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Chair Newman adjourned the meeting.

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