

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of October 15, 2007.
2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 15, 2007.

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

1. DEC Board Meeting (Svoboda)
2. Report on LPED's site selectors (Eschliman)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

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

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

**V. MISCELLANEOUS -**

1. Discussion of Arena hearing set for October 29<sup>th</sup>. (Requested by Dan Marvin)

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -**

1. Lincoln Green by Design Seminars-Energy Efficiency: Your Home & Business on Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Great Plains Art Museum, 1155 "Q" Street - Free & open to the public - (See Invitation)
2. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - Executive Reception on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 1135 "M" Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - RSVP by Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> to Jaime Henning by email - (See Invitation)

3. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings: - Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
  - A.) The 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Ribbon Cutting, Holiday Inn Downtown-141 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street (inside front lobby) on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
  - B.) Utopia Salon & Day Spa Ground Breaking, 8540 Amber Hill Road on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
  - C.) Lincoln Industries Ground Breaking, 600 West E Street on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
4. Harris Overpass Open House Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ridnour Room, 809 "P" Street.
5. Dedication of the new Prairie Building Visitor Services Addition on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at Pioneers Park Nature Center - (See Invitation, #5 & #6 on the same invitation)
6. Dedication of new Art Panels at the entrance of Pioneers Park Nature Center and Open House for the new Prairie Building Visitor Services Addition on Sunday, November 11, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - (See Invitation, #6 & #5 on the same invitation)
7. 2007 Annual Donor Reception celebrating individuals and organizations who have contributed to the mission of the Seniors Foundation on Friday, November 16, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor - RSVP by Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - (See Invitation)
8. Joint LPS/City/County Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at Lincoln Public Schools District Offices, 5901 "O" Street in Room E102.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**

**Members Present:** Dan Marvin, Chair; Robin Eschliman, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; John Spatz; and Ken Svoboda.

**Members Absent:** Doug Emery

**Others Present:** Denise Pearce, Mayoral Aide; Trish Owen, Mayoral Aide; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star; Mary Meyer, City/County Clerk and other interested parties.

Copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posted on rear wall of Room 113.

Chairman Marvin opened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of October 15, 2007.
2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 15, 2007.

Marvin called for approval of above meeting minutes. With no corrections or comments minutes approved by acclamation.

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

**1. District Energy Commission Board Meeting - Svoboda**

Svoboda stated the meeting included budget review. Year to date have \$1.3 million in sales, 6% above budget. Expenses down approximately 10%, and have in the region of \$100,000 in net revenue above last year, or what was projected in budget. DEC is doing well with costs being down this year, with a factor of having a level summer making cooling costs constant. Also, DEC is looking at a December 1, 2007 completion date for the entire loop system, and within the next few weeks there will be well work done on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in front of the County/City Building.

**2. Report on Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development's (LPED) Site Selectors - Eschliman**

Eschliman stated in discussion with Jason Smith he reported they were working with two companies who attended the site selector dinner and reception. One is a manufacturing company, which would create 200 jobs with the other being an office prospect looking for 40,000 square feet. He did not estimate how many employees would be needed for this business.

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Pearce reported no new appointments/reappointments at this time.

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR**

Owen reported no requests at this time.

## V. MISCELLANEOUS

### 1. Discussion of Arena (Hearing Set for October 29<sup>th</sup>) - Marvin

Marvin sent emails requesting feedback from Council members. Have had discussion with Svoboda and received feedback from Eschliman. For the meeting can go two different ways. Can elongate at the front of the meeting, with discussion on redevelopment of the plan, having a PowerPoint presentation, with an announcement made that there would be a 45 minute window in which people will present. Or, move into Room 113 as a Pre-Council at 4:00 pm next week.

The pros of having in the Council Chambers would be more exposure to the community on the layout and redevelopment plan. The thoughts people have on meetings was addressed in Robin's email. Cook stated he would have it longer and thinks there is enormous community interest, with people paying close attention.

Camp said this will be different, using the word "project" is probably a misnomer, and the five minute rule is different, as it's not like the A, B, C company making presentation on what they want to do. We will be looking at PowerPoints, such as Morgan has been sharing. How long do we anticipate? Marvin believed three people were on board, and if in Room 113 the plan was to have three people present for approximately 40 minutes and then open up for questions for 20 minutes, after which the Pre-Council would be done. Marvin and Svoboda previously discussed if done in Chambers people wouldn't ask questions, but would have presenters and would try to hold to 30 to 40 minutes. Then would open up for discussion and after open the public hearing.

Owen added two of the three people are not City staff. Dr. Eric Thompson was one presenter, and previously did the feasibility study. Will probably see one internal staff member. Marvin added Dr. Thompson would speak to the economic impact and the other presenter would talk about the study on location and size, etc. Marvin stated given the Mayor stated he would put this to a people vote, at some point, this would be fine to have in Chambers.

Camp said however done it should be capitalized, having repeat performances on Channel 5 in order that people who are not part of the meeting have a scheduled time to view later. Could possibly say at 5:30 or 6:30 we will repeat on Channel 5 and then keep to a time. Camp added he didn't know how Council would keep to 30 minutes.

Marvin commented on the arena discussion opened up at Pershing, Gonzolas did a piece talking about the whole project. Cook added there have been programs before related to items, i.e. the Action Plan from the Urban Development Department, where they had a presentation and repeated many times on Channel 5. It was separate but informative and certainly possible. Could be prepared by CIC.

Camp agreed adding the need to think in terms of a rebroadcast format, but very important as it leads up to what could be significant expenditures. Want to give people an opportunity to watch at their leisure. And another item to discuss now is how late we think our meeting will last. He stated he had no idea on how much public weigh in there would be. Should Council agree to set deadlines not to meet past a certain time? Cook asked how long was the Planning public meeting? No one knew, but Marvin added when they did the blight it was not particularly long. Camp commented this may not be that long, remembering StarTran.

Marvin said in looking at first readings, nothing appears to require extra time. Svoboda added

they did StarTran without additional public hearing, action only, and doesn't remember a lot of discussion, other than among Council. Svoboda also didn't see anything in the First Readings requiring a lengthy time period. Marvin stated he would talk to the presenters about a 30 to 40 minute priority during the meeting, in the Council Chambers, and Council would not have a Pre-Council.

Cook asked if this meant there would not be a presentation at the time the item is on the agenda? Marvin said it would be then, they would wait until we get to that point. Cook thought possibly they would start at 5:45 pm or 6:00 pm, as there are claims listed against the City. Svoboda thought to have everything else done, on the resolution list, and we could end with this, other than a vote, and doesn't see a problem. Would prefer to do in the Chambers.

## **2. Lincoln/Omaha City Councils - Marvin**

The Meeting of the Lincoln and Omaha City Councils will be held November 1, 2007 at 1:30 pm, at the Haymarket Ballpark, with an arranged Omaha Council tour of the stadium after the meeting. The Chair of the Omaha Council suggested we have three to four topics. Now asking for any new ideas for agenda topics and if so submit to Marvin or Owen, with this being a joint agenda.

Camp said possibly to have input from the Omaha Council regarding the Quest Center since we are looking at an arena. He added perhaps an update, what works, etc. Also, heard talk of a sales tax free day, like Iowa does, and should talk about what we will lobby for in the legislature in the coming session. Marvin agreed, adding it would be a broader topic, maybe legislature lobbies.

Svoboda said concerning the I-80 corridor, do have the HTR Olson study going on now, to develop a comprehensive plan. Don't know if there would be anything as far as a presentation. Owen added she received an email from Nebraska City, stating interest on their part to participate, figuring there may be some overflow from issues which will affect their part of Nebraska. Svoboda answered this was created so what we could do between Lincoln and Omaha would be a model to be used anywhere in the State for a corridor, like the Tri-Center and Mid-State.

Camp asked if there were any federal mandates from localities that create some other tasks? As far as the infrastructure we have, anything else? Marvin said Omaha suggested two issues. One would be infrastructure, and the second issue was meeting contracts and negotiations. Camp said another thing from our standpoint is to share information on the Council staffing in Omaha. We keep going through this, and thinking of another budget session ahead.

## **Meeting with LPS/City/County - Marvin**

The Joint LPS/City/County meeting will be held October 30, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. Grammer will forward any agenda items submitted from this body. Camp said regarding this meeting, thinking of the members, need to discuss future of bond issues. Really need to start getting more concrete. With the arena being looked at by people we need it to be on the table and let it be known what entities realistically think. Marvin agreed it would be a very good topic, with the jail, arena listed, and will submit to Grammer.

**Common Meeting - Marvin**

The next Common Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 8:30 am, with Meyer coordinating the agenda. The one agenda item as of now is West Denton Road.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Cook</b>	No comment
<b>Spatz</b>	No comment
<b>Camp</b>	No comment
<b>Eschliman</b>	No comment
<b>Marvin</b>	No comment
<b>Svoboda</b>	No comment

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See list.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Marvin called for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am by acclamation.

Mary Meyer  
Clerk

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