

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of January 7, 2008.
2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of January 7, 2008.
3. Minutes from Council Retreat Meeting of December 14, 2007.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Marvin)
4. Board of Health Meeting - CANCELLED

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

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

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

**V. MISCELLANEOUS -**

1. Discussion - Agenda items for the Joint LPS/City/County Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Health Department in the Training Center.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -**

1. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Rally & March on Monday, January 21, 2008 - Pre-Rally-Ballroom University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Union - 9:00 a.m., Doors open; 9:30 a.m., Program; 10:00 a.m., 'Unifying March' Downtown Lincoln to Nebraska State Capitol; 10:30 a.m. to Noon/Rally Program-Nebraska State Capitol - (See Letter of Invitation and Agenda enclosed )

2. 2008 Governor's Arts Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at The Cornhusker Hotel in the main Ballroom - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at Noon, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Cost: Tickets \$25/each - RSVP by Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - (See Invitation)
3. Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Inaugural Annual Meeting & Dinner on Thursday, January 31, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 840 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street - RSVP to Deb Butler at 441-2407 - (See Invitation)
4. Invite from Mayor Beutler to attend a public update on the work of the West Haymarket Action Team (WHAT) on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room - (See Letter of Invitation)

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY COUNCIL “NOON” MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008  
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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

**Others Present:** Dana Roper, City Attorney; Denise Pearce, Aide to the Mayor; Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor; André Mick, LIBA, Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star; Mary Meyer, Staff; and other interested parties.

Nebraska Open Meetings Act posted in Room 113.

Chairman Marvin opened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Chairman Marvin called for approval of above minutes. With no corrections or discussion, minutes approved by acclamation. Marvin scheduled a meeting for Councilman Spatz and himself regarding minutes.

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

**1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)**

Camp stated discussion was on naming the Court House Plaza. The Public Defender had stated there may be confusion on calling the building Court House Plaza, with the Hall of Justice close and many citizens call it the Court House. To broaden had dialogue on selling naming rights, naming for famous people, or endowments. Not sure of any financial benefit and some members concerned with commercial names. An example is UNL with buildings named for people who endowed. Possibly look at a City/County/PBC policy on leveraging the private sector.

The PBC received request for cell phone pickups for an LPS non-profit project, which was decided against as the Victim Witness Program has drop off spots for cell phones and felt it might be a conflict. Then, short discussion on modifications and alterations on building.

**2. Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)**

Cook reported the Board discussed land surplus. Asked the Parks naming policy be provided to the Building Commission. Members discussed continued programs, services, and prioritization, as anticipating budget restraints. The Parks Board rated their decisions on what is of community importance, to what level the City should support certain priorities, and how the Parks Department is involved. People rank for different reasons; individual cost of services, what might be done by the private sector, with feedback to the Mayor for budget prioritization to attain outcomes wanted.

Camp asked how much is currently in the Parks and Rec Foundation. Would like to discuss for the future how to encourage the private sector to step forward with endowments, and consider

where to obtain matching funds if requested. Without a policy it allows citizens, or groups, to tell us our priorities, unless we do not accept. The Foundation could be elevated in the public mind, encouraging more endowments. Possibly a program to leverage as the University does with their foundation, having contributions, which doesn't throw our City budget out of line. A difficult challenge especially with no surplus monies. Cook will acquire a report on the Foundation and what they donated to in recent years. The Parks Board position has been the Foundation and private funds raised go to specific projects, not daily operations. Camp suggested Council set aside time to brainstorm to look at the vision. This is tied somewhat into the budget, what mechanisms to put in place to encourage people but giving ourselves latitude.

### **3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Marvin)**

Marvin reported they discussed affirmative action, and Mayor Beutler gave proposals to deal with an Affirmative Action officer. For a time Williams will transition into the program, with the office having money to permanently hire for half-time. Pearce stated the Outreach Coordinator works with Williams, on a volunteer basis. Marvin added they had conversation regarding dealing with elevated levels of crime in the north, south, and Everett area. Concern heard if encouraging into rehabilitation, etc. the economic makeup of the particular area may displace people.

Discussion on by-laws. May change some by-laws, although by procedures if we introduce a change have to vote on change the following meeting. Will consider a change to the by-laws for removal of people who do not attend meetings. Also, a MAC appointment is on formal Council agenda today.

### **4. Board of Health Meeting - Meeting Cancelled.**

## **OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

### **III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Pearce had no new appointments, or reappointments. Two items coming, one being the Citizens Police Advisory Board worked on an ordinance change, with the First Reading on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and someone from the Board and the Police Department contact will testify. Basically changes the jurisdiction. The Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council will have an ordinance change, a resolution on the 28<sup>th</sup> agenda. A by-law change, followed by Council approval, to get rid of term limits for this Board.

For the Audit Advisory Board the Mayor has two of his three choices. He will appoint Mike Justice, a CPA who works for UNL, satisfying the ordinance requirement. Number two is Chuck Palleson, an attorney, and now working on number three.

Eschliman asked on candidates who didn't fill out applications, did the names come from the Council or Mayor? Pearce replied both. Eschliman thought three filled out applications and four did not. Pearce will contact the individuals before decisions would be made. Marvin has two names. Trying to contact one with the other individual not thinking appropriate for too many University individuals to be on the same board and submitted three additional names of whom he felt would be good candidates. Another person submitted is connected with Wesleyan.

Camp asked on requirements if we ask for one CPA or more? Pearce replied with the Mayor's and Council choices one of the three has to hold an active CPA license, Certified Internal Auditor, or experience showing such knowledge in the area of conducting performance audit. Camp added

it doesn't mean we couldn't appoint several. Eschliman suggested to submit all names by the first Tuesday in February. Pearce will take the names, obtain contact information, and ask them to complete an application form.

Pearce stated the first set of appointments have to be staggered. One for one year, one for two, and one for three years. Camp thought with three year terms would ask the one year people to take on a four year commitment. Are there maximum term limits? Pearce replied three terms, or nine years. Camp asked if we have anyone with banking background, and asked if they should solicit people with other backgrounds, i.e., insurance industry, for talents?

Camp stated the LES Board is on today's agenda. Trying to set a consistent process, and thinking we could wait on Mr. Evans as he is a reappointment. Svoboda added reappointments are different than first time appointments, and don't know if they would have to attend. We should know them, and their voting record. For new appointments it is important, and should work on a series of questions for all applicants we look at nominating. Would have a better idea of the person and their philosophies on City government. For all applicants there would be questions, some pertinent to the Board they look to serve on, and others more generic. Hoppe asked if we could have a phased approach if talking about larger boards but then decide whether the effort involved generates the outcome? Worried on the tracking. Pearce added the Health Department does have questions for the Board of Health. Svoboda said his goal is looking for Board members who truly have a commitment. We see boards who barely make their quorum on a monthly basis. We want true leadership and commitment for the terms served.

Camp wants new appointments to appear, and encourages appearance of reappointments, similar to alcohol. Benefits are highlighting that we have the entity which citizens appreciate, it encourages others to participate, plus giving recognition to Board members. On major boards encourage reappointments to come with possible reflections of their previous term. Pearce thought Council identified major boards as LES and the Planning Commission. Camp added the Board of Health. Marvin disagrees somewhat but goes with Council majority on appearances. Camp thought to change the agenda so they could appear with liquor, and not sitting through the meeting. Agreement voiced, with discussion for regular practice.

#### **IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR**

Hoppe gave brief follow up to the Mayor's budget. May try a more out-based budget, a citizens survey. Looking for firms having experience in this type of survey with Nebraska ties. Will send information to firms for correspondence on their experience, then have the firms send out citizen surveys, not only soliciting information about what is liked/disliked but to receive thoughts and feelings on what they want to see government accomplish in the context of everything done. With budget hearings most citizens focus on a small budget piece, and we think this would be helpful to the establishments of outcomes and price of government. Not far along, putting specs together, will contact firms and see what experiences are available and if this is a worthwhile endeavor.

Eschliman asked if on a local level we'll have a chart, illustrating national, state, city, and our track record? Hoppe replied we have percent of personal income, with the difficulty being what to, and what not to, include. Some jurisdictions have schools, some have control of utilities, difficult to pin down. But believe people are aware of why they pay property taxes and fees, and feel it may be an appropriate topic for the survey. What citizens are interested in paying for government and what they receive. Eschliman added most jurisdictions did not include schools and thought to have the City and County, not necessarily with the schools, or could show

separately. Hoppe stated the percentage of personal income in Lancaster County for the City's portion has fallen from a high of approximately 1.7 to about 1.4.

## **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **1. Agenda items for the Joint LPS/City/County Meeting**

Scheduled for Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Health Department Training Center. Meyer stated there is one agenda item, the update on Alvo Road, with LPS having no agenda items. Svoboda thought Alvo Road will be ongoing until constructed, and if the only item may want to wait on the meeting. Camp agreed saying to cancel this month's meeting. Marvin asked members if they wished to cancel the January meeting with agreement to postpone until February.

## **VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council members had no additional comments.

## **VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Marvin called for adjournment. Adjournment by acclamation of Council Members at 12:05 pm.

Mary Meyer  
Clerk