AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008
(Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

*1. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of January 14, 2008.

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

*1. DEC Board of Directors Meeting (Svoboda)
2. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting (Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion of Liquor Resolution Agenda items. (Requested by Ken Svoboda)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. 2008 Nebraska Leadership Prayer Breakfast on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel - 6:30 a.m., Doors open; 7:00 a.m., Breakfast - Tickets $20/each - Please RSVP - (See Invitation)

2. Friendship Home’s 8th Annual Donor Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at Embassy Suites from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Cost: $30/each - RSVP by Feb. 4th to Bre at 434-0169 or email - (See Invitation)
3. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce “Business After Hours” on Thursday, February 28, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Cornhusker Bank, 6100 Apples Way (63rd & Highway 2) - Cost to attend: $10/person - RSVP by Feb. 26th - (See E-Mail Invitation).

4. Richard Louv:-Addressing the Human Connection to Nature on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th & “R” Streets - event is free - RSVP, Advanced tickets are required, for tickets call 800-432-3231 - Additionally-Invited to Luncheon (free) by invitation only; Luncheon with Mr. Louv on Feb. 19th at 12:00 p.m. Noon - RSVP - (See E-Mail Invitation)

5. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings: - Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
   A.) Panera Bread Café, 2940 Pine Lake Road-SouthPointe on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.
   B.) Panera Bread Café, 201 N. 66th Street-Gateway on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.
   C.) Hy-Vee, 84th Street on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
   D.) Grand Manse, 129 N. 10th Street on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

6. Updowntowners-Downtown Forum Luncheon on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites, Regents A - $20/person - RSVP by Feb. 22nd with payment - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM JANUARY 21, 2008.
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City Council Members Present: Dan Marvin, Chair, Robin Eschliman, Vice-Chair, Jon Camp, John Spatz and Ken Svoboda.

City Council Members Absent: Jonathan Cook and Doug Emery

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Administrative Aide to the Mayor
Denise Pearce, Administrative Aide to the Mayor
Trish Owen, Administrative Aide to the Mayor
Dana Roper, City Attorney
Joan Ross, City Clerk
Russ Fosler, Liquor & Vice Investigator

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act posted on the rear wall of Room 113.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Marvin at 11:26 a.m.

I. MINUTES
*1. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of January 14, 2008.
Chairman Marvin called for approval of above minutes. With no corrections or discussion minutes approved by acclamation.

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

*1. DEC Board of Directors Meeting - Svoboda (Attachment A)
Svoboda reported on election of officers, energy use and various projects. One project included is the loop around the City-County Building to be completed in April.

The District Energy Corporation was selected as the energy provider for the new jail.

On the West Haymarket Project it appears DEC would require one complete city block for its plant, possibly sharing with number of University facilities.

Explanation of District Energy Corporation. (Attachment A)

2. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting - Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda
Merged under Miscellaneous: Liquor Resolution Agenda items discussion.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS

Eschliman gave report update from LPED on quarterly slowdown but stated job opportunities remain at previous level.
Marvin reported on meeting in Senator Nelson’s office regarding expansion of the INS Office Building, with added employment opportunities.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Denise Pearce (Attachment B)
Pearce reported on the CPAB (Citizen Police Advisory Board) ordinance change. Handed out Boards and Commissions Information (Attachment B).

Pearce reported on Audit Committee, the applicants who would accept position and the ones who would not because of other obligations. Blome is only applicant meeting the requirement of being an active CPA, or a certified internal auditor. Discussion of Council selections.

**Motion:**

Discussion of government and private individuals submitted for boards. Pearce stated with some Boards the city ordinance require a City employee to serve.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
Hoppe stated he will set appointment with Council Chair to discuss budget outcomes.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Discussion of Liquor Resolution Agenda Items  Requested by Ken Svoboda**
Svoboda stated we may eliminate individuals sitting through meetings, who are not asked questions. May be able to do more administratively with flagged individuals brought forward.

Fosler gave overview of reasons individuals are flagged. Ross thought there may be the need for a resolution to set out changes, and will bring before Council. Fosler believes this would eliminate half the people coming to Council on a yearly basis.

Marvin thought to grandfather in people who have presented and are in compliance with RHC (Responsible Hospitality Committee) completion. Roper added there is not much ability to hold up, as it is set in State Statutes and we comply. We need to agree, disagree, or request special language in licenses issued by the State.

2. **Pre-Council**
Pre-Council, next week, with Landis giving an update on design restrictions which may be in place in the Antelope Valley area, at 10:30 am to 11:00 am.

3. **Minute Writing**
Marvin thought to economize City minutes. Will discuss with County regarding the City-County Common minutes. To be included in minutes are voting, time, place, members attending. Will explore technology options with IS, and then can utilize staff in other Council duties.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Ken Svoboda** Stated Marvin and Herz spoke before the Legislative Committee on LB 813.
Should we look at policy on Council members speaking before a Legislative Committee if implied the entire Council, or the majority, are in favor of a bill? Pearce added Marvin testified as acting Mayor of the City of Lincoln. Svoboda stated we want to make sure to identify what our policy is and unless voted that a City Council member is representing the City Council it would be recognized you’re there as a private individual.

Robin Eschliman asked Roper to speak on Advanced Acquisition and the Tax Revolving Fund. Roper gave explanation of sale of land with the sale money going into Advanced Acquisition, a charter created fund. All monies in Advanced Acquisition go to the purchase of real estate. Also created by Council resolution is a fund to help buy properties at tax sales for less than value of outstanding waives and taxes and would be a subsidiary of Advanced Acquisition. The monies left over go to Advanced Acquisition to be used for purchase of real estate. Eschliman asked if there were other owners, besides the City, of Centennial Mall? Roper was not aware of any. Eschliman thought to use the Land Acquisition Fund to buy and they could give the money back. Marvin questioned Landis using Land Acquisition money. Roper replied he is intending to buy the land on which a marker sits.

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:08 pm.

Mary Meyer
Clerk
DEC Energy –

Efficiency in Government

An excellent example of efficiency in government can be found in the District Energy Corporation (DEC Energy), which provides innovative, efficient and low-cost utility services to facilities owned by the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the State of Nebraska.

Uniquely, DEC Energy streamlines jurisdictions of the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County into a single, non-profit organization whose combined powers enable it to provide efficient and reliable energy services at some of the lowest costs in the nation.
Background and Mission

In 1989, the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County formed the District Energy Corporation under the State of Nebraska’s Interlocal Corporation Act, which allows governmental entities to form non-profit corporations for the benefit of the citizens they serve. There are many advantages of an Interlocal Corporation. They include the ability to obtain tax-exempt financing for energy projects, joint planning and the coordinated use of energy infrastructure and resources by participants and customers.

DEC Energy’s mission is to provide low-cost, reliable and efficient thermal energy services. Initially, these services were provided to the County-City Building and the Lancaster County Jail. Today, the scope of DEC Energy’s operation has expanded to include the Nebraska State Capitol, the Nebraska State Office Building, the Nebraska Governor’s Mansion, the Hall of Justice Building, the Court House Plaza Building, the 900 J Building and the K Street Records storage facility. In all, DEC Energy’s system serves close to 1.5 million square feet.

Importantly, the reliable and efficient infrastructure and resources provided by DEC Energy today can help foster economic development of the greater Lincoln area tomorrow by providing efficient, low-cost thermal services to even more qualifying participants.
Advantages of District Heating and Cooling

District heating and cooling benefits building owners, developers and the community.

A Better Environment, Reduced Risk

- On-site fossil fuel combustion and its related air emissions are reduced.
- The use of non-renewable fuels is reduced.
- Ozone-depleting CFC emissions are eliminated, reducing the burden and risk to individual building owners of complying with mandated CFC regulations.
- Indoor air quality and temperature controls are improved.

Efficient Use of Resources

- Operators at DEC Energy's central plants use state-of-the-art control systems to monitor efficiencies 24 hours a day, enabling use of demand-side electricity management.
- Heating and cooling are available without switching major equipment on and off to handle daily and seasonal load variations.
- Customers only use the amount of heating and cooling energy they actually need, eliminating waste.
- Peak electricity demand is reduced.
- System efficiency is improved.
Reliability
- High-quality production, distribution and control equipment is used at the central plant.
- Professional staff manages operations.
- Space heating and cooling is uniform.
- Customers are assured of building comfort.
- The city's downtown infrastructure is enhanced.

Cost-Effectiveness
- The need for on-site chillers is eliminated, reducing energy demand and use while increasing usable building space.
- Capital costs for installation of on-site chillers and cooling towers are eliminated, making the capital available for other uses.
- Maintenance, operating and labor costs are lowered.

Visually Pleasing
- By eliminating cooling towers, architects have more rooftop design freedom and buildings can be more architecturally pleasing.
- With fewer cooling towers on rooftops, the city's skyline is improved.
Financing

DEC Energy provides low-cost financing for HVAC-related ground coupled heat pump loop fields for buildings owned and used by public agencies. Financing is available, with contract terms that range from a minimum of five years to a maximum of 20 years. For more information on this program, contact the corporation’s Management Contractor at 473-3395.

DEC Board & Management

The DEC is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Lancaster County Board, Lincoln City Council, Mayor of Lincoln and the Lincoln Electric System (LES) Administrative Board. DEC Energy has contracted with LES to provide management services. These services include technical, accounting, administrative, operations and general corporation functions.

The Board of Directors consists of five members: two are appointed by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners; two are appointed by the Mayor of the City and confirmed by the Lincoln City Council; and one is appointed by LES. These members serve two-year terms and are eligible for reappointment.
Facilities

DEC Energy meets the heating and cooling needs of its customers with a district heating and cooling system. It includes two facilities: a thermal energy plant located at 14th and K streets in downtown Lincoln, Neb., and a second thermal plant at 9th and K streets in Lincoln. Thermal energy produced at these central plants is distributed to customers through an underground network of insulated pipes.

14th and K Street Plant
This $3.6 million facility became operational in the winter of 1999. It uses gas-fired boilers to produce high-pressure steam that heats the Nebraska State Office Building, State Capitol Building and Governor's Mansion.

9th and K Street Plant
Commissioned in June 1991, this $3.3 million facility uses a combination of ground source heat pumps, gas- and oil-fired boilers and thermal ice storage to meet customers' heating and cooling needs.

These systems use 30-50 percent less energy than the conventional systems that are traditionally installed in buildings today.
2007 DEC Energy Board of Directors

Board Member       Representing

Bernie Heier       Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
Larry Hudkins      Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
Steve Masters      City of Lincoln
Ken Svoboda        Lincoln City Council
Ken Ward           Lincoln Electric System
DEC Energy's Future

DEC Energy is attracting interest. Growing numbers of energy consumers are working with the organization's board and management staff to see if they, too, can benefit from the efficiencies, economies and benefits provided by district heating and cooling. If you would like to learn how you might benefit, contact DEC Energy's management group at LES today.
Memo

To: City Council Members

From: Denise Pearce
      Aide to Mayor Beutler

Date: January 9, 2008

Re: Boards and Commissions Information

As requested, the City's Master Board List is attached.

I have also attached the applications of the following individuals who have indicated an interest in the Audit Advisory Board: Todd Blome, Steve Bowen and Gregory L. Osborn.

Some of you have contacted me regarding additional names - David Roehr, David Lechner, Charles Hoskins and Deon Roeber. We do not yet have applications from these folks.