

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of May 5, 2008.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of May 5, 2008.

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

- *1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
- 2. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
- 3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Marvin)
- 4. Board of Health Meeting (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. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:
 - Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
 - A.) Community Service Fund, 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 509 on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. (Note: Date Change)
 - B.) City of Hickman, Public Works Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion, 5701 Hickman Road & East of S. Hwy. 77 & Hickman Road Intersection on Friday, June 20, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
 - C.) Z-Wireless/Verizon Premium Retailer, 5505 "O" Street on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

2. Child Guidance Center-Community Appreciation Party-Open House on Friday, May 30, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 2444 "O" Street - (See Invitation)
3. Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association, 58th Annual Spring Party on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at The Isles Reception Hall, 6232 Havelock Avenue (north side) - 5:30 p.m., Social Hour - 6:30 p.m., Buffet Dinner - RSVP by June 9th to Karen at 475-8360 - (See Invitation)
4. 2008 Lincoln & Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Luncheon on Thursday, June 5, 2008 from Noon to 1:30 p.m at the Nebraska Champions Club, 707 Stadium Drive - RSVP by May 30th - (See Invitation)
5. Lincoln Housing Authority - Open House and celebration of the construction of 2979 Dudley Street build by students from Lincoln Northeast High School on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - A Special Program will be held at 5:00 p.m. - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM MAY 12, 2008.**

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL NOON MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008**

Members Present: Dan Marvin, Chair
Robin Eschliman, Vice Chair
Jonathan Cook
Doug Emery
John Spatz
Ken Svoboda

Members Absent: Jon Camp

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Administrative Aide to the Mayor
Denise Pearce, Administrative Aide to the Mayor
Trish Owen, Administrative Aide to the Mayor

The location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act announced. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marvin at 11:23 a.m.

I. MINUTES

*1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of May 5, 2008.

*2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of May 5, 2008.

Chairman Marvin stated with no discussion or corrections the above minutes are approved.

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

***1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Cook**

Cook stated the meeting consisted mainly of budget discussion, the constraints, what cuts will be enforced this year, and what services will be available.

Eschliman questioned bids to non-profit organizations. Hoppe replied not necessarily bids, but working out a relationship for services. Emery commented if a non-profit doesn't come forward services may be cut. Discussion on redefining our relationship with non-profits, providing financial help for them to be the lead agency at schools/programs.

Marvin understood the City's current amount would be granted to the agencies to keep the activities/programs operational. Hoppe replied this amount is one portion but we face other expenses to comply with the State re-certification in child care regulations. Not just the current cost, but escalation of costs in the future.

2. Public Building Commission Meeting Camp/Cook

Cook reported discussion was on Hall of Justice space issues. With information regarding plans for having a One Stop Development Center some departments at 555 S. 10th may move, possibly to third floor. One change is the City Attorney's willingness to move to 555 S. 10th being comfortable with a security presence without the expense of a screening section. The move would create courtroom space at the HOJ, with the County Attorney's office retaining their current space.

The PBC decided on a new mail room provider. Eschliman asked for a jail update. Cook replied the jail was not discussed partly because they didn't know if the bond would pass.

The PBC will replace the "roof" under the granite slabs around the Hall of Justice, consisting of roofing material, spacers, with the granite sitting on top.

Working on parking rules. The Public Building Commission does not set rules stating where employees can and can't park. A rule has to be set as some City employees sometimes take public space, as it's closer, with the police being unable to ticket.

3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting Marvin

Marvin and Pearce were unable to attend.

4. Board of Health Meeting Svoboda

Svoboda stated air pollution discussed regarding control regulations and standards. The main State users of Lincoln being the University, Kawasaki, those types of operations. Cook asked if any controversy? Svoboda replied it went through the Air Pollution Advisory Committee with no problems. Now meeting State and Federal requirements.

A larger issue was access to the Medicaid program administered by the State. We are the subcontractor with the State, with four subcontractors, including Sarpy and Douglas Counties.

Svoboda stated the HHS director gave direction to have this program under budget, with the \$3.4 million received yearly, and divided to include subcontractors, now being \$800,000. The Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department responded with only \$800,000 will not be doing public health, and this amount only affords a call center. Discussing with Joan Anderson, Lancaster County Medical Society, who is considering setting up a call center. Would be for predetermined Medicaid patients to find the allowed plan, with a referral of local doctors, and the \$800,000 covering the current four subcontractors. We provided a case/care management system, an outstanding service for \$3.4 million. Another problem is 11-12 FTE's being rifted.

Discussion on who utilized the services, and our program being actual health care management. Now users will hear options and have a list of referred doctors. Served approximately 75,000 people within three counties. Hoppe added the Health Department did write to HHS offering choices to help with costs. Svoboda commented some Medicaid patients will flounder and we'll see how this system works, but Lincoln made the decision based on the fact we're a public health agency, not a call center.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Pearce handed out Boards and Commissions Update. (Attachment A) She announced James Partington is up for a hearing and vote on June 9th for the Planning Commission.

The Audit Advisory Board passed, by resolution, to consider department budgets. Marvin added Council has to pass a resolution asking for departments to be looked at. Eschliman asked if the Mayor had requests.

Marvin commented to possibly look at combining the inspections on mowing, snow scooping, weed height, graffiti, etc., if not technical in nature, into one person, being more efficient.

Svoboda stated this could be put out to bid on certain types of inspection. Marvin also thought to look at issues on fines and fees.

Eschliman stated having no JBC over the Health Department should an internal auditor look at, or do we need an oversight structure? Hoppe said the JBC essentially exists to fund non-profit services, Health has Community Health Endowments. Eschliman asked about having an internal audit committee work on the CIP? Svoboda commented he envisions auditors looking for efficiencies, proper placement of dollars, allocating resources adequately. Some projects, like Antelope Valley, could be looked at to see if money is allocated appropriately. Pearce added the committee has a very broad assessment and envisions performance, managerial, financial audits.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emery Questions have arisen regarding the RTSD quiet zones? Svoboda thought progress would start approximately in June, and is a lengthy process with the railroads and the Service Transportation Board involved. The Cornhusker location would be first. Cook asked about 14th and Yankee Hill, and the Salt Creek area? Svoboda said they are being considered with discussion of closing two, because of State recommendations. Did submit a letter saying one or the other, not both. Hoping to have all done this year. Marvin added anytime track work is done within a certain number of feet, a railroad person has to be on site, requiring organizing days with this person. Emery stated meeting minutes should reflect it is an on going process.

Svoboda No comments

Cook No comments

Spatz No comments

Eschliman Passed out recommendations from Council on the Weed Ordinance. (Attachment B) Also, she may have a conflict of interest with the building at 12th and P Streets. Will step out of the room when voting.

Marvin No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Marvin adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

MEMO

TO: City Council

FROM: Denise Pearce
Aide to the Mayor

DATE: May 19, 2008

RE: Boards and Commissions Update

COUNCIL VOTE on May 19, 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Comments/Term Expiration</u>
Michelle Penn	Urban Design Committee	New/2.1.11

COUNCIL VOTE on June 2, 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Comments/Term Expiration</u>
Georgia Glass	Lincoln Housing Authority Bd.	New/7.1.08 (replacing Kent Thompson)
Robert Ripley	Historic Preservation Comm.	Reappt./4.15.11
Bruce Helwig	Historic Preservation Comm.	Reappt./4.15.11
Rodrigo Cantarero	Lincoln-Lancaster BOH	Reappt./4.15.11
Ken Svoboda	Lincoln-Lancaster BOH	Reappt./4.15.09
Dan. G. Petersen	Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council	New/11.1.10
John Faz	Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council	New/11.1.09 (replacing C.M. "Beech" Dale)

COUNCIL VOTE on June 9, 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Comments/Term Expiration</u>
James W. Partington	Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission	New/9.24.13 (replacing Robert Moline)

By Executive Order

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Comments/Term Expiration</u>
Barbara Fraser	Pedestrian/Bicycle Adv. Comm.	New/9.1.09 (replacing Christina Perry)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL ON THE WEED ORDINANCE

The Council has heard the following suggestions and requests that the following ideas be explored to see if they can be implemented in order to better streamline the process involving 6" or higher weeds. The Council requests an update in November of 2008 with an evaluation from staff as to whether the streamlining process is producing good results.

1. Maintain as first priority the removal of noxious weeds that present a health hazard.
2. Maintain as second priority weeds that have been called in by the public.
3. Implement a postcard system to be sent out the same day complaints are received, written in user-friendly language and with a disclaimer in case the notice is sent in error.
4. When site visits are made, implement door hangers on building structures in case the occupant and owner are two different parties.
5. Explore the possibility of increased fines, particularly for repeat offenders
6. Encourage neighborhoods to report on-line and if needed, modify the on-line system to include photographs.
7. For the 2008-2009 budget, explore the possibility of consolidating weed inspections with snow removal and graffiti inspections, using volunteers, seasonal, and part-time workers. Further exploration into a consistent inspection and notification system for all three items.