

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of June 9, 2008.
2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of June 9, 2008.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Labor Negotiations - June 9, 2008.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
3. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Eschliman)
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. Express Employment Professionals event-Generations Lunch on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at West Gate Bank, 6003 Old Cheney Road, Lower Level, Community Room - RSVP to 420-5800 or by email - (See Invitation)

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL NOON MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008**

**Present:** Robin Eschliman, Chair  
Doug Emery, Vice Chair (11:22 a.m.)  
Jon Camp  
Jonathan Cook  
John Spatz  
Ken Svoboda  
Dan Marvin

**Others Present:** Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor  
Denise Pearce, Aide to the Mayor

Location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act announced.

Chair Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of June 9, 2008.
  2. Minutes from City Council Noon Meeting of June 9, 2008.
  3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes. Executive Session; Labor Negotiations June 9, 2008.
- With no corrections the above minutes were approved by acclamation.

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

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

Camp stated the PBC will be changing mail room contracts, July 1<sup>st</sup>, to Mail Sort Professionals. John McQuinn, Law, attended to discuss parking lot concerns, and they also approved general vouchers. Resolution 29, governing use of common areas, was expanded to all buildings operated by the Public Building Commission.

The Main Street cafeteria will close at the end of July. They didn't feel there was enough employee patronage and submitted a request to the PBC asking for a subsidy. PBC members are discussing vending machines, etc., and the inquiry of another party.

Corrections Facility Discussion

Camp stated there was general discussion on the corrections facility financing discussed at the Commons Meeting. Three of the six options involve the PBC. No action taken but if the PBC takes action should this body give thought to taxpayer value with City participation?

Marvin asked if a PBC member weighs the issue of need versus various financing? Cook added the PBC would be a financing facilitator. A County responsibility to operate, but we want to make sure the City is protected.

Discussion on sending information on the Council's position, letting the PBC know there would be an official vote of the Council. Camp stated he's troubled by the jail project, sensing a community concern about \$65 million, and not discussing renovating the County jail. Is it a foregone conclusion

or do we have an official statement on how we feel? Emery commented the Council is a secondary player. The County has three other finance options and our responsibility is to give taxpayers every benefit we possibly can.

Eschliman stated with the vote was hard to tell if taxpayers had an amortization opinion. Marvin said his interest is in the overall taxing rate, and aware the PBC could lower the cost. With the City paying the County \$1.5 million yearly, why not use for debt service instead of for operating? The County Board has stated if they consolidate buildings it will be cheaper to operate. Our daily rate is based on operating costs experience. If their estimate is wrong our operating costs could go higher. Want the City to be protected but beyond operating costs should we weigh into the issue of facility need knowing the County has looked into this for years, and if so, to what degree?

Discussion on submitting Council questions. Svoboda asked if possible to draft a resolution of support to tell our PBC members, Camp and Cook, how we feel on proceeding? Could have a public hearing, and we would have a resolution of support, or denial, up front. He added we could have a resolution for public hearing as early as the 7<sup>th</sup>, giving direction to City Council's PBC members. Would create a public process and paper trail for our support, or not. Emery stated when drafting a resolution not to have so broad that people weigh in on whether we should or should not have the jail. Eschliman added possibly draft in favor of financing options, letting the public know we're trying to decide the length of an amortization period.

Svoboda thought to protect Council PBC representatives think there should be a process to give them formal direction. With the \$65 million, are we involved, or not? He thought to possibly have a pre-council.

#### Other PBC Items:

Camp stated another item was the Military and 10<sup>th</sup> facility where large equipment is stored. Killeen has a year to look for alternative sites.

Cook said the PBC is planning Court Room space. The present City Attorney would move to 555 S.10<sup>th</sup>, and their space at 575 S.10<sup>th</sup> would become the Juvenile Court. Also, the Mayor wants a one-stop development center on the second floor, possibly moving some offices from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Camp added we should analyze what we need in the center, and thinks there is a huge cost involved.

Cook added Urban Development could move into this building. As far as the one-stop shop is there value in having the City development section in one place, or is all right, and to save money, not develop the center and have people go to more places? There has been interest in a one-stop center, and now have the possibility because of the space on third floor. Hoppe stated he had planned to ask Council about scheduling a July meeting, having Mike Lang come and make the presentation. The Mayor feels strongly that a development service center is key to cutting red tape, in moving the development process faster, and that it will have a significant community economic impact. Marvin asked if the one-stop shop came out of the Zucker Report? Hoppe said it had influence.

## **2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Cook**

Cook stated they're waiting for the budget. Discussed Youth Recreation Programs and trying to cut some standards hoping the State will approve for after school, and other programs, to cover costs. And trying to spin some recreation programs, and others, to the private sector, the non-profit sector.

### **3. Joint Budget Committee Meeting Emery/Eschliman**

Eschliman stated due to the United Way reforming their philosophy we are going through all agencies, one by one, and determining whether they fit the mission, etc. Emery stated the ultimate bottom line is that we'll come in just about the same place we were a year ago. The County will increase and the City will stay about the same.

### **4. Board of Health Meeting Svoboda**

Svoboda commented the meeting was mostly filled with presentations and reports. No action taken which would come before the Council. The only note would be that Deb Humphrey, a Board Member, has resigned for personal reasons, and we will be replacing her. At this point in time the Health Department is suggesting we may consider putting somebody in her position who would have animal control background for experience.

## **OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

### **III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS (Attachment A)**

Pearce distributed Boards and Commissions Update. She stated on EMS, Inc. there are three appointments. Legislation says Lancaster County Medical Society submits one or two names, and the Mayor picks one. Pearce stated Amrita Mahapatra, MAC, had resigned due to personal reasons a few months ago, and now has asked to be reappointed. Her spot has not been filled.

Camp stated he should recognize the name of Rod Hutt. Hoppe replied he's the former fire chief of Grant, Ne, worked with the state department of transportation for a number of years.

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

Eschliman asked if there was a date for the presentation? Hoppe thought July 7<sup>th</sup> was not a good date with the release of the budget, but thinking the 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, depending upon Lang's availability.

Hoppe added he believes the Budget Office has emailed every the budget schedule and to contact the Mayor's office is there are problems. Eschliman replied Council sent word to Sherry Wolf that the schedule was fine, after Wolf changed one department time and date.

### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Cook Judge Hendry was not aware we have had the City Attorney at our noon meetings, and asking if Council thinks a value to have the City Attorney attend, or not. Judge Hendry would be happy to attend. Marvin stated Council rarely asked Roper questions. Svoboda's opinion is that when Council meets as a formal body, even at an informal meeting, that we have the Law Department present. There were times Roper stopped discussion because of an opinion and he thinks it's better to have someone with that understanding. Eschliman asked for show of hands, with majority for Law to attend. Hoppe will notify him of decision.

Camp Asked about the KFOR programs? In looking at the scheduled dates have conflict on times. Eschliman thought the scheduled person of the week could let KFOR know they can or can't attend. Emery asked if anyone checked to see if still in progress? They have a new show in the afternoon and we need to see if we're still logged in. Camp added he would call to find out. Also, Camp introduced a student

from Wesleyan who will shadow him.  
Svoboda No comments.  
Emery No comments.  
Spatz No comments.  
Eschliman No comments.

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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MEMO

TO: City Council  
FROM: Denise Pearce  
Aide to the Mayor  
DATE: June 16, 2008  
RE: Boards and Commissions Update

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COUNCIL VOTE on July 7, 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Comments/Term Expiration</u>
Dr. John S. Bonta	EMS Board	Reappt./3.28.11
Dr. Ameeta Martin	EMS Board	Reappt./3.28.11
Rod Hutt	EMS Board	New/3.28.11
Amrita Mahapatra	Multicultural Advisory Comm.	9.18.08