AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008
(Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

**2. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of July 14, 2008.

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

***1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
***2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Eschliman) - CANCELLED - Rescheduled to August 22nd.
3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
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. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Business Luncheon on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel in the Ballroom - Please RSVP by Aug. 13th to Jaime Henning at 436-2366 - (See E-Mail Invitation)

2. Lincoln Parks & Recreation - Please join us for a Presentation on The History of Lincoln’s Malone Neighborhood on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at the Clyde Malone Community Center, 2032 “U” Street - 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Reminisce with us - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Keynote Presentation - 441-7847 - (See Invitation)

3. Present by Nebraska Children & Families Foundation and Christian Heritage invite you to participate in a Leadership Summit on Fatherhood on Friday, September 5, 2008 - 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Summit - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Lunch - at Embassy Suites, Alumni Room, 1040 “P” Street - RSVP by Sept. 2nd to Janet at 421-5437 or by email which parts of the Summit you plan on attending - (See Invitation)

4. 10th Annual Better Business Bureau Integrity Awards 2008 Luncheon on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Grand Ballroom - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Cost: $40/person - RSVP with payment by Aug. 22nd - (See Invitation)

5. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce “Savor the Star City” Business After Hours on Thursday, August 28, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Ballroom - Cost: $10/person - RSVP to Jaime Henning - (See Invitation)

6. Retirement Party! - Come help Charlie Wilcox and Dick McBride celebrate a combined 70+ Years of Service to the City - Open House - coffee & rolls on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Engineering Services, Training Room, 531 Westgate Blvd., Suite 100 - (See Invitation)

7. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings: - Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail:
   A.) Kidwell, 3333 Folkways Drive on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.
   B.) Sunny’s Boutique, 1033 “O” Street, Suite 112 on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
8. Mayor Chris Beutler invites you to join him as he hosts the Mayors’ Institute on City Design (MICD) - West Haymarket Design Presentations on Tuesday, August 19, and Wednesday, August 20, 2008, as part of the MICD’s “Alumni Technical Assistance Program”. August 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Station; and August 20th at 1:00 p.m., at the City/County Building in the Council Chambers, 1st floor - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM JULY 28, 2008.
**HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 4, 2008.
***HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 11, 2008.
Present: Doug Emery, Vice-Chair
Jon Camp
Ken Svoboda
Dan Marvin

Absent: Robin Eschliman, Chair
Jonathan Cook
John Spatz

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

Vice-Chair Emery opened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act announced.

I. MINUTES
**2. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of July 14, 2008.
*****5. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session; Labor Negotiations - July 18, 2008.

With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

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

***1. Public Building Commission Meeting  Camp/Cook
Camp stated discussion was on building remodeling. They adopted Option A, including the central corridor, moving the City Attorney, and staff, from the Hall of Justice to the 3rd floor of 555 S. 10th, at a complete cost of $1.7 million.

Concerns brought up regarding All Makes Furniture and their contract. During the Court House Plaza project concerns arose as contract automatically given to All Makes. Nancy Kraft, Office Interiors, questioned some furniture at the Court House Plaza and also made a presentation. She thought the contract should have gone out for bid. The PBC meet with Mejer, Purchasing Agent.

An update given on the cafeteria, with the building now equipped with vending machines. The machines are furnished through PepsiCo who may bring in additional equipment. Emery inquired if still attempting to find a café operator, or only considering if someone contacts the PBC? Camp replied they are not actively looking into an operator at this point.
The PBC also discussed buying a Segway, or two, for the Sheriff’s department. Could use at this complex, but decided not to pursue. Discussion on different entities using Segways.

Re-elected officers with Hudkins continuing as chair and Wilson as vice-chair, with the PBC budget hearing to be held on August 19, 2008.

Marvin asked if electricity included in the rent rate the PBC charges, or separate? Camp replied it is included, and is just operating costs, plus rates remain the same this year. Discussion on commercial buildings using light sensors to operate lights, and if the PBC would consider.

***2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting  Emery/Eschliman - Rescheduled to August 22nd.

3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  Cook - No report.

4. Board of Health Meeting  Svoboda
Svoboda stated a discussion was based on suggestions from LIBA’s budget presentation. Believe there is value in having LIBA members and/or the general public sit with the Board of Health, and staff, to see where we may find blending. Also, the Dental Health and Nutrition Services gave a departmental briefing. One item brought up was the WIC program, which distributes vouchers to pregnant, and post-pregnant, women who have a need, which are redeemed at local grocery stores. This constitutes approximately $1.4 million into the local economy which is pass through dollars from the State. The program helps women, and children in need, and spurs the local economy.

A solid waste nuisance complaint received and think this is an area to possibly open to joint, or inter-agency, inspections. The program has a full time person, and a summer intern, with 75% of nuisance complaints based on garbage. If coordinated with another department believe there is value in a cohesive structure allowing an individual to be cross trained in site restrictions. Have one clearing house for various inspections, housing in one department to coordinate jobs/sites.

Camp mentioned a focus brought up during budget time to look at schools, crash helmets, and children’s education. Svoboda replied the topic was discussed between Chief Ford and Director Dart. Chief Ford requested exact information and Director Dart would send in order to see if there was a way to blend the two together. Emery agreed adding number one, to make sure everyone is talking about the same thing. Secondly, after discussing to implement.

Svoboda reported on the resignation of Deb Humphrey, Board of Health representative. Before her appointment was looking to place a veterinarian on the Board, as there is no representation from the animal industry. The Board had thought to go ahead with the veterinarian appointment but believe the Mayor’s office is forwarding a physician’s name. Working with the Mayor’s office to put the physician on hold until a later date and possibly appointing a veterinarian at this time. Pearce commented there will be two, or three, appointments next spring.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
Pearce requested a change in the Maja Harris appointment date to the Library Board as she sits on the Library Directors Selection Committee, currently meeting. Asking to delay the effective date of her appointment for a one month, when the Library Directors Selection process will be completed. Discussion on process to amend the effective date for Harris.
IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
Owen asked if someone was interested in greeting participants to the Midwest Meeting of the Organized Crime Conference, in Lincoln, on September 17th? Emery volunteered if at the Embassy Suites, as he has another appointment at that location. Owen asked for an alternate with Svoboda volunteering.

Pearce reported on a request from Jack Cheloha, Omaha lobbyist, asking if Lincoln was interested this year in a joint meeting of the Lincoln and Omaha City Councils. Pearce added it is Omaha’s turn to host. Svoboda stated he spoke to Dan Welch, Omaha Council Chair, and he is definitely interested in another meeting, adding that he thought the last two years have been more productive than previous meetings. Svoboda commented he and Welch agreed that a great deal of discussion would be on the CIR, to the point of possibly bringing in private attorneys, who may be able to help with the presentation, along with state staff to provide information. After discussion Emery suggested putting on the calendar quickly in order for members to arrange to attend.

Pearce added as Segways were mentioned, a constituent contacted the Mayor’s office. As Segways are illegal to operate in the City the Mayor’s office has been working on the issue. Also, do not believe the Police Department has any at this time.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
Camp inquired if anything is happening on union negotiations regarding employees two to one match? The Mayor’s representatives will visit with Camp regarding this subject.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Camp No comments
Svoboda No comments
Marvin No comments
Emery No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Vice-Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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