

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

- \*1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of September 8, 2008.
- \*2. Minutes from City Council Members' Noon Meeting of September 8, 2008.
- \*3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: 2008 Annexation Study - September 8, 2008.

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

- \*1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Cook)
- \*2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
- \*3. Railroad Transportation Safety District Meeting (Emery/Marvin/Svoboda)
- \*4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Marvin)
- \*5. 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 -**

- 1. Discussion of having a Pre-Council regarding UNL water mains. (Requested by Robin Eschliman)

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

- 1. President-Elect Julie McManaman invites you to the REALTORS® Association of Lincoln 89<sup>th</sup> Installation & Awards Banquet on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at The Lodge at Wilderness Ridge, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place - 5:30 p.m., Social - 6:30 p.m., Dinner - 7:30 p.m., Program - RSVP by Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> to 441-3620 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)

2. Child Guidance Center 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Leader in Children's Mental Health Award Breakfast on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at The Nebraska Club, 233 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor of the U.S. Bank Building - Cost: \$15/person; \$100 for table of 8 - RSVP by Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> with enclosed card - (See Invitation)
3. Retirement Celebration Party for Jim Weverka, Animal Control Division Manager, on Saturday, October 11, 2008 - Meet and greet any time after 5:00 p.m. - Cookout at 6:00 p.m. - Hosts: Judy and Brian Halstead, 7633 Bobcat Cr. - RSVP for accurate food count to 420-1730 (h) or by e-mail - (See Invitation)
4. Retirement Celebration Party for Margaret Remmenga, Public Works & Utilities Business Manager, on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the City/County Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - (See 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.) Fallbrook, 570 Fallbrook - I180 North bound to Hwy. 34 & North 1<sup>st</sup> or Fletcher - left on Fallbrook Road on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.
  - B.) Dial Realty/Hampton Inn & Suites, 7343 Husker Circle on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 - 11:30 a.m., Ceremony - 12:00 p.m., Lunch
6. Joint Meeting of the Lincoln City Council and Omaha City Council on Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Omaha Public Safety Training Center, Large Classroom, 11616 Rainwood Road, Omaha, Nebraska - (See Letter)

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**\*HELD OVER FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2008.**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' NOON MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008**

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

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

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

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**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR**

Recording secretary arrived at 11:15 am.

Decision to hold executive session on Monday, September 29, 2008 from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm agreed upon. Svoboda mentioned the ILC meeting could be rescheduled in order not to conflict with the executive session.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Discussion on having a Pre-Council regarding UNL water mains Robin Eschliman**

Eschliman stated Steve Masters, Public Utilities Administrator, had requested a pre-council but now states one isn't needed as the University wants to delay.

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

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

Cook stated they discussed the Juvenile Court space and the City Attorney's move to third floor. Secondly, the PBC Facilities Shop needs a new location and looking at the new jail land as a potential site. With the land available a shop would not interfere with any future jail, or parking, expansions. Thirdly, received a purchasing update with the City Attorney's office to conduct interviews September 25<sup>th</sup> for architects and engineers on space design.

The PBC received report of vehicle damage in the north parking lot caused by concrete breaking loose from caulk joints. The PBC had held back money and will use for repair of this damage. Bike racks discussed with interest in secured and covered racks. Do have a number of racks and are buying one for the Public Defender's office. Concerns of bicycles in the building discussed. Cook reported the

State Patrol is leaving the 233 building. The State Treasurer still occupies space and Ahlberg, Emergency Management, is being approached to rent space.

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

Echo Park at 48<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege Streets discussed. The park is a drainage way, not actively used, but there is interest in keeping as a green space. Madison's, adjacent to the park, would like to turn it into a miniature golf course. The committee unsure whether to sell or lease with the recommendation to lease the land to Madison's.

Cook stated they discussed Densmore Park. Some environmental groups expressed interest in raising money to help acquire land adjacent to Densmore. The Board's first priority is acquiring flood plain land by Wilderness Park and the railroad, then a smaller piece, with a third priority being a larger piece of land. The Department of Roads owns the land by the railroad track. Conversed on possible development connecting to the Ruskin Place development, with Ruskin Place access previously discussed, and not sure how many units can be added.

**\*3. Railroad Transportation Safety District Meeting Emery/Marvin/Svoboda**

Svoboda stated a reconsideration vote passed and also voted on appropriating \$200,000 for the West Haymarket railroad track closure and realignment, which passed 4/2. Budget issues discussed and had a quiet zone update. Emery added regarding the quiet zones they hoped to have all infrastructure poured by the end of the year, and by spring would have the clocks and horns at 35<sup>th</sup> and Adams hooked up. Svoboda commented we will be the first in Nebraska to have a quiet zone, and one of the first in the country going through the whole process.

**\*4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting Marvin**

The Committee had discussion on the affirmative action vote, with some members concerned with the ballot language. Marvin stated the vote in November will likely result in the end of affirmative action in the state. Only very few states have done and it is uncharted territory. Concern with this being negative to the state, with an example of having trouble recruiting people to Nebraska. Marvin stated they did have election of officers.

**\*5. Board of Health Meeting Svoboda**

Svoboda stated they received an update from Joan Anderson, Lancaster County Medical Society, on the Medicaid program taken over by her organization which is running extremely well. Anderson expressed gratitude for the support received from the City, as well as the City-County Health Department. The divisional monthly presentation was from Animal Control, explaining and outlining responsibilities of Animal Control.

Received a photo voice presentation provided through a grant which gave cameras to the Everett elementary students, who took photos of their school neighborhood. Traffic and other issues stressed with the children working with the University. Hoppe added we were one of fifty cities, nationally, to receive the grant to enable them to do the program.

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**Federal Fly-In Camp**

Camp stated he and Mayor Beutler were two elected officials, along with approximately 30 other people attending from Lincoln, including the Governor. The group from Omaha included the Mayor, two city council members, and other interested parties, totaling 120.

The main theme was transportation. Mayor Beutler presented and Camp put in a plea on the South Beltway. Marvin commented the MPO Technical Committee is considering removing the South Beltway from the six year CIP. Pearce stated Figard has been working with the State's six year plan and trying to reach an agreement to have it remain in the plan, even though there is no funding. Camp added he stressed a regional approach as the South Beltway isn't just a Lincoln project but fits in with the whole transportation system, aligning with the Interstate. There were various meetings where everyone on the Nebraska Congressional delegation appeared, along with several key staff members.

Camp stated in sessions on work force development ideas arose which included universities publicizing themselves as the economic energy into the future, with thoughts expressed that universities should think of themselves as the fuel for economic development with private-public partnerships. Had a military briefing where it was mentioned Lincoln's economic impact from the National Guard is \$1 to \$2 million.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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| Emery     | No comments  |
| Svoboda   | No comments  |
| Eschliman | Stated with the housing stimulus package not being done possibly to look at doing a job stimulus. Would look at underlying problems, not in housing, but any sector. Eschliman presented a draft to members and suggested discussion at the next noon meeting. |
| Camp      | Asked if this is education, as well and/or eventually financial? Spatz suggested to discuss when listed on the agenda.   |
| Spatz     | No comments  |
| Cook      | No comments  |
| Marvin    | No comments  |

Pearce reminded Council of the Joint Meeting next month with Omaha representatives. If anyone has agenda items submit and she will forward to Omaha.

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.