

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of October 13, 2008.
2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 13, 2008.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Marvin)
3. 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. IABC Lincoln Leader In Communication Award - U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at Chez Hay, 210 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street - 11:30 a.m., Registration; 11:45 a.m., Lunch - \$28/Members and Non-members - RSVP, Registration deadline by 5:00 p.m., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - (See Invitation)
2. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - 'Business After Hours' on Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Sawmill Building, 440 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street - Cost: \$10/person - RSVP by Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - (See Invitation)

3. BryanLGH College of Health Sciences Celebration in Recognition of Regional Accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association through 2013 on Monday, November 3, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, 5035 Everett Street - RSVP by Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> to 481-8760 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008**

**Present:** Robin Eschliman, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Ken Svoboda; and Dan Marvin

**Absent:** John Spatz

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

Chair Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:12 am and announced the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of October 13, 2008.
  2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 13, 2008.
- With no corrections the above minutes were approved by acclamation.

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

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

In answer to a question regarding the furniture debate Camp replied it is now on pending. Looking to have a different law representative to eliminate conflict of interest.

Camp stated they discussed Court space. County Court needs more space, and looked at options for the Juvenile Court Room on 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The City Attorney's office did approve a \$40,000 architect contract with DBH for the design. Hendry commented the City signed the contract and will present to Hudkins on Tuesday for his signature.

The PBC worked on common area resolution. Adopted the resolution with three tiers. The public sidewalk area has public free speech, and open for demonstrations. Off the sidewalk and approaching the building, on City-County property but not on public right-of-way, the public could speak on government matters. The inside hallways available for use by government people for government business. Cook stated the primary reason for revisiting the policy is not necessarily to change what would be allowed where, but to apply to all buildings managed by the Building Commission.

Camp stated they reviewed the K Street facility. The State will expand the space they need. Cook added they want dry sprinklers and will not charge us, but have to discuss with other lessees with regular sprinklers. Will approach about putting dry sprinklers on all floors, as the cost isn't overwhelming. Svoboda asked if the sprinklers spray out a dry product? Camp understood they now have a wet system, water in the pipes, and a dry system has a vacuum seal, dry in the pipes and then activated with water flowing out. Eschliman thought previous discussions indicated the City and/or County would use the space, with the State leaving. Cook replied may happen in the future but now have the State lease. If space is needed later could change.

Camp stated with their plan they will place steel panels on windows to protect from wind damage. Also, the PBC will do tuck pointing repair and after investigation may also water proof. Cook added they discussed rearrangement of the County Clerk's office. Camp stated the PBC may also work on

design in the finance department. The State Treasurer's office will continue their lease, and the County Assessor will use some personnel space for two months next year. Camp stated he again brought up energy savings and in doing steel panels on the K Street facility it may have reflective advantages

## **2. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting Marvin**

Due to an unavoidable conflict of interest Councilman Marvin was unable to attend. The chair, Pearce, was absent due to commitments.

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

Svoboda stated they welcomed new Board member, Dr. Carlo Lester. Received report on the summer food program, in it's 28<sup>th</sup> year. Just under 57,000 meals served to school children during the summer last year. Svoboda gave thanks to volunteers as the program couldn't operate without their assistance.

Svoboda said an item coming from the Board of Health is a permit issuance and fee for inspections on rental properties, four units and above. Approved by Council during the budget process, where we also eliminated a half-time senior environmental health specialist. Fees generated through this operation will pay for the half-time person primarily to deal with rental property complaints. We should collect for inspections as people call just to have their property inspected for mold.

Cook had concerns expressed to him on the issue. Building and Safety will raise their fees and the Health Department would add an additional fee. Some wonder why two separate permitting processes when Building/Safety could collect the entire amount and remit a portion to the Health Department. Svoboda replied that will happen. Building/Safety will collect, transfer \$10 for the first three units and .50¢ for each additional unit to the Health Department. Cook asked if the Building/Safety timeline was a fully based plan, had heard the Health Department was still developing, will they come forward together? Svoboda stated it passed the Board of Health and will be on the agenda in early November.

Svoboda stated changes are coming on the food code. Description of food handlers completely revamped. Had five levels but now have four which are more descriptive of what a person does. Went through the Nebraska Restaurant Group, the Food Advisory Committee and this determination agreed upon. Cook asked if it requires additional employee training? Svoboda replied no, instead of doing different levels will actually do one, and also working with the University of Nebraska regarding an on-line version of the testing, similar to the Responsible Hospitality Council on the liquor side.

## **OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

Marvin attended a meeting with members from Public Works, Building/Safety, and staff from the Mayor's Office regarding interpretation of Council intent. Discussed the concerns of Public Works on reduction in sidewalk inspection money. Marvin stated he tried to explain the Council wanted to consolidate activities, with the response from departments being negative.

Marvin added one item expressed is possible grant funds. The Council needs to be flexible in terms of which department applies as one may be better applying for grant funds than Building/Safety. Eschliman asked if budgeted for and if it was more funds, or a way to pay for the position? Marvin said possibly or could apply for the grant but maybe need matching funds.

There is concern from Public Works as they build sidewalks and don't want them to fall apart and want an inspector. Not an emergency and discussed where Public Works may have adequate funds to do some sidewalk inspection. Camp asked if there is a way to certify some contractors by their past performance and not do inspections? He also asked if we ever got an idea, or a challenge from

citizens if they want to pay half, we'd match? Marvin answered on the first thinks they're trying to do a lot on residential streets.

Svoboda thought to provide a certified list of contractors who followed the course and would be blackballed for X amount of time if they failed. Marvin said during the last budget cycle a proposal arose to hire one or two in engineering services to do inspections of residential streets, the alternative was for private sector people to do. Council's direction was to try and get the private sector certified.

Marvin stated there has to be a way to work out egress on building sites, so residential streets don't crack. Heavy equipment hits the curb, torques the street, and on occasions streets get cracked. Eschliman asked if the State inquired on inspections? Hoppe answered they are trying to develop scope in terms of what can be done, what is being done with the timeframes.

Marvin thought we wouldn't go to the Legislature, and trying the idea of one person going to identify, understanding the terms, and have the person be partially grant funded. Svoboda has looked at job descriptions and thinks administrations are ingrained in broadening the scope of job descriptions to cover multitude items. Would guarantee the nuisance compliant inspector probably has a job description including certain education, a degree, and wonder if there is a federal requirement pushing into the position? Or, could you have a less qualified individual but who could go out and do nuisance complaints? Hoppe stated the departments were expected to come together and work on a solution.

### **III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Pearce reported nothing at this time.

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

Hoppe stated no requests.

### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

Pearce reminded members of the Joint Lincoln-Omaha City Councils meeting on Thursday.

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

Emery	No comments
Svoboda	commented he had a constituent wanting to attend a "Noon" meeting but by noon the meeting was over. He suggested a name change in order to avoid this type of mis-communication. Discussion on names.

Eschliman suggested "Organizational" meeting, and took show of hands with "Organizational Meeting" voted the name for the previous "Noon Meeting".

Marvin	No comments
Cook	No comments
Camp	No comments
Eschliman	No comments

### **VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.