AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008
(Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

*1. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of October 20, 2008.
*2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of October 20, 2008.

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

*1. District Energy Corporation (DEC) Board of Directors Meeting (Svoboda)
   2. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Officials Committee Meeting (Eschliman)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -

   1. Memo from Denise Pearce - RE: Boards and Commissions Update. (See Attachment)
   2. Material from Denise Pearce - RE: Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board Appointments. (See Attachments)

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

   1. Discussion with Steve Huggenberger from the City Attorney’s Office regarding Item #24-Purchasing Ordinance on the Formal Council Agenda for 11/03/08.
VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Seniors Foundation 2008 Annual Donor Reception on Friday, November 21, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13th Street, 20th Floor - RSVP by Nov. 14th - (See Invitation)

2. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cutting: - Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: - A.) Indigo Bridge Books, 701 “P” Street, Suite 102 on Friday, November 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

3. 16th Annual MLK “Freedom Breakfast” on Friday, January 16, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Doors open at 7:00 a.m. at Embassy Suites Hotel, 1040 “P” Street - RSVP by Nov. 28th by returning the completed form and payment - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM OCTOBER 27, 2008.*
MEMO

TO: City Council

FROM: Denise Pearce
Aide to the Mayor

DATE: October 28, 2008

RE: Boards and Commissions Update

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I expect to forward the third candidate for your consideration before the December 31 expiration date.

Thank you.
City of Lincoln Appointment Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Application Date: 10/10/2008
Salutation: Mr. Applicant Name: Harshman, Dan
Legal Residence: 1810 Davenport Circle
Residence Telephone: 423-4557
Applicant Occupation: Controller
E-mail Address: dharshman@molex.com
Affirmative Action Information: Sex Male

City/State/ZipCode: Lincoln, NE 68512
Business Telephone: 475-1700
Employer: Molex
Racial/Ethnic Background: Caucasian/White

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Board(s) Requested

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EMPLOYMENT

Board(s) Requested

Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board
Chair Eschliman called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the rear wall of room 113.

I. MINUTES
   *1. Minutes from Directors’ Meeting of October 20, 2008.
   *2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of October 20, 2008.
   The above minutes approved by acclamation.

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

   *1. District Energy Corporation (DEC)  Svoboda
   Svoboda reported an executive officer, and consultant, with the St. Paul, MN District Energy Commission attended. St. Paul-Minneapolis DEC has a facility providing heating/cooling for 80% of their downtown. As we grow with the possible jail power plant, the future of the West Haymarket, had discussion as to whether our District Energy Commission could start projects in a more downtown wide area, not just governmental buildings.

   Svoboda added the DEC budget was presented, and passed. Projects moving forward. Discussions on the West Haymarket relating to proposed downtown hotels, the Arts and Humanities block, and the heating and cooling for the possible arena.

   Eschliman asked with technologies does Lincoln meet the Green Standards? Svoboda replied yes, according to the consultant. A number of buildings in St. Paul-Minneapolis, such as the Travelers Building, originally had their own heating/cooling plant, but now DEC provides power. According to bond counsel we could start moving into a more private sector.

   Marvin thought with the K Street Building had discussions on whether we could, or couldn’t do. Svoboda replied the bond counsel thought yes. Previous discussions based on part of the building being tenant controlled, part proposed in a condo sale control. Felt better if one or the other.

   This model of Minneapolis-St. Paul has a Board consisting of private/public sectors. Do have non-profit and for-profit. The for-profit provides power for the majority of the private sector downtown.
Svoboda stated we should start discussion as we move west, with building a jail power plant, possibly going in the industrial center at NW 48th and O, and for potential developments on West O. The power plant in St. Paul-Minneapolis provides heating cooling for the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. The consultant’s view was that with our satellite power plants, the width of streets and sidewalks, the possibilities are endless. We could provide water, heating/cooling for the University system should they decide their power plant is obsolete, with investment high to renovate.

Marvin added with cooling we would come up against LES, and on heating we do have a for-profit. Svoboda commented if everyone partners we all benefit. Now we buy power, gas, and also use Aquila, so a large possibility to do more efficiently as opposed to running individual lines. Svoboda stated he believes in the model and we’ll start doing more if we decide this is the direction.

2. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Eschliman

Eschliman attended the meeting at which the South By-Pass was discussed. The State wanted removal of all South By-Pass information from our long term plan. Owen added they discussed leaving the information in place with no funding attached. At the meeting Mayor Beutler strongly stated how important it was that we not take all mention of the South By-Pass from our CIP, but the State representative absolutely would not accept. Eschliman stated attached to their minutes is a letter stating our unhappiness and if federal funding comes in we can put into the CIP. Marvin stated he talked to Frederickson who seemed all right with the idea of a place holder.

Svoboda asked if we look statewide, or primarily focus on Lincoln, Lancaster County? Curious if the same is being done with the Omaha ring road. Was Omaha given the same directive, out of the plan, no money? Marvin understood they took all expressways out.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Board and Commissions Update Hoppe (Attachment A, B)

2. Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board Appointments

For future agendas Attachment A lists reappointment and appointment for the Auditorium Advisory Board; reappointment for Parks and Rec; appointment for Multicultural Advisory Committee; three reappointments each for the Human Rights Commission and Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Board.

Hoppe asked on the LES letter, particularly Dan Harshman and Don Nelson, if Council would like meetings prior to their hearing? Eschliman replied they should attend the public hearing, and Spatz thought the meetings appropriate. Marvin asked if they assume the positions after December 31st, with Owen replying yes.

Svoboda asked what if Council had a list of other names? Hoppe said certainly submit but think we would have liked having a little before asking these folks to put their names forward. Svoboda thought he previously asked for a list of all mayoral appointments ratified by Council. Could see a time line, and if we see a position, can look, think of, and submit names to the Mayor’s office. Svoboda received calls last Friday about one of the appointees. Curious on the process.

Hoppe said perhaps not this close and should give the names to you on a time line. Svoboda thought Pearce had listed all boards, appointees, reelection or reappointment dates, and terms. Eschliman thought it was on the web site, under advisory committees. Hoppe stated he thought the site had term lengths, meeting times, etc, but will make sure Pearce is aware before the next appointment. Eschliman requested Pearce present Audit Committee progress next week.
IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
Hoppe suggested Council Pre-Councils. First, next week discuss the City Legislative Agenda. And on November 17th Public Works would like to present a flood plain map update and new standards.

Eschliman asked if Council was in favor of a City Legislative Pre-Council on the 10th and on the 17th the Public Works flood plain map representation? Emery commented the 10th is a night meeting. Hoppe suggested both Pre-Councils on the 17th, or have one before the night meeting. Eschliman thought both could be held on the 17th.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Item #24-Purchasing Ordinance on the Formal Council Agenda for 11/03/08. (Not discussed)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS
Emery No comments

Svoboda Asked if Council will hold a retreat this year? Spatz stated yes, but broader than just legislative, with Svoboda agreeing. Eschliman asked for dates, adding December would work. Svoboda agreed with December adding January also is appropriate. Will have Grammer look at dates in December and January and send email to members.

Spatz Another pre-council possibly on some JournalStar articles dealing with Antelope Valley. Could have the Audit Committee look at spending, what contracts look like, if appropriate, what input needed from the private sector. Hoppe said the federal government’s project contribution requires an audit at the end of Phase One, but you may want a more in depth audit. Spatz will discuss with members and see if appropriate for a pre-council or for a discussion at the Organizational Meeting.

Eschliman stated she really doesn’t know the JAVA Committee. Have we ever had a partnership meeting? She asked if it was a budget decision not to replace Wayne Teton? Hoppe replied the short answer is we are close to the end on Phase I, and there wasn’t the need to have one person’s oversight the same as in the past. Eschliman asked when is the staff audit? Hoppe didn’t know the timeline. Eschliman suggested to organize questions and present to the JAVA Committee.

Marvin No comments

Eschliman No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.
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