

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of November 17, 2008.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of November 17, 2008.
- *3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Fire Negotiations - November 17, 2008.
- *4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: City of Lincoln State Legislative Agenda - November 17, 2008.

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

- *1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
- *2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Eschliman)
- *3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Marvin)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

- *1. Discussion on Council Retreat agenda items.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:
- Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
 - A.) Pleasant View Art Gallery, Haymarket-8th & "P" Street (above Crescent Moon Café) on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
 - B.) Botz & Associates, 1500 S. 70th Street, Suite 201 on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at **4:00 p.m.** (Time Change)
 - C.) Holiday Inn Express Airport, 1101 W. Commerce Way on **Thursday, January 15, 2009** at 3:00 p.m. (New Date)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM NOVEMBER 24, 2008.**

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008
MINUTES**

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

Absent: Jonathan Cook

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

The recording secretary arrived after the meeting had opened and first Council report on the PBC Meeting had been completed.

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Approval prior to recording secretary's arrival.

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

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

Report given by Councilman Camp prior to the recording secretary's arrival.

***2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting Emery/Eschliman**

Eschliman reported she and Emery were absent from the meeting. Received minutes and was informed Boesch wrote the State Legislature regarding safe haven. Trying to find a solution for how to deal with teenagers brought into emergency care. Also, preparing the Tax Refund Program for lower income individuals.

***3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting Marvin**

Marvin stated a guest spoke on Census Lincoln. They forecast hiring 100 people initially as Lincoln will be a census location. A 2000 Census chart was presented, showing Lancaster County with a 78% response rate, and Nebraska overall having 75%. The Committee wants the response rate to increase with emphasis put on the importance of accurately completing in order to receive our share of federal funds. A sample one page, ten question form distributed.

Marvin reported the Mayor spoke on how minorities are integrated into the community with discussion ranging from minority reluctance to accurately fill out the census to how Lincoln is not as diverse as the nation overall. Marvin stated he attended a different meeting where the community

was analyzed and saw Lincoln had become more diverse from 1990 to 2000. There does need to be greater effort to reach out to the minority population making sure they feel welcome in Lincoln.

Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) Eschliman/Spatz

Eschliman stated the DLA proposes to take over the management of the state garages. This would help aggregate parking situations downtown, and allow for events parking.

Dumpster Diving Marvin

Marvin reported the Coby Mach radio show discussed dumpster diving having legislation. Emery stated he was approached by the policy network to look at, with the idea from the Lincoln Police. There is not an ordinance prohibiting people going through garbage but do have issues of identity theft and hoarders. He stated given the couch amendment disfavor wanted opinions for an ordinance. Received legislation from Colorado and Utah stating this is private and no one has the right to go through. Trying to see if people are, or are not, interested in pursuing. Coby added this may come forward, but may not. Camp commented in some downtown areas recyclers pick up aluminum cans, which is a positive. Emery said there are ups and downs.

League of Municipalities Marvin

Marvin understood some Council members had a meeting with the League of Municipalities. Svoboda replied they followed up on the Omaha-Lincoln Joint Council Meeting. Three Omaha Council members, three Lincoln Council members, the League of Municipalities and a couple of guests who are very active in CIR discussion attended. Openly discussed what problems arise and it was an educational meeting on how the CIR operates. Believe they are looking at an additional meeting. Camp commented it was more a private, informational meeting. Svoboda stated it was not an open meeting but six Council members, from two different bodies, with an interest in CIR legislation, met and discussed past CIR legislation.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Pearce stated none at this time. Eschliman asked how the Audit Committee is progressing? Pearce replied she would have Herz contact the Council.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

None

V. MISCELLANEOUS

***1. Council Retreat Agenda Items**

The retreat to be held on December 22nd. Eschliman asked for staffing, web site, procedural issues for the agenda. Marvin would like a discussion on integrating the resources, and expertise, of LES with other City departments. LES does have software geared towards making future projections which could be a departmental resource, for selected departments, and for the comprehensive plan. Marvin reported on discussions he had with the finance department regarding LES resources on hedging, to compensate for the ups and downs.

Camp asked if that is part of the retreat scope, or want more on how the Council is operating? Eschliman commented the retreat is open to any discussion. Marvin stated he would not suggest if retreat discussion is only on how the Council operates. Spatz added this may be a strategic goal.

Camp asked for the retreat mission statement. Svoboda stated; Council staffing, committee assignments, Council structure, and the five year strategic plan. Camp commented he felt the retreat goal was the Council infrastructure, not city business.

Svoboda asked if Council and LES should meet to understand what they have which may benefit the city? Marvin replied he has met previously with Shelly/LES, and could meet again to discuss.

2. JAVA Meeting Eschliman

Eschliman asked if today's JAVA meeting has been rescheduled? Hoppe replied the principals need a little time, and asking Council what works on their agenda. Possibly December 15th, or wait until January? Eschliman replied to schedule for December 15, 2008.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emery	No comment
Svoboda	stated the annual Salvation Army bell ringing is scheduled for December 19 th , 3:00-5:00 pm, at Westfield Shopping Mall.
Eschliman	gave explanation of the new version of Monopoly and how it relates to today's technology.
Camp	No comment
Spatz	stated he will not be able to attend today's formal meeting.
Marvin	No comment.

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.