

**IN LIEU OF
AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of December 15, 2008.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of December 15, 2008.
- *3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: 2009 LES Budget - December 1, 2008.
- *4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Fire Union Negotiations - December 15, 2008.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES - None

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

- *1. Library Board Vacancy Process. (See Attachment)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

- 1. Updowntowners, Inc., Flight Ready-Duncan Aviation Tour & lunch on Thursday, January 8, 2009 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Duncan Aviation - Members \$12 /Guests: \$15 - Please RSVP and Pre-Pay by Jan. 5th to 434-6902 - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER UNTIL JANUARY 5, 2009.**



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December 16, 2008

Robin Eschliman, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Ms. Eschliman:

Following up on our telephone conversation this morning, I'm writing in regard to the procedure for filling the vacant seat on the Library Board due to the resignation of Fred Hoke, which was effective December 15. This term will expire August 31, 2014.

When a vacancy exists due to terms expiring, the usual procedure has been that the City Council asks the Library Board to collect and review the resumes of interested individuals and make recommendations to the City Council. The City Council is forwarded copies of letters and resumes from all individuals who express interest along with the Library Board's recommendation of a candidate(s) whose qualifications and experience best meets the needs of the Library Board at this time.

In this case, the procedure for filling the remainder of Mr. Hoke's term was discussed by the Library Board at its meeting this morning. Board members expressed their willingness to again collect and review information from interested individuals and make recommendations to the City Council. The Board suggests that the application process be opened to the community as soon as possible. The Board further suggests that those who applied for the Board position that was vacant this summer be allowed to keep their applications active for consideration for this vacated term.

As we discussed, I am bringing this procedure to your attention for your immediate consideration. If it meets with your approval, we will move forward quickly to begin accepting applications.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pat Leach
Library Director

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General Information Regarding the Library Board Application Process

The Library Board, an administrative board, strives to collectively develop occupational diversity such as public relations and media, law, finance, accounting, community service and volunteerism, business management, personnel, education.

Qualities looked for in potential Library Board members include:

- commitment to community-wide library service
- time to attend monthly board meetings as well as committee meetings
- interest in books and other media
- understanding of the legal responsibilities and authority of the Library Board
- ability to ask probing questions of the library administration on programs, policies and functions
- ability to work cooperatively with board members, elected officials, and the public.

Board members must also be residents of Lincoln.