

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of March 9, 2009.
2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of March 9, 2009.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Pending Litigation - March 9, 2009.
4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Labor Negotiations - March 9, 2009.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (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 - None**

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

1. Schemmer Associates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Program at 5:00 p.m. at Schemmer Associates, Federal Trust Building, 13<sup>th</sup> & "N" Street, 134 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1100 - RSVP to Frank Comisar at 488-2500 - (See Invitation)
2. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:  
- Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
  - A.) Adwood Company, 1920 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.
  - B.) College of Saint Mary's, 1109 N. Cotner Blvd. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.
3. Clinic with a Heart 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rx for Hope Fundraiser on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 "O" Street - 7:00 p.m., Silent Auction; 8:00 p.m., Program & Live Auction; 9:00 p.m., Dance - Cost: \$45/ticket - RSVP by April 10<sup>th</sup> with return card & payment - (See Invitation)
4. Face the Chamber with U.S. Senator Mike Johanns on Monday, April 6, 2009 (Note Date Change) from Noon to 1:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.) - at the Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street - Cost: \$20/person; \$25/person at the door - RSVP by April 1<sup>st</sup> - (See Invitation)
5. University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advisory Board Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at The Champions Club - Cost: \$25/person - Please RSVP - (See Invitation)

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Absent:** John Spatz

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

Chair Eschliman opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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- The above minutes approved by acclamation.

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

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

Camp reported discussion centered on the attorney office relocation, the go ahead to engineering for the elevator shaft plans, Juvenile Court and County Court status, the County Clerk's renovation, as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> and Military shop relocation project. Another Credit Union ATM will be installed at 575 S. 10<sup>th</sup>, and nothing new regarding the cafeteria. Would like to have a jail walking tour in order to brainstorm on future building uses. Cook added the City Attorney would move in late June.

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

Cook stated they discussed the establishment of cost recovery goals for fee supported programs. Looked at all programs and on many will try to raise the cost recovery goals, but on some cannot as they are federally reimbursed and will not allow charging over a certain amount. Have three major areas: the golf program, talking on changing the fee options. Second, the outdoor public pools with a request to increase cost recovery but would have to close four neighborhood pools which the Board felt very inappropriate. Third, Pioneers Park Nature Center, having an interest in increasing the cost recovery significantly with a entry fee for the Center. With adult sports the Board feels recovery could be 100%. Also discussed the Haywood Park redevelopment plan.

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

Svoboda stated they appropriated additional money for the north quiet zone, but with cost overrun is approximately 40% more. The other two are on hold, with the zone for Salt Creek possibly moving forward with design. Emery added with one source for wayside horns it makes it more difficult to control costs and secondarily hoped to see some reduction from contractors, which didn't happen.

Cook said wayside horns planned for the North quiet zone but for the far South just concrete work.

Marvin stated they had the option to reject all bids, but the advice was because this took so long we should accept. Did approve a bid process for the next two. Discussion would be on free bidding as concrete bids were unusually high. The budget has an amount for emergency and safety, which we haven't needed, and can use to cover the additional costs. Svoboda added they discussed the SW 40<sup>th</sup> Street bridge gap to O Street and will fund with money left over from the Harris Overpass.

Marvin stated Waverly will have a bridge overpass and close 141<sup>st</sup> and 148<sup>th</sup> Streets. They asked for a compromise to keep 141<sup>st</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup> Street open and RTSD would put in a wayside horn. Cook said he's disappointed with higher costs and we would save if the rules hadn't changed at the federal level.

**4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting Marvin**

Marvin stated at the meeting the Peoples Health Center presented a bar chart of activity, showing growth from 9,000 to 22,000 visits, and a chart on uninsured versus the insured. The Center serves not only Lincoln and Lancaster County but people from distances travel here for treatment. Some counties provide little, or nothing, for dental service and the solution is to transport people needing dental service to Lancaster County for services. They cannot deny people based on location for health services. He stated they also discussed the legislative bills coming forward.

**5. Board of Health Meeting Svoboda**

Svoboda said discussion was on their work plan. Each member would again take one division, one Health Department facet, and become fluent with the department. The Board of Health member would then go to general meetings or speak to the public as a representative of the Board of Health.

Svoboda stated Hoppe and Halstead did a presentation of outcome based budgeting. The electronic health care system software demonstration followed. Hoppe added health care is trying to use software in scheduling and coordination of different units of care. People in the low income bracket may have a number of case workers and the software helps unify them as a single record.

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS** - Pearce stated the Library Board is on agenda for first reading and next week approval.

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR** - None

**V. MISCELLANEOUS** - None

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Cook No comments

Emery No comments

Svoboda No comments

Camp stated he would be out of town next week and also received numerous calls on brine being distributed on City roads.

Marvin No comments

Eschliman stated she would be out of town starting Friday through the next week.

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS** - See invitation list.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.