

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of April 20, 2009.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of April 20, 2009.
- 3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Union Negotiations - April 27, 2009.

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

- *1. DEC Board Meeting (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

- 1. Ask Jon Camp to schedule the "wellness" meeting.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

- 1. The REALTORS Association of Lincoln invite you to a "Breakfast Before Business" To welcome the newly elected members of the Lincoln City Council and the Board of Education & To thank those who have served. On Friday, May 9, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the REALTORS Association of Lincoln, 8231 Beechwood Drive - Continental breakfast will be served - RSVP by May 7th to 441-3621 or by e-mail - (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.) Waddle & Reed, 1001 S. 70th Street, Suite 201 on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.
 - B.) Greenfield's Pancake House & Restaurant, 7900 S. 87th Street & Hwy. 2 on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
 - C.) Nebraska State Stroke Association, 6900 "L" Street on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
 - D.) Hergert Oil Company-For Super C, 3202 S. 10th Street on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.
 - E.) Reha Financial, 7575 S. 57th Street on Friday, May 27, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM APRIL 27, 2009.**

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair
Doug Emery, Vice Chair
Jon Camp
Jonathan Cook
John Spatz
Ken Svoboda

Absent: Dan Marvin

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor
Trish Owen, Aide to the Mayor

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

***1. DEC Board Meeting Svoboda**
Recording secretary arrived at 11:50 a.m.

Svoboda spoke on the District Energy Corporation's plan for the new jail facility to be geothermal for heating and cooling.

Camp and Svoboda led discussion on a payback schedule for the jail's heating/cooling and the system's overall cost.

2. Downtown Lincoln Association Eschliman

Eschliman stated the DLA passed a resolution on the Centennial Mall. Discussion followed on the support and financing.

The DLA thanked the City Council for the vote on the retail stimulus. Eschliman stated she talked to them about providing accountability and the DLA also continues to work on a parking authority.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS (Attachments A & B)

Health Department: Hoppe said with the Health Board the Mayor decided to reappoint Dr. Ed Schneider. Dr. Hena Roy would be replaced with David Smith, a veterinarian with the UNL Extension Service. Hoppe asked if Council requests Dr. Smith come to the hearing, or have small

group meetings? Eschliman thought to contact the nominee personally. Camp would like Dr. Smith at the approval meeting as it would be an opportunity for public awareness of the Health Board. Svoboda believes it would be better if Council knew more about what our Board members. If Dr. Smith attends our meeting it gives him the opportunity to state why he would like to serve.

Spatz asked if the Board of Health has input or involvement with the replacement? Hoppe replied they have a small role. Svoboda added these recommendations go to the Mayor's office, the Department, and Board of Health who asked that this position be filled with a veterinarian. Not like Boards where Council reviews and sends on recommendations.

Eschliman stated we should ask if it is inconvenient to attend a day meeting. Camp suggested with the Board of Health to have Bruce Dart talk about the general membership of the Health Board. This would be a PR statement with the public having additional knowledge.

Parks and Rec Advisory Board: Hoppe stated for the Parks and Rec Advisory Board the Mayor wants to nominate Todd Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald is a graduate of "Project All Academy for Local Leadership" with the questionnaire answers attached to his application. Council agreed Mr. Fitzgerald doesn't necessarily need to attend the meeting.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR (Attachment C)

1) Hoppe distributed Attachment C, bills introduced at the City's request. He gave brief explanations for the bills listed and discussion followed on other bills of interest.

2) Hoppe stated there were orientation discussions for new Council members which would include budget update, CAFR, etc. Would two Council members like to meet with them to explain processes? Spatz agreed and suggested the two most recent Council Chairs, Robin Eschliman and Dan Marvin. Hoppe will contact Eschliman and Marvin for times.

3) Hoppe acknowledged the budget survey which has a follow up with the Nebraska Public Policy Center. Planning a day for 60/70 citizens to meet and talk about questions in depth. This provides the Public Policy Center with research and we learn about the information citizens are exposed to. Now inviting Council to attend, and/or be a part of. If Council has a presentation, or requests interaction, strongly encourage. Last year was fascinating seeing how peoples ideas remained or changed and why, which gave insight on moving forward. This year scheduled for a day and participating Council members could come at various times. Members requested a schedule or itinerary, possibly highlighting appropriate times.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. "Wellness" Meeting Camp

Eschliman said Council has found it hard to fit in a Wellness Pre-Council meeting. Hoppe wasn't sure he had direction to do much as it was in the idea stage, but would call the Health Department, and also contact Lincoln Plating. Does require a little advance planning time, direction, and approximate date to give to private sector people invited.

Camp thought possibly Lincoln Plating and Lincoln Industries would have structure to present, and the Health Department, with insurance people could come. Hoppe stated Lincoln Industries is a proto-type for working well. Hoppe stated he could contact Camp and then proceed

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cook	No comments
Emery	No comments
Svoboda	No comments
Camp	Stated he would like to see the Mayor come and attend the Directors Meeting again.
Spatz	No comments
Eschliman	No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

attachment A

City of Lincoln Appointment Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Application Date: 4/24/2009
Salutation: Dr. **Applicant Name:** Smith, David R.
Legal Residence: 1905 West Davey Rd **City/State/ZipCode:** Davey, NE 68336
Residence Telephone: (402) 785-2332 **Business Telephone:** (402) 472-2362
Applicant Occupation: Extension Veterinarian **Employer:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln
E-mail Address: dsmith8@unl.edu
Affirmative Action Information: Sex Male **Racial/Ethnic Background:** Caucasian/White

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. 1992-1997 PhD Veterinary Preventive Medicine
The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. 1979-1983 DVM Veterinary Medicine
The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. 1976-1980 BS Animal Science

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Food Safety Advisory Committee; American Veterinary Medical Association 2005 to current (Chair 2006-07)
Committee on Food Quality, Safety, Security; American Association of Bovine Practitioners 2001-2007
President, Epidemiology Specialty, American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine 2005-2007

EMPLOYMENT

Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Science. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Lincoln, NE. 1997-current
Food Animal Health Research Program, OARDC, The Ohio State University, Wooster, OH. 1992-1997
Spring Meadow Veterinary Clinic. Ashland, OH. 1983-1992

Board(s) Requested

Lincoln-Lancaster County Board Of Health

- 1) List specific board/policy development experience. Often in my professional career I serve as an advisor to policy makers -summarizing research evidence on topics related to zoonotic diseases, food safety, and animal health. I also serve on committees for state and national organizations that develop policy, including the Food Safety Advisory Committee, which helps the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) develop policy related to pathogens and antimicrobial resistance genes in foods of animal origin. In the past year I have helped the AVMA, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, and the Academy of Veterinary Practitioners develop responsible antibiotic use policy.
- 2) List your specific Public Health interest/experience. Veterinarians take an oath to, among other things, "promote public health." This happens in practice as we treat animals and advise animal care givers about diseases common to man and animals (e.g. puppy ascarids and hookworms, rabies, mange, ringworm, dog bites, and safe use of medications) and participate in national programs to control zoonotic pathogens (e.g. brucellosis and tuberculosis). Now, as a veterinary epidemiologist, I am a source of information and advice to veterinarians on public health issues (e.g. bovine spongiform encephalopathy, aka "mad cow disease" and responsible antibiotic use). I conduct research to discover how to prevent important zoonotic agents associated with cattle production systems (e.g. Salmonella and Escherichia coli O157:H7). Finally, I teach veterinary students about these various public health topics.
- 3) Describe your understanding of the role of the local Health Department. I think the Health Department is charged with protecting public health by promoting community behaviors that reduce health risks including those that involve animals, by monitoring trends in local health, providing medical services that prevent disease (e.g. vaccination clinics), and advising practicing health professionals on preventive health issues.
- 4) Describe your understanding of the role of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Board of Health in relationship to the local Health Department and the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County. I think the Board of Health serves an advisory role and recommends policy on preventive and regulatory health to the Lincoln /Lancaster Health Department, City and County administrators, and the community. They prioritize health activities and build partnerships among health professionals and organizations. I think the overall goal is to provide direction on cost-effective activities that improve the health of all citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County.
- 5) What involvement have you had with the local Public Health Department/system (i.e. Community Health Center, Medical Society, hospital, regulated business)? My involvement in public health has been at the State and National level. I have collaborated with Nebraska Health and Human Services on programs to promote responsible use of antibiotics, advised the Undersecretary for Food Safety on preharvest opportunities to control E. coli O157:H7, provided expertise to FDA and the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service on pre-harvest methods to control foodborne pathogens, and met with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Enteric Diseases Branch) on how veterinarians in Extension promote public health.

attachment B

City of Lincoln Appointment Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Application Date: 2/27/2009
Salutation: Mr. **Applicant Name:** Fitzgerald, Todd
Legal Residence: 2241 W Todd Lane **City/State/ZipCode:** Lincoln , NE 68528
Residence Telephone: (402) 327-3659 **Business Telephone:** (402) 617-7333
Applicant Occupation: Liability Claims Adjuster **Employer:** State Farm Fire and Casualty
E-mail Address: todd.fitzgerald.jzka@statefarm.com
Affirmative Action Information: Sex Male **Racial/Ethnic Background:** Black/African American

EDUCATION

Hastings College, Hastings NE, BA in English, '96

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Project All Academy for Local Leadership
OPED Community Columnist for the Lincoln Journal Star
Community Stakeholder for Martin Luther King Rally & March

EMPLOYMENT

LinPepco, Lincoln NE, '99-'02
State Farm Insurance, Lincoln NE, '02-'09

Board(s) Requested

Parks And Recreation Advisory Board

CIVIC APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE/PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

1. List specific board/policy development experience:
Project All Academy for Local Leadership; State Farm Multi-Cultural Employee Resource Group; Former Co-Chair of State Farm Fire Claims Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee
2. List your specific parks & recreation interest/experience: I am an avid runner and enjoy the running and biking trails thru out Lincoln. I have also participated in City Recreational sporting leagues (Basketball; Softball) in the past. I also had the opportunity to referee recreational basketball leagues.
3. Describe your understanding of the role of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: The role of the advisory board is to develop recreational activities and create programs for the development of the city's parks. Also to work with the City Council in the implementation of programs.
4. Describe your understanding of the role of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in relationship to the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department and the citizens of Lincoln: The role of the Advisory board is to serve the interest of the citizens of Lincoln in regard to the development of the parks and programs. I also believe the board has a duty to insure the needs of the citizens of Lincoln are being met thru the programs and activities offered thru Lincoln Parks & Recreation.
5. What involvement have you had with the local Parks & Recreation Department (i.e user, contractor, supplier or other related associations) : As I indicated I have participated in both the softball and basketball leagues and served as a referee for the basketball league.

Legislative Update
Bills Introduced at the City's Request
4.30.09

- LB 85–Urban Growth Bill
 - Summary: This bill will allow Lincoln to create one or more geographic districts on the edge of the City and pledge the estimated sales tax revenues generated within that district to the payment of urban growth bonds. These bonds would be backed by the City's general taxing authority.
 - Status: Passed and signed by Governor.

- LB 128–Amendment 1 Implementing Legislation
 - Summary: During last May's election, the people of Nebraska adopted Amendment 1, which would allow public endowments to diversify into a broader range of investment options, including equities. The Constitutional Amendment, however, was not self-executing. In other words, it requires implementing legislation—which is what LB 128 is. LB 128 is particularly important for Lincoln's Community Health Endowment, which has funded approximately \$11 million of health-related initiatives across the community. CHE believes that with this implementing legislation, its average annual returns will significantly increase, resulting in millions of additional non-tax dollars available to our community.
 - Status: On General File, with amendment. We are looking for a bill to amend it into.

- LB 496–Traffic Camera Enforcement
 - Summary: This bill would allow the City to use cameras to ticket red-light runners.
 - Status: Held by the Judiciary Committee. We will work to improve the bill over the summer.

- LB 193–Cigarette Tax Bonds
 - Summary: This bill would allow the City the opportunity to refund our Antelope Valley bonds, which are financed by cigarette tax revenues. Last session, language was added to the budget bill that prohibits communities from pledging their cigarette tax revenues for bonds on or after July 1, 2008. This language, in effect, prohibits us from refinancing our Antelope Valley bonds and the possibility of a lower interest rate.
 - Status: We expect the language from LB 193 will be included in the budget bills.

- LB 543–Motor Vehicle Sales
 - Summary: Current law requires us to purchase motor vehicles through a dealer licensed in Nebraska. This law makes it difficult to find bidders for specialty vehicles, like fire engines and ambulances. The bill would eliminate this “licensed dealer” requirement for certain specialty vehicles in cities of the metropolitan and primary class (and counties with cities of the metropolitan and

primary class).

- Status: IPP'd by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

- LB 402–Arena “Clean Up” Legislation
 - Summary: This bill (1) amends current law to require a simple majority (50% + 1 vote) to approve GO bonds associated with the arena project/current law requires more than 51%; (2) allows the election on the arena question to be held at any statewide, local or special election; and (3) extends the sunset date of the financing act to December 31, 2012/current law requires applicants for assistance to apply by June 1, 2010.
 - Status: On Final Reading.

- LB 678–Council Minutes Bill
 - Summary: This bill would allow public bodies to create “minutes” of public meetings in either written form or via an electronic recording (including either an audio or video recording). The amendment offered at the hearing provides that if minutes are kept via an electronic recording, written minutes must be provided upon request.
 - Status: Held in the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. We plan to continue working with the Government Committee, the Media of Nebraska, Inc., and Councilman Spatz on this issue during the interim.