

******“REVISED”******

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR’S MEETING
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Director’s Meeting of March 14, 2011.
2. Organizational Meeting of March 14, 2011.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - TBA

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - TBA

V. **MISCELLANEOUS******

- **1.** Discussion of Future Pre-Council:
Old Cheney Arterial Streets and 9th Street Designs - Jon Camp**

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

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| 1. Chamber Public Policy Forum
CIR Reform 101
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
1135 M Street, 3rd Floor
RSVP: None requested | Wednesday
March 23, 2011
8:00 a.m. |
| 2. Sherman Field Forever Campaign -
Mayor’s News Conference
Sherman Field
2nd and South Streets
RSVP: None requested | Thursday
March 31, 2011
10:00 a.m. |
| 3. Lincoln Fire & Rescue
Firefighter’s of Station 9
Harley Grasmick Dedication
Station 9, 901 N. Cotner Blvd.
RSVP: 402.441.8368
(Park at Church, 950 N. 63rd St.) | Friday
April 1, 2011
2:00 p.m. |

**4. Law Enforcement Summit
Ashland Police Department
‘Identity Theft’
Platte River State Park, Mallet Lodge
RSVP: Registration Form or
Paige Pedersen at 480.457.2108**

**Thursday
April 28, 2011
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**5. Mayor’s Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street
RSVP: By April 15th, \$20/Person
Mail to Interchurch Ministries
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508**

**Thursday
May 5, 2011
Doors Open 7:00 a.m.
Program 7:30 a.m.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011

Present: John Spatz, Chair
Gene Carroll, Vice Chair
Jayne Snyder
Adam Hornung
Doug Emery
Jonathan Cook
Jon Camp

Others: Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff
Denise Pearce, Mayoral Aide

Chair Spatz opened the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Pearce stated there are no new appointments, but want to remind Council of LES. Haven't heard from anyone in terms of meeting. Believe public hearing will be on April 8th.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Owen reported none at this time.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion of Future Pre-Council:

Old Cheney Arterial Streets and 9th Street Designs - Jon Camp

Camp stated the West Haymarket JPA is starting a number of projects. Ultimately will have Arena Road, which would take M and N west of 9th Street, work to the west, creating a boulevard to help motorists get around the Haymarket. Public Works has promised some redesigns. Some designs caught several people by surprise and therefore think it would be beneficial for Public Works to come and talk to Council. Owen added they would probably bring some folks outside of Public Works, who are doing the design for the JPA, and would talk about their thought process on M and N Streets. Spatz asked if thinking of a pre-council? Camp added he and Snyder have talked about some impacts, and would like a collaborative effort to go through the elements. Lots of designs going in, and as Snyder has said, fairly quickly. Spatz stated to have a pre-council on April 4th, at 1:00 p.m.

Confer stated at the April 4th Organizational Meeting he's scheduled to explain conflict of interest.

Camp stated he also has been working with Old Cheney residents, primarily between 70th and past 84th. For many years there has been a widening project, and now receiving final designs. The designs are creating consternation. Public Works, Councilman Emery, and myself met with residents, trying to discern what might be best. Camp stated he would like to prepare legislation, and will discuss with Confer, to have a standard primarily for residential arterials, not major intersections. Some residents concerned with right turn lanes and mediums. Possibly best to have a public hearing.

Spatz said to open up a pre-council. Owen thought Camp's concern was a pre-council is not normally an opportunity for neighbors to come and discuss with Council. Camp stated it may be good and we'd be on the same wave length when we get to the public hearing. Would tell the neighbors they could come to the public hearing. Trying for April 25th for public hearing. Possibly the pre-council the week before? Owen asked if requesting Public Works to attend and discuss? Spatz replied they could explain the framework.

Snyder asked if speaking of the intersection or further along Old Cheney? Camp replied would be 84th, there are two or three intersections between Cross Creek and 77th, and their concern is if right turn lanes are needed in residential areas. After numerous meetings, looking at the standards Cook and he passed in 2003, recognizing there might be a primary residential area, i.e. at 77th Street, where we don't need right turn lanes. But would examine. Then the concept of the center turn lanes for both dual turns.

Hornung asked what problems will be addressed? Camp said this has not been done anywhere else. Our new standard, with lots of examples where we've done without right turn lanes. A dual center without a medium. Trying to look at citywide. Think we shouldn't just do an exception for one area.

Emery added Public Works has made important changes in the project, trying to meet needs. Unfortunately sometimes the greater good means some people have unfortunate results. Camp stated it's the definition of the greater good. Emery stated we've got to do something on Old Cheney, with Camp agreeing.

All agreed to have a pre-council on April 18th. Owen stated she would have Public Works provide written documentation in advance of the meeting.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cook	No comments
Snyder	No comments
Carroll	No comments
Camp	No comments
Hornung	No comments
Emery	No comments
Spatz	No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Spatz adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.