

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2015
555 SO. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy Christensen; Carl Eskridge; Jonathan Cook; and Jon Camp

Others: Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; Pat Leach, Library Director; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:07 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

1. Directors' and Organizational meeting minutes of March 9, 2015.
With no corrections the above minutes were placed on file in the Council office.

II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Cook

Camp stated Jeanne Sayers, Property Management, retired after 40 years with Lancaster County. The 605 Building will be worked on, and discussed the holes/spaces in the old City jail. Basically determined a way to fill in the cavities which would create a floor space of approximately 17,000 usable feet.

Cook added while there is additional expense for the fill this does make the floor more usable, so instead of just storage we can use for offices. We cannot say the dollar amount is for this amount of square feet but actually makes the whole building usable.

Gaylor Baird asked how coordinated, or how much attention does the Building Commission address with Planning's vision of the South Haymarket, and other project spaces? Camp replied they have discussed at several meetings. One element of the PBC is determining available lots and trying to acquire a square block, sort of a City campus. So, with the South Haymarket we look at the north parking lot as a foundation. We are looking at the old police station with just under half of the block and potentially could open up almost a square block. We discuss and have been interested in, and reviewed, a power plant.

Cook added the larger mission issue would be the Krout visions. Marvin had a particular plan for the South Haymarket. It was somewhat at odds with a PBC long term plan but he thought to consolidate this campus. Basically would have been 8th Street to 10th Street, K to H streets. We also worked to update our comp plan, or long range plan, to include all buildings we purchased or renovated on all our properties to highlight what had been done and our vision. There were different visions for the block, but prior to the expense concern or building new buildings, or getting rid of blocks, not necessarily a practical choice. We made these investments. This campus is the long term plan we've had for 20 years. He added the PBC supports the South Haymarket effort in general. Would want to participate in beautifying the areas coming to our campus.

Camp stated it was a 10 year, or longer, program and as time goes on may change. Gaylor Baird stated since all these renovations are happening now, how does that include what you do with this

building? Camp listed some renovations, adding a consolidated campus would be more efficient.

Camp stated they received change order applications for the 605 Building security. Then discussed the Prairie Girl statue on the 3rd floor. Cook added not sure of ownership last meeting, and thought possibly to put in a more visible location. We received clarification that it is the Mayor's statue. He decided it will go to the Nature Center or the Schoolhouse. Camp commented Wilson suggested to install by other statutes possibly at the Lied Center or some other location.

Camp stated major issues before the Commission are the recent requests to allow wedding ceremonies in this buildings' common hallway. Discussed. Years ago had a policy not allowing. Perhaps others will come forward with policy concepts to consider. Just generally, weddings have been conducted for many years in some Judges' chambers and the Clerk's office has had ceremonies performed at their location. Cook stated he voted yes to allowing small, short weddings which wouldn't interrupt building operations during certain hours, but it failed. We have not decided. Disappointed there isn't a wedding policy.

Gaylor Baird stated she assumed anyone could get married at City Hall, in any city. Was there a presentation on other places? Camp replied they discussed the Capital, the courtyard, and other public areas. Cook added they didn't know the policies.

Camp said another retirement coming soon is Richard Diegel who has been our building security manager. He's done an outstanding job and brought technology into security.

Cook stated the Drug Court has liabilities with Drug Court alumni who come to their parking lot to sell items in a garage sale arrangement. If it's not officially sponsored and someone would get hurt then who covers? If it's official, fine, but if not then not appropriate.

2. Department of Health - Emery

Emery stated this is the 10th Anniversary of the Hallam tornado, and the Health Department held a table exercise for this type of training, making sure of the protocol, who would be in charge, how agency groups interact. Will have another exercise in the fall, in conjunction with the live Air Show, on what would happen if there was a plane crash at the air base.

Emery added they went over pending legislation and what effect it could have.

3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (MAC) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated he was attending a different meeting out of town, but Pat Leach, Library Director, presented to MAC what the library is doing for different cultures and languages in our community. Received very good responses.

Leach stated the basic points covered at this meeting included the creation of a video introducing the library to various cultural groups who may be new to the community. Translated into various languages, which agencies show their groups so when visiting the library they are familiar. Leach stated the library does animal read-ins with a variety of cultural groups, which is shown on Channel 5. Collaborated with community cultural organizations in this service.

Another area covered is summer outreach. Summer staff goes to locations with children who may not be able to come to the library. Numerous locations where we make sure children read and are not having a "summer slide" where they lose some skills over the summer.

Leach concluded and said overall discussed what the library represents to a variety of people,

sometimes with special programs and some through everyday work. The library also hosts income tax assistance, which brings money back to the city in terms of people having a thorough tax refund.

4. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Fellers

Fellers stated they welcomed a new committee member, County Commissioner Todd Wiltgen. Discussed the interlocal passed a few months ago with a policy development tag. The Information Services CIC will bring policy. Also covered the interlocal of ISPC and the State of Nebraska. We then received system status reports which brought in GIS. We partner with a grade school for vehicle location services used by police, ambulance, fire trucks, and snow removal. As covered in the newspaper they can see where these vehicles are in the City at any given time.

Fellers commented another system to help developers is called, “Click, Zip, Ship” where GIS data, such as plat lines, ownership of underground utilities, is taken and sent to contractors so they know what’s in the ground they’re developing.

III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR

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Camp asked if the discussion of having yellow paint put back on mediums could be listed on the Organizational Meeting agenda? Cook clarified by saying arterial roads. Camp agreed adding especially the corners.

Emery stated there has been discussion on holding the pre-councils until the new council is elected, unless it is a matter to be voted on by this Council. Members in agreement.

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Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.