

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2015
555 S. 10th Street, Bill Luxford Studio
Immediately following Director's Meeting**

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CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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Present: Trent Fellers, Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird, Vice Chair; Roy Christensen; Jane Raybould; Carl Eskridge; Jon Camp; and Cyndi Lamm

Others Present: Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Fellers opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

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

II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

1. MPO Officials Committee - Fellers, Gaylor Baird

Fellers stated at this meeting the Committee went through a number of different items. Review of the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program; resurfacing and widening of Highway 2 from Lincoln to Syracuse; Superior Street from No. 27th to Cornhusker rehab; resurfacing Old Cheney; 40th and Highway 2 rehab and resurfacing; 27th and Holdrege to Fletcher rehab and resurfacing; the Lower Platte Natural Resource District adding a trail; the construction engineering of the Billy Wolfe Trail; verification of our Transportation Planning Process; and review of an action on the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

Fellers commented the Committee also received a briefing on the Lincoln StarTran Transit Development update; and a briefing on the Long Range Transportation Plan and Traffic Model update.

Raybould stated, no mention of West A. Did you discuss? Receiving correspondence regarding the West A area. Fellers replied they had no discussion regarding West A.

Camp asked about the South Beltway. Fellers stated they did not talk about the South Beltway.

Fellers added they did receive a projection, in the questions and comments section, from the Planning Department on what the increase in gas tax might be to the City of Lincoln. Do have the chart in the office for viewing, with both the County and the City information. The interim Director of the Department of Roads stated in the first year, 2016, with the fall in wholesale prices and raising the gas tax, it will be somewhat of a wash for extra dollars, but over the course of approximately 4 years the dollar amount will be approximately \$4 million.

Camp asked if \$4 million for the City? Fellers replied \$4 million for the City and then another amount from last year. Camp commented, it would be accumulated \$4 million, not per year. Christensen stated a year per product. Fellers added, in year 4 should receive from the gas tax.

2. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Gaylor Baird, Cyndi Lamm

Gaylor Baird stated the Joint Budget Committee spent most of their time going through grant applications from various Human Services sectors, homelessness, etc.

Gaylor Baird added one which she was responsible for was where they made recommendations for City and County on grants totaling approximately \$1.2 million. A split between City and the County, with the City's portion about \$500,000 and the County's in the area of \$700,000.

She commented the JBC has a partnership with United Way and at this meeting able to discuss the grants with United Way representatives, based on the allotted time. Looked closely at the financials and they gave us their take on program(s) effectiveness. We have their expertise assisting us.

Gaylor Baird added one other group of grants looked at was the Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund. These grants, for the first time, had a strength meeting who reviewed them prior to the JBC. The Strength Committee has members of law enforcement, from the city attorney's office, the county attorney's office, judges. Provided expertise in looking at what the proposals involve, on making recommendations, and developing expertise for those grants. Feel good on the opinions we received on these grants before they got to the JBC. The grants total approximately \$400,000.

Gaylor Baird stated that Cyndi Lamm, Council Member, was able to attend even though not a voting member yet. Lamm added it was a great meeting, a great introduction, received a lot of information from the supporting agencies. Watched everyone in this dedicated group roll up their sleeves and make hard decisions regarding these grants.

Fellers said for the JBC we had discussed having Jane Raybould serve as our second member of the committee but she was unable to accept. Item #6 on today's agenda will need a motion to change to Cyndi Lamm.

Gaylor Baird mentioned the JBC grants have been frozen, gaining interest, for the past 3 years. The JBC now getting their United Way funding defined in the budgets and this is the first year we've been able to entertain new applications and new funding requests. All part of how this is much more difficult on who to fund.

III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR

Pearce stated nothing today.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Estridge stated in today's agenda, with all our assignments to different committees, did ask City Attorney Kirkpatrick questions on the terms, except for the Audit Committee, with all other terms ending in 2016. Cannot remember if that's how we've done it before, but practically one signs up for a committee for two years, and then when new Council Members are elected they work with us to figure out where we go with their committee terms.

Pearce commented it depends in a large part, and Kirkpatrick and I did discuss what's in the code. Think with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members it specifically states a City Council Member and a County Board Member is one year term. So, for a lot of the committees it depends on the specific board, and what the State law says in the code.

She added a couple of years ago worked with Meyer to try and have everything run from May. So that right after a committee was assigned we had everything run from May. Could not do for all committees, as some require staggered terms, or only 1 year terms, or like MAC which requires 3 year terms. Need to take all into account and is why you see this timing with the committees.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.