

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
FOLLOWING DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

I. MINUTES

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2. Organizational Meeting of May 17, 2010.
3. Pre-Council Meeting of May 17, 2010.

Week of May 31, 2010

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2. Executive Session: Labor Negotiations, May 24, 2010.

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2. Corrections Joint Public Agency - Emery

Week of May 31, 2010

1. Downtown Lincoln Association - Carroll
2. Problem Resolution Team - Emery

Week of June 7, 2010

1. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission (NIZC) - Camp
2. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

1. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - Chamber Coffee

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Tentative Budget Calendar F.Y. 2010-2011; and
2. Proposed 2010-2011 City Council/Commons Budget Hearings Schedule.
Steve Hubka, Budget Director

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lux Center for the Arts
Art Van deLUX unveiling
2601 N. 48th Street
RSVP not required | Friday
June 4, 2010
4:30 p.m. |
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| <p>2. “Paint The Town”
Intersection Art
In Front of Malone Community Ctr.
20th and U Streets
To Participate call: 308.222.0242 or
wendybantam@gmail.com</p> | <p>Week of June 4th to June 7, 2010
Call and Schedule Various Times</p> |
| <p>3. Lincoln Fire & Rescue Fall 2009
Recruit Class Graduation
Lincoln Firefighter’s Reception Hall
241 Victory Lane
RSVP: Kim McKay 441.4966 or
kmckay@lincoln.ne.gov</p> | <p>Thursday
June 10, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Reception Following</p> |
| <p>4. Cedars VIP Open House Reception
The New Children’s Crisis Center
6601 Pioneers Blvd.
RSVP: Rhonda Saunders 434. 5437 or
rhonda@cedars-kids.org</p> | <p>Tuesday
June 15, 2010
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Reception/Guided Tours/Refreshments</p> |
| <p>5. Lancaster County Super Fair Foundation
Fundraising Dinner & Awards Banquet
Lancaster Event Center
RSVP: Ticket \$50/Person
441.6545 to purchase</p> | <p>Thursday
July 8, 2010
5:30 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner</p> |

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010**

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

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff
Rod Confer, City Attorney
Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff
Miki Esposito, Senior Policy Counsel
Steve Hubka, Finance Budget Officer
Sherry Wolf-Drbal, Budget Analyst

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

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With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. Public Building Commission (May 18, 2010) Carroll & Cook

Cook stated they discussed fixing the carpet squares, and are working on purchasing a new digital Dictaphone for Chambers. Waiting on monitor recommendations. Also made sure our approvals are in conformance with the Open Meetings Law.

Cook added the first floor of 555 S. 10th has offices being rearranged. The County may decide not to do updates now, with the PBC taking care of the new tenant, Human Services. Cook remarked on City Wellness activities, with many locations in the building.

Cook said the PBC discussed space heaters. Possibly use only safe space heaters, those which turn off automatically. There is also a concern space heaters interfere with the building's cooling / heating. Carroll added they use an extreme amount of energy. Cook pointed out that the County Sheriff's Office is celebrating their 150th anniversary.

2. Corrections Joint Public Agency Emery

Emery stated the JPA went over bills and the plan timeline. It appears we are both on budget and within the timeline. Spatz asked if they use a construction manager? Emery replied yes.

3. Downtown Lincoln Association Carroll

Due to conflicts Carroll could not attend the meeting.

4. Problem Resolution Team Emery

Emery stated in summer we find houses run down over the winter, and have 23 on monitor or open. Some cases may have 2nd and 3rd prosecution. Emery said it is an ongoing problem which will probably lead to receiving neighborhood requests to look at a more stringent policy on vacant and run down houses. Do know of a pot luck in Cook's district on a house vacant for 30 years. The PRT finds homes in almost every area. Spatz thought they were working on policy language. Emery commented when a policy comes forward some people think it is an infringement of their civil liberties, and we're trying to balance both ends. Cook added Carlson is working with the Law Department and Spatz has seen drafts. Emery stated they're not asking for anything extraordinary but actions taken in other towns. Every time a nuisance house is cleaned up it benefits the area. Spatz asked if there is a time frame on the language? Emery replied it has not been brought forward as of this time.

5. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission (NIZC) Camp

Camp stated the Commission goes through the end of this year. The NIZC has gone through design standards for the corridor and now making their final report to the Legislature on ideas. The last two meetings had Chambers present. Had five different options and narrowed to two or three. Camp said the idea is to come up with a situation to look at, with smaller cities and towns and Omaha and Lincoln working together. Some felt Lincoln and Omaha dominated. Trying to come up with an ongoing organization being composed of 11 representatives, with a part-time director, and many people coming in. Discussed working with Chambers and their offers. Camp said we're not in the corridor itself, but Lincoln and Omaha being the anchors. He appreciates any input Council may have on what the NIZC does, and ideas. Spatz said this committee was started when the State was suffering with financial issues. From a public policy perspective one of the most important areas in the State. Camp stated it is a very good organization and think possibly in the future may extend to the Grand Island or Kearney areas.

6. District Energy Corporation (DEC) Camp

Due to meeting conflicts Camp was unable to attend.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

1. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - Chamber Coffee

Carroll stated Marvin gave an update on the arena, and LPS presented their budget.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Esposito stated on the Audit Advisory Board, Jason Christensen would be the appointment applicant, and will wait for Council's decision. Do have a resolution prepared, ready to proceed.

Spatz said he received a letter from the Library Board asking if we wish to continue the previous process. Discussion. Spatz will inform the Library Board.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated none at this time.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Tentative Budget Calendar F.Y. 2010-2011; and
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Steve Hubka, Budget Director; Sherry Wolf-Drbal, Budget Analyst

Hubka noted the budget hearing schedule works from the bottom up. On August 23rd the general budget has to be adopted. A charter does deduct five days prior to the fiscal year as the last regular meeting to adopt. Leads to a final budget vote on August 11th, public hearing on August 9th. Do have publication requirements which would be on August 3rd, and then identify tentative changes to publish in the paper. After the meetings with listed departments, the last few years Council has wanted a Friday afternoon discussion among themselves. Up to Council and identified on schedule as July 23rd. The prior Monday is Public Works & Utilities, and others on the 13th and 14th, with the meetings held here. The budget release is scheduled sometime on the 12th. This is the schedule assembled and sent to departments barring changes Council may have.

Hornung asked if possible to have separate discussion with StarTran? Hubka replied Council could but they are part of July 19th, Public Works & Utilities. We could arrange on that day. Hoppe thought that was done in the past, division by division, but you would to be sure this happens? Hornung said possibly, as he doesn't want to just spend 10 minutes, they deserve time and discussion. He thought 30 minutes, if possible. Add to the end of Public Works & Utilities.

Spatz stated he will check the dates he'll be gone in August and let Sherry Wolf-Drbal know. Wolf-Drbal asked if Council would like them to hold? Do have departments asking as they're facing summer vacations, etc. Spatz said July is fine but will check as he doesn't want to be gone the 9th.

Snyder asked, Monday, July 26th we start at 9:00 a.m.? Cook stated last year was in the p.m. Both the tentative vote, and final vote. Have at 3:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 a.m.? Cook commented July 23rd is a 5:30 Council, meet at 3:00 p.m. for tentative votes, and at 5:30 p.m. have our Council meeting?

Spatz asked about Wednesday, August 11th. Cook wondered if Council would change to 3:00 p.m.? Discussion. Cook suggested a night meeting. Discussion and agreement on a 5:30 p.m. meeting on August 11th.

Snyder asked for clarification for Monday, July 19th, a Council day. Cook replied we extended a half hour, Council would start at 2:00 p.m., and this could be the pre-council. Hoppe asked if Council would want to go from 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m.? Cook added with no Directors Meeting.

The corrected schedule is Monday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m., and Wednesday, August 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Spatz stated on October 1st we will vote on the final tax rate, by State law. Hubka said he might list sooner, there is a deadline. Spatz thanked Wolf-Drbal and Hubka.

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| Snyder | No comments |
| Carroll | No comments |
| Emery | No comments |
| Cook | Brought up the email on who's responsibility it is to clean the Harris Overpass sidewalks between 9 th and 2 nd . Think a department responsibility. Also, who takes care of removing all jagged broken metal remnants from sidewalks? Meyer stated it has been sent to Public Works. |
| Spatz | Stated he had a gift, the third installation of the "Guide Book to Nebraska's Public Meeting Laws" for Cook. |
| Hornung | Asked if there has been a meeting of the Haymarket JPA? Snyder replied the first one is this Thursday. She sent Council the application on the formation of the JPA and now receiving feedback from a variety of parties. If you have any suggestions forward as quick as possible. |

Returning from Russia Hornung stated it made him appreciate our form of government. He explained the Russian form of government, their officials, and their motives, also stating there is a lack of following the law at the local level. On a even level people lives are much like American lives. The government bodies consist of 75% being one party and 25% divided among different parties. Cook stated they do not currently have free media. Hornung replied it is because the ruling party limits, and no one objects. The internet is free, but other than that the government runs the media, particularly TV.

Cook asked about dignitaries? Hornung replied he met the Chief Economic Advisor to Putan, also the person who runs the Election Commission for Russia. Hornung described his meetings with different individuals and gave antidotes from his trip.

Camp No comments.

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See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Spatz adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

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