

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2014
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO**

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7. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (Jan. 30) - Emery
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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2014

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

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:50 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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Minutes distributed to Council electronically and with no corrections placed on file in Council office.

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1. Public Building Commission (PBC) (Jan. 14) - Cook

Cook stated a letter received on why the old jail facility cannot be used for housing state prisoners. Space is primarily designated for County offices and as a wait station for County prisoners who come to court.

Cook gave brief updates on the following:

- Vending Services. Trying to coordinate all machines by mid-year. We receive 25% beverage commission, 15% on snacks. Now will be lowering our commissions for healthier snacks. Camp asked, who is "we"? Cook replied, ultimately the Building Commission. The County does separate from the City, and wanted their prices lower than the City. The City tried to raise money with the vending machine contracts. Camp asked if this was a joint Interlocal? Cook answered is not an Interlocal agreement. Hoppe added, we try to consolidate all the contracts into one for the purpose of putting it out. We were able to consolidate all City contracts, the County wanted to do separately. They wanted lower prices in some areas for employees who didn't have access to other areas. Camp asked, why is it the Public Building Commission grants the County what they want on the machines? We do not receive anything from the County, the "we" being the Public Building Commission. Cook said the Public Building Commission will be changing the contract to be in line with the County.
- Mike Lee, Maintenance, has been employed for numerous years and is very knowledgeable about all the buildings. He is retiring and we will hire a previous employer to replace.
- Cook stated we have a smoking policy for all campus buildings. We have not applied to E-Cigarettes yet. Discussing and possibly will change to cover E-Cigarettes.

2. Board of Health (Jan. 14)- Emery

Emery stated they discussed E-Cigarettes, the flu and the trend. Welcomed a new Board member.

3. Multicultural Committee (MAC) (Jan. 14) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated at the meeting they met a local high school student who won the YMCA student award. Then a brilliant young woman from Ethiopia spoke on her experiences in Lincoln high schools.

4. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) (Jan. 16) - Fellers

Fellers stated they completed review of the County interlocal agreement. At the next meeting will complete in order to move forward with the County Board and City Council. Then discussed indirect costs. An example is the County receiving some increases for several of their departments.

5. District Energy Corporation (DEC) (Jan. 21) - Camp

Camp stated he was unable to attend this meeting.

6. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) (Jan. 27) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers

Eskridge stated they discussed items, with bar owners, on how everything is going in their particular buildings and what they were seeing. Christensen added also had a very interesting conversation on the price of drinks. Some establishments in the Haymarket area are charging less than other areas outside of the Haymarket. Emery asked if possible to have a pre-council and discuss the trends seen since the 2:00 a.m. closing and server training? Eskridge replied they're working on it.

7. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (Jan. 30) - Emery

Emery stated the PRT is down to 5 properties, which will be tough to handle. In Court with a couple, 2 are joined together with people in bankruptcy. Trying to resolve. We have sent people to different cities to see how they're handling their code enforcement.

8. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (Jan. 28) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated the DLA is wrapping up discussion on bids which came through for the West Haymarket. Will prepare budgets to bring forward. Also received a presentation. Christensen stated they spoke on StarTran and possible changes we'd like to see happen in the future. John Baylor attended discussing possibly changing to a .25¢ fare. Tried in 2005 for a month with a 16% increase in ridership and we think it deserves a longer, larger experiment. The idea is to leverage StarTran into a true mass transit system to serve all of our future City's interests. Emery stated, just by sheer size we'll have public transportation, not going to have mass. It makes sense if you have mass, but you can't create. Christensen responded there are ideas which we'll bring forward. Emery replied he's open to ideas but are you saying there's going to be a way to create another 100,000 riders?

9. Lancaster Correctional Facility JPA (Jan. 28) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated the Correctional Facility JPA meets monthly. Received a report on the warehouse in the final stages of completion this spring.

III. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated as mentioned regarding the Engineering Services Review Committee, next week could you take action in order to have a Council Member join the committee? Emery replied we should look to see who has the least amount of committees and nominate them.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

None

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

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Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.