

CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
February 02, 2015
555 S. 10th
Bill Luxford Studio
Immediately following Directors' Meeting

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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015

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

Others: Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Chief of Staff; and Vicki Morehead, Temporary Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:14 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

1. Directors' Meeting minutes of January 12, 2015.
 2. Organizational Meeting minutes of January 12, 2015.
- With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council Office.

II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

1. Public Building Commission (PBC) (1.13.15) - Camp, Cook

Camp stated that the framing of the Chinese photographs that were on display will cost somewhere around \$750. The council would like to have a couple of these photographs for the Bill Luxford Studio.

Camp also stated that the council chambers are in transition from the current standard definition electronic equipment to high definition equipment.

Cook stated the PBC will now be using contract management software to send out letters automatically when the contract expiration is nearing.

2. Board of Health (1.13.15) - Emery

Emery stated he had to leave the meeting after voting due to a prior engagement and will provide an update next month.

3. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) (1.13.15) - Eskridge

Eskridge was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

4. District Energy Corporation (DEC) (1.20.15) - Camp

Camp stated there was extensive discussion on how we buy futures. District energy follows some of the same purchase policies as LES. Due to the prices of natural gas and gas prices he suggested reviewing the purchase policies. District energy is in the process of replacing ammonia chillers which have raised some environmental questions. We are looking to possibly build a district energy plant near the Department of Roads and at the Diagnostic and Evaluation Center on West Van Dorn. There has also been some discussion about putting a facility within the Federal Parking Garage to replace the aging boilers in the Federal Building.

All officers were re-elected

5. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (1.29.15) - Emery

Emery stated that the PRT has 5 active cases right now and are monitoring several others. One of those just recently went into bankruptcy so our hope is that now the bank will take care of that property in South Lincoln and get that cleared up. We are making headway.

The PRT is appreciative of the legislation that was passed a couple of weeks ago that allows the money that they spend that is collected back to go back to the PRT so we will have money to continue.

Emery also stated there is a property on South 9th that used to be used to be Azalia Land that will be an issue. It is going to be difficult to deal with because it has underground tanks and contamination and will be a considerable cost for cleanup. The state is assisting in testing the contamination level of the property.

6. Community Learning Center Leadership Council (CLC) (1.23.15) - Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated the meeting included a presentation from Barb Bartels about the next stage of the Vital Signs Effort which is a community engagement piece trying to pull together people from all over Lincoln to talk about what action steps should be taken based on the data from the Vital Signs Report.

Kate Boles in the state legislature has brought forward a bill that doesn't have any funding attached to it but would put in place a framework for future state support of Community Learning Centers so while there is no promise of revenue this is something that would need to be there if the state was going to attach revenue to CLCs locally.

7. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) (1.26.15) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers

Eskridge stated the ILC is working on their relationship with the State Liquor Commission and when the council votes to oppose a particular permit how it is communicated to the Liquor Commission. There have been some issues relative to criminal reports that some of the applicants have had where they don't seem to be getting all the information or pertinent information in and we're working with them on making sure that all the applicants get what they need to report things accurately.

8. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) (1.27.15) - Emery, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated the JBC meeting consisted of a presentation from Sara Hoyle, the new Human Services Administrator, about her background, why she is passionate about human services issues and some of the things she is interested in pursuing. She will also eventually be taking over some of the Veterans' Affairs work. It is currently unclear who will be taking over her former duties as the Juvenile Justice Coordinator.

10. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (WHJPA) (1.29.15)- Emery

Emery stated that now that the bike path has been approved there was an agreement to go back and take \$56,000 to continue that bike path down into 8th and 9th.

Emery also stated that there will be a standard increase in the architectural fees that they were guaranteed when they signed the contract 5 years ago. We are almost to the point now where we don't need much architecture done, so this is not much of an issue.

11. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (1.27.15) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird

Eskridge stated that the new Center Team Captain introduced himself to the DLA Board.

A report about the N Street bike lane progress and how it will impact businesses along N Street in particular was presented.

A survey was conducted of residents, business owners and employees about downtown and things that they want to see, are seeing, problems they have.

Gaylor Baird provided the following statistics from the survey:

1,421 respondents

Age of respondents: 25-34 - 30% 18-24 - 26% 35-49 - 22% 50-64 - 17%

50-50 gender split

The survey went out to businesses, on social media, and in their newsletter.

When people were asked what their top priority was for downtown, picking only one:

1) More businesses, 2) More residential amenities, 3) Walkable/bikable,

When they were asked just for a vision of downtown with one word:

1) Vibrant, 2) Clean, 3) Fun, 4) Safe

When they were able to list a lot of priorities, people could choose more than one:

65% Recruit more businesses and fill vacant storefronts

52% Encourage entrepreneurship

51% Walkable/bikable

Gaylor Baird will request that the survey results are sent to the Council.

III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated he has been in contact with Kent Seacrest regarding a Pre-Council PowerPoint presentation about 2015 Pillars that would talk about 2015 vision.

Eskridge stated the presentation retraces where we've come from in the whole project. Seacrest does a counter clockwise circle of the whole city, starting in Northeast Lincoln, going all the way around and back to Northeast Lincoln. It includes everything from the south beltway to the east beltway to a lot of projects in between.

Hoppe also discussed trying small group council meetings the third week of February. There are a couple of negotiation related matters that need to be discussed.

Hoppe also addressed that some had showed concern because the Two for Trees donation program was listed as a funding source for the N Street bike path. The funding sources that were listed were for every item associated with the bike path and some of those items are indeed trees. There will be tree planting in medians and those pieces, and that's what those dollars are going for. They are not going toward concrete or anything outside of the scope of the Two for Trees program.

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