

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of March 23, 2009.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of March 23, 2009.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

- *1. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Eschliman)
- 2. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission Meeting (Camp)
- 3. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting (Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

- 1. As part of the Public Policy Center's 10 year Anniversary, Senator Ben Nelson will give a talk on "Civic Engagement and Public Participation: Democracy's April Showers and May Flowers". The talk is part of the Husker Spiritfest Alumni Weekend and is free and open to the public. On Friday, April 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Campus Student Union Auditorium - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM MARCH 30, 2009.**

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair
Doug Emery, Vice Chair
Jonathan Cook
John Spatz

Absent: Jon Camp
Ken Svoboda
Dan Marvin

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor
Denise Pearce, Aide to the Mayor
Chad Blahak, Stimulus Coordinator

Chair Eschliman opened the meeting at 12:00 noon and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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- The above minutes approved by acclamation.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

***1. Joint Budget Committee Meeting Emery/Eschliman**

Emery stated they first discussed predator lending and pay advance, and the ramifications on Lincoln's poor. In many states the Federal Government has put in a 30%/35% interest top to be charged. Very interested in as it has a profound effect on Lincoln's poor.

Talked about the potential statewide changes to Region V on mental health and how it filters down with or without State funding, as people still need the services. State level discussion on funding and how they are going to restructure.

Discussed the impact the economy has on foundations and the non-profits who receive their grants. Now probably more at risk needs with less money.

Eschliman asked for the State Legislature thoughts on predator lending? Emery replied Senator Nantkes' bill was not a priority bill and will not go forward. Pearce added neither bill got out of committee. Emery stated there is a strong lobby against doing anything with predatory lenders. It is a business and we don't want to put them out of business. This way people would know to make changes or at some point would be legislated. It is a problem with the number of institutions in Lincoln, and the fact people get in so deep there is slight chance of getting out.

2. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission Meeting Camp

No report.

3. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda

Spatz stated the ILC received Cornhusker Detox admittance data showing some increase in the average DAC. Some reported their last drink at different downtown locations, with an average DAC of over point two. A bar war is going on with the cost of certain drinks lower and the ILC will meet and address this item.

Emery asked how final number validity was established? Spatz replied it is a huge problem and concern. Someone intoxicated may say where he had the final drink but the largest share of drinking was done at a different location. Emery thought some would not say where they had the last drink, or not be honest. Spatz added quite a few come from their own homes. Eschliman stated police do pick up individuals at bars. Spatz stated the bars wouldn't be penalized but would be called in to discuss. The ILC tries to determine where people drink to the point of being impaired, and sees patterns with certain bars.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS (Attachment A)

Pearce stated Cook's term is up on the Parks & Rec Advisory Board, Svoboda's term is up on the Board of Health, and Blome's term on the Audit Advisory Board. The Audit Advisory Board is a three year term but staggered appointments to have one each year of the Mayor's capital appointments. Blome fulfills requirements of having a CPA background, and will check to see if he is willing to continue.

Eschliman asked why the Library Board serves for seven years? Hoppe replied they consider themselves a working board, and like to develop expertise over time, more than two or three years, looking ahead several years. Eschliman stated that is a popular committee, having multiple applications. Possibly have the term adjusted?

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated Krout requested a pre-council on the Comprehensive Amendment Plan for the year. Possibly May 4th or 11th. Also discussed an Audit Committee report and the CAFR report, which will be scheduled. Pearce added it was requested to wait until after tax season for the CPA's. Emery thought to do before the election, for members of this Board before they leave.

The Mayor's office is starting a budget public engagement campaign. Last year worked with the Public Policy Center, who submitted a \$40,000 Sloan foundation application for another all-day session at the Cornhusker. The focus will be a little different, discussing specific services, costs, performance measures and what people are willing to tolerate. They agreed to an on-line survey, even without the Sloan Funding, and will devise and forward to the City at no cost. If Sloan Foundation money is received there will be an all day session where approximately 60/70 citizens will be picked at random. Emery asked if they receive input into the questions? Hoppe replied absolutely with most questions around Tier Three and Lower Tier Two services. An example; here's what the service does, what prompted the budget, what causes your property tax and options to deal with the issue. Five private sector people have donated 60 hours to help the Mayor put the budget together this year.

Hoppe stated on the Fourth of July “Larry, the Cable Guy” will do a show at the University of Nebraska. Discussions held between the City and University about logistics of having tens of thousands of people within 10 blocks. To compromise the City will move their firework celebration to Friday, July 3rd, at Oak Lake Park, including a baseball game. The next day the Salt Dogs play and the City and University will work on July 4th activities usually at Oak Lake Park but this year near the University stadium with the highlight being “Larry, the Cable Guy” and another firework show. With two days of events there are increased costs, and worked out the City will receive \$3,000 to help with expenses.

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emery	No comment
Spatz	No comment
Cook	No comment
Eschliman	No comment

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

MEMO

TO: City Council
FROM: Denise Pearce
Aide to the Mayor
DATE: April 6, 2009
RE: Boards and Commissions Update

Council Vote in April

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Lisa Olivares	Multicultural Advisory Committee	9.18.11 (New)

By Executive Order

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Barbara Arndt	Audit Advisory Board	3.2.12 (Reappt.)

For Council Consideration

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Jonathan Cook	Parks and Rec Advisory Board	4.17.10
Ken Svoboda	Board of Health	TBD
Todd Blome	Audit Advisory Board	3.1.12