

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of September 14, 2009.
2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of September 14, 2009.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Labor Negotiations & Litigation - September 16, 2009.

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

1. Lincoln Community Learning Centers Leadership Council Meeting (Emery)
2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Hornung)

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. Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Builds Celebrate 2 new homes; Celebrations: 1.) On Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at 7020 Platte Avenue and 2.) On Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at 3319 "X" Street - (See Invitation)
2. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce 'Business After Hours' on Thursday, September 24, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Residence Inn Marriott, 5865 Bobili Lanne - \$10/person - RSVP by Sept. 22nd to Jaime Henning by e-mail - (See Invitation)

3. Child Guidance Center's 7th Annual Leader in Children's Mental Health Award Breakfast on Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at The Nebraska Club, 233 South 13th Street, 20th floor of the U.S. Bank Building - \$20/person - RSVP by Oct. 7th - (See Invitation)
4. Lancaster County Medical Society 'Teach a Kid to Fish'- Community Summit for Prevention of Childhood Obesity on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at BryanLGH, 1600 S. 48th Street - (See Invitation)
5. REALTORS Association of Lincoln 90th Installation & Awards Banquet on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at The Lodge at Wilderness Ridge, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place - 5:30 p.m., Social; 6:30 p.m., Dinner; 7:30 p.m., Program - RSVP by Oct. 2nd at 441-3620 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)
6. Lied Center's 20th Anniversary Party! on Friday, September 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lied Center for Performing Arts - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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Present: Doug Emery, Chair
Jon Camp
Adam Hornung
Jayne Snyder

Absent: John Spatz, Vice Chair
Jonathan Cook
Eugene Carroll

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor
Trish Owen, Aide to the Mayor
Patty Pansing-Brooks, Aide to the Mayor

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:35 pm and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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The above minutes were approved by acclamation.

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1. Lincoln Community Learning Centers Leadership Council Meeting Emery

Emery stated this committee and the Joint Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for the same time. Councilman Emery did not attend this meeting.

2. Joint Budget Committee Meeting Emery/Hornung

Emery stated they discussed meeting on October 16th to talk about the direction of JBC and if to continue supporting all the agencies they now support, with their finite amount of money.

The Committee discussed repeating a success using approximately \$50,000 to offer people tax return assistance. This ultimately benefitted the City in the amount of approximately \$4,00,000 over a 2 year period. This item will be discussed on the 16th with the City and County Board determining if the JBC should repeat.

Hornung gave further explanation of the tax program which helps people with tax returns, often on applying for income and other credits applicable, resulting in money received by participants and hopefully generating income for Lincoln. He added the program helps set up saving accounts, and encourages use of money to help sustain people longer. This is classified as assistance, no money received directly, but results in families realizing the significance of savings and the use of

their monies. Hornung added they are trying to get better information for agencies providing services. Now tracking services which gives data on the number who work with agencies or if we are serving a totally different group. Emery added there is a system but everyone is not listed yet.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Hoppe stated nothing at this time.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated he had clarifications on Mr. Gardner's sidewalk problem. Mr. Camp had talked with Public Works and the Mayor's office communicated with Gardner and walked the area. Mr. Gardner, as a taxpayer, wants the sidewalks fixed. However, between things done and sidewalks in other City areas, it would be difficult to move his sidewalk up the priority list. Hoppe added Councilman Camp indicated to Public Works that he would like a report to Council regarding the sidewalk plan. Does Council want a sidewalk discussion, or a written report? Camp commented Mr. Gardner is adamant about his needs. Do not want a lot of time/effort spent administratively but want money put into repairing sidewalks, no matter where they're at. In the last couple budgets one million per year was budgeted. Want a "do it mode".

Hoppe thought an issue would be the amount of money, as the City is far behind, and if accelerating into different types of sidewalks will need additional dollars or a different plan. Camp commented Public Works has previously said it costs \$3,000 to stripe from one side of a street to the other for pedestrian crossings. With 12,000 intersections take the money and put into sidewalks. If we can correct Mr. Gardner's problem at one time it would be a consideration.

Snyder thought Public Works clarified and set priorities. She stated not just one area of town, but various areas have very dangerous sidewalks. Very hard to set priorities, which Public Works does, plus we need to look at the budget. Asked if some money related to trails was available for sidewalks? Camp added a big question would be, why with all the dollars it seems like sidewalks, which we inventory, are not a priority? Snyder thought some stimulus money was related to transportation and modes of transportation. Hoppe said he would check.

Emery suggested a Pre-Council to talk about where we are, the priorities, if we're keeping up, or falling behind, and formulate a plan. Hoppe agreed. Emery stated part of the issue is we put in a process without necessarily having a funding mechanism.

Camp requested to have curbs, sewer inlets and snow removal included. Emery stated if money is deferred from street paving to sidewalks/curbs we will not have anything paved. We can spread just so far, and should discuss. Camp added he also would want preventive steps. Emery commented Council will have to decide what the funding mechanisms are and then move forward.

Hoppe asked if the Pre-Council could be scheduled for October 5th? Emery stated he will check the Council calendar but at this time would be all right.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

None

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Snyder	No comments
Hornung	No comments
Camp	No comments
Emery	No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

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