

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**  
**(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)**  
**COUNTY/CITY BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of November 9, 2009.
2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting of November 9, 2009.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: 2010 LES Budget & Rate Adjustments - November 2, 2009.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Carroll/Cook) - CANCELLED
2. Information Services Policy Committee Meeting (Carroll)
3. Joint PRAB/LPF Meeting (Cook)
4. Lincoln Community Learning Centers Leadership Council Meeting (Emery)
5. Board of Health Meeting (Snyder)
6. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Spatz)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced**

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS -**

1. Discussion continued on the Mayor's proposal for handling requests for information.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

## **VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -**

1. Phares Park, Master Plan Open House on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Elevate Church, 8251 Pioneers Blvd. - (See Invitation)
2. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunger and Homeless Recognition Event on Monday, November 23, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Center for People in Need, 3901 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street - (See Invitation)
3. College of Business Administration Holiday Mixer on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Champions Club, 707 Stadium Drive - RSVP by Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Jamie Dick at 472-0691 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)
4. Fall 2009 Lincoln Police Department Academy Graduation & Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn, Lincoln Ballroom, 141 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street - Reception Following - Please RSVP - (See Invitation)
5. You and a guest are invited to a holiday dinner onboard The Holiday Express - In recognition of those who serve our country on Friday, December 4, 2009 - 5:30 p.m., Presentation Honoring The Families of our Military - 6:00 p.m., Hors D'oeuvres Followed by Dinner - The Holiday Express train will be at Lincoln Station in the 200 block of North 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the Haymarket area - RSVP by Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> to Bob Munguia to 458-7738 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

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

**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 2:11 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting, November 9, 2009.
2. Minutes from City Council Organizational Meeting, November 9, 2009.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes-RE:2010 LES Budget & Rate Adjustments, November 2, 2009.

With no corrections, additions, or deletions the above minutes were adopted.

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

**1. Public Building Commission Meeting Carroll/Cook**

This meeting was cancelled.

**2. Information Services Policy Committee Meeting Carroll**

Carroll stated Information Services proposed a flat rate budget. Also working on cost per computer for Windows 7. Cook asked for flat rate explanation. Carroll replied now all work charged on time spent. They looked at five years of data deciding they could bill a flat rate regardless of time. Cook commented they'll keep track of time, but charge X amount no matter what they work on? Carroll stated they calculated their work hours over five years which showed what the flat rate would be monthly. Have had a problem not receiving timely payments. Hoppe added they will bill an amount departments can budget for. If yearly department hours exceed the budgeted amount they will adjust the next year, and the flat rate goes up. Cook added a flat charge, whether you use the service or not.

Carroll commented one problem was with departments at the end of their budgets for IS help, and not fixing a computer. Now they won't say they can't afford at the end of the year, as it is a flat rate.

**3. Joint PRAB/LPF Meeting Cook**

Cook stated he was unable to attend.

**4. Lincoln Community Learning Centers Leadership Council Meeting Emery**

Emery was unable to attend the meeting.

Pansing-Brooks attended a presentation demonstrating how the Learning Center teaches in the summer. Joined in the Nebraska historical presentation which provided the participants the opportunity to make butter while singing a song from the past, as they do with the children.

**5. Board of Health Meeting Snyder**

Snyder was unable to attend the meeting. The minutes should be out shortly.

**6. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting Spatz**

Spatz was unable to attend this meeting but the previous meeting was held at the Sheldon Art Gallery with discussion on the display of cultures in the arts.

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Hoppe stated none at this time. Questioned who will attend the Lincoln Cares Board with the answer being Councilman Hornung. Pansing-Brooks said there will be a meeting in December.

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR (Attachment A)**

Hoppe said first is the Taking Charge Process, examining data indicators going into the program prioritization. Will discuss the strategic direction the City is going into the next budget cycle. The attachment is meetings preparation. First is City Stat Meetings. The directors are giving indicators which we will define. At the four meetings groups will come forward explaining the indicators.

Hoppe stated they discuss how, and where, we're going, and developing strategies. The first meetings will be followed by Program Prioritization Meetings. Using information from the City Stat Meetings and the strategizing data, will re-prioritize programs and discuss where to focus City government. The City Council can attend any meeting. The hope was for a couple Council meetings at each topic. It's important as we prepare that all have information exposure being put forward.

Emery said last year when prioritizing had mandatory items. Hoppe commented it is probably a topic to discuss with Council. We cannot really put a value on these mandated programs as we have to do. Emery added we can be more realistic in some areas which we have to elevate.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. Discussion on Mayor's Proposal for Handling Information Requests. (Continued)**

Emery stated Council discussed with the Mayor, asking if Council wants changes to the requested policy? Hoppe stated Councilman Cook suggested Council Members be the ones to decide whether the information goes to colleagues. The Mayor would agree on this. Emery commented Council will try and later may come back and define. Hoppe said the Mayor, and his office, is open to the idea.

Emery thought important to re-establish the Mayor attending some meetings, and if needed more, we'll ask that he attend.

Cook stated Council could have written clarification regarding a phone call question without the staff member stating we need to submit in writing. Hoppe stated a clarification between quick information points and actual policy questions or department in-depth research will be worked on.

Hornung said he was a little concerned on all calls going to the Mayor. Hoppe questioned if concerned with asking for an information point from a director? The Mayor's Office is interested in policy questions and those requiring more work, from a management perspective and so a policy, not necessarily agreed with, isn't inadvertently conveyed to Council. Emery stated his expectation is the person responds to Council Members immediately, and then if they go to the Mayor it would be fine. Hoppe said directors should reply and then tell the Mayor's Office. Emery added if Council consistently waits, or doesn't get answers, we would need to address.

Camp stated is he serious about staff. Pansing-Brooks is leaving and the fact the Mayor, through his funding, has other personnel like Mumgaard and Marvin. Can we get the Mayor to delegate the funds paid to Pansing-Brooks and maybe hire someone? Hoppe stated they cannot do, plus there is no one to do the legislative agenda next year, and oversee departments Pansing-Brooks handled. Regarding Mumgaard and Carlson, both had specific money for specific purposes. Mumgaard is paid with federal funds. Occasionally give him a local duty, but he works on the Sustainability Program. Carlson isn't located in the Mayor's department. He works on the Stronger Neighborhood Program. Hoppe said discussion should be among Council on how to address.

Camp said regarding federal stimulus money Council is involved in projects and feel for us to deal with the developments need staff. There is \$9 million which came from Washington, why can't Council get a little? Hoppe replied two reasons. Do not believe they would allow us to fund staff, unless they address an issue associated with stimulus money. Secondly, you see what happened at the State level. If using stimulus one-time money as operating budget it creates a tremendous hole. In this case feel the appropriate way is through the regular budget process for a position. Spatz agreed with Hoppe adding if Council wants staff we need to find a way to budget for the position.

## **VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No comments from Council Members

Patty Pansing-Brooks thanked all Council Members for the privilege of serving and working with everyone, and for the kind words. She considered it a privilege working with everyone. Going back into the private sector. She stated she is a huge advocate of the City and City Council and what is being done, with the amount of work required by Members, as well as the work the Mayoral staff is under. Know everyone is working their hardest for this community and am very grateful and know others will be. Individual Council Members thanked Pansing-Brooks for her work with the City.

## **VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**Taking Charge Process 2010-2011 Budget  
Indicator Review “City Stat” Meetings & Program Prioritization Meetings**

**City Stat Meetings**

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| ■ Meeting #1: Monday December 7 <sup>th</sup>     | 9A-11A     |
| ▶ Safety & Security                               | 1.5 hours  |
| ▶ Identity Lincoln                                | .50 hour   |
| ■ Meeting #2: Thursday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> | 1P-3P      |
| ▶ Economic Opportunity                            | 1.25 hours |
| ▶ Environmental Quality                           | .75 hour   |
| ■ Meeting #3: Friday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 8A-10A     |
| ▶ Healthy & Productive People                     | 1.5 hours  |
| ▶ Effective Transportation                        | .5 hour    |
| ■ Meeting #4: Tuesday December 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 8A-10A     |
| ▶ Livable Neighborhoods                           | 1.5 hours  |
| ▶ Accountable Government                          | .5 hour    |

**Program Prioritization Meetings**

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| ■ Meeting #1: January 13 <sup>th</sup> 1p-5p   |  |
| ▶ Safety & Security                            |  |
| ▶ Identity Lincoln                             |  |
| ■ Meeting #2 January 14 <sup>th</sup> 1p-5p    |  |
| ▶ Economic Opportunity                         |  |
| ▶ Environmental Quality                        |  |
| ■ Meeting #3 January 15 <sup>th</sup> 1p-5p    |  |
| ▶ Healthy & Productive People                  |  |
| ▶ Effective Transportation                     |  |
| ■ Meeting #4 January 19 <sup>th</sup> 8a- noon |  |
| ▶ Livable Neighborhoods                        |  |
| ▶ Accountable Government                       |  |