CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
555 S. 10th, ROOM 113

I. MINUTES
1. Director’s Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2010.
2. Organizational Meetings Minutes of March 8, 2010.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES
1. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp
2. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Carroll, Emery, Hornung
3. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook
5. Board of Health Meeting - Snyder
6. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Spatz

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Chamber “Small Business Lobby Day”
   State Capitol Building
   $15/Person
   March 16, 2010 - Tuesday
   RSVP - 474.3570

2. Chamber “Business After Hours”
   Hampton Inn & Suites - Northeast
   7343 Husker Circle (N. 27th/I-80)
   $10/Person
   March 25, 2010 - Thursday
   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
   RSVP by March 23

3. Governor’s Arts Awards
   Cornhusker Hotel, Main Ballroom
   333 S. 13th Street
   $25/Person
   April 6, 2010 - Tuesday
   12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
   RSVP by March 23
4. Clinic with a Heart, 5th Annual Rx for Hope
Nebraska Alumni Champions Club
707 Stadium Drive
$50/Person

April 30, 2010- Friday
6:30 p.m.-Registration/Silent Auction
7:30 p.m.-Program/Live Auction
9:00 p.m.-Entertainment, Dessert

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

Others Present: Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff
                Rod Confer, City Attorney
                Miki Esposito, Senior Policy Counsel

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:12 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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   With no corrections the above minutes were adopted.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp
   Camp reported the committee will review their financing, As they want rating agencies to see as one entity. Properties like the jail, and eventually the arena, will be a major change. Also, received bids of the District Energy jail project which are approximately 20% to 25% lower. This means over twenty years the campus utilities charged to the JPA and jail may be amortized, with the jail paying less monthly utility costs.

2. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD)- Carroll, Emery, Hornung
   Hornung stated they review the budget. Cash held by the County is $696,183.00 with the RTSD checking account at $5.2 million. Cash in investments is $5.66 million. The operating budget was estimated at $73,400.00. Rail crossing improvements estimated at $300,000.00 and a construction budget of $9.1 million.

   Cook asked for the status of the S.W. 40th Street bridge and the South Quiet Zone? Emery replied they are in the process of completing all work. Deciding design where we may have possible intersection issues. Do have preliminary numbers and also discussed possibly routing the Amtrak line differently. This may save the RTSD having to do a quiet zone at possibly two intersections.

   Emery stated for the 40th Street bridge and the one by Hickman they’re dealing with design. Cook commented both are way behind schedule. Hornung added they have $2.3 million left to spend out of $2.4 million. Cook asked if the S. W. Bridge is going to be two lane, but can be added onto? Camp commented a RUTS process.
3. **Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll**

Carroll reported they discussed the County wanting a new fiber optics ran to the new jail, costing approximately $150,000. Grants are available which could cover up to 7% of the cost. We have fiber at the Engineering Services, at the Fire Station on West O, but they want to run from this building to the new jail. Looking at the cost and how to pay.

Carroll added they are still working on the voice-over Internet, per call, per phone system. The County decided at this time to opp out. The ISPC is looking for a consultant to give a cost benefit analysis for the system, and also investigating the price for the consultant.

Still working on Thin Clients, a reduction cost for computer purchases for the next few years, and obtaining different prices from vendors.

Working on the Google RFI. Now looking at information from all different private and public sources. Besides sending to Google, they provide the City of Lincoln with a great snapshot of where we are today with digital city, etc. It gives us information which we didn’t have in one place, a real benefit for this application.

Carroll stated Interlinc will be split between City and County. The City will go to the CIC to develop their web pages with a little higher resolution than the County side. The County sees people using dial up to access the County website, the City is being more digital. Cook asked how separated are they? Carroll replied the main page and when opening items the County does not want to go to high speed and do not want to enhance their website. Cook commented the IS Department is City and County, who on the County side doesn’t want? Elected officials, various departments? Carroll replied the County Board made the decision.

4. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook**

Cook reported the meeting was cancelled as they had a presentation on the Haymarket Arena by Dan Marvin.

5. **Board of Health Meeting - Snyder**

Snyder stated one topic of concern are the pregnant illegal immigrants in the State of Nebraska. In Lincoln the number is over 50 who need prenatal and medical care. Part of the City County job description of responsibility is how to get these women appropriate care. The number will grow as now only counting current pregnant women. The State, Medicaid, doesn’t pay for health care, prenatal care, and we, as the City County Health Department, try to find the needed care.

Snyder then presented a study by Lincoln/Lancaster County on adolescent behaviors and trends in 2009 in the City and County. With a survey completed showing one behavior was alcohol trends. It showed that in 2009 the usage of alcohol decreased in high school. Tobacco trends also decreased, as did the use of other drugs. The 2009 trends showed how physical activity improved and there was a reduction in violence. The handout will be Council’s packets.

6. **Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Spatz**

Spatz stated they received City hiring data for the last few years, and noticed low turnover. The MAC looked at non-white hiring. An interesting point is if someone was from Iran (s)he would be listed as white. Many Hispanic cultures would be listed as white, along with many South American cultures. Wonder how useful the data is as the definition isn’t what people thought. One item possibly is seeing if we can change the way we define at a local level.
OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
Esposito stated there is the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council appointments and reappointments for hearing next week. Two new and six reappointments. Items #34 and #35 on today’s agenda.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
None

V. MISCELLANEOUS
Emery asked Council to review the pre-council list. Will accept the dates if everyone agrees. An ambitious schedule and if anyone has anything specific to look at in the new contract it should be to John by this Friday.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Snyder No comments
Carroll No comments
Camp No comments
Spatz Reiterated the 29th should be scheduled for roundabout pre-council before the meeting. But thought they were also scheduled from 4 pm to 5 pm at North Star High School, possibly some confusion.
Hornung No comments
Cook No comments
Emery No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.