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   1. Public Health in Nebraska
      with Richard Raymond, M.D.
      Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department
      3140 N Street, Training Center
      RSVP: Elaine Severe esevere@lincoln.ne.gov
      Tuesday January 11, 2011
      5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

   2. Tabitha President and Chief Executive
      Officer Christie Hinrichs’ Installation
      Sheridan Lutheran Church
      6955 Old Cheney Road, 68516
      Friday February 4, 2011
      3:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011

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

Others:  Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff
Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff
Rod Confer, City Attorney

Chair Spatz opened the meeting at 2:06 p.m. 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. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook
   Cook stated the PBC discussed the Human Services office renovation, and finalized the plan for the City Attorney’s office, now more efficient with one hallway. Camp asked if there was a second exit? Cook replied they have two exits, and before reconfiguration had three.

   The PBC did reach a settlement on the carpet problems. Camp asked what were the problems? Cook responded the Personnel Department carpet has obvious seams, badly laid, and a manufacturing default. Carroll added believe it to be a carpet design flaw. Cook stated they also approved a number of contracts, which may come to Council.

2. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) - Hornung, Snyder, Spatz
   Spatz stated the ILC continues discussing cab services in Lincoln, working with the Public Service Commission and cab companies. Within a few months will have a pre-council on ideas to improve cab service from midnight to three in the morning. Believe the demand is there, which would also help with public safety. The ILC will schedule a hearing to discuss in February or March, which would include the Public Service Commission, cab companies, some bar owners, the University, and the public. The Commission believes they may have potential solutions, now in the thought stage.

   Spatz commented an ILC activity is bar self assessment. Developing a self assessment tool with a bar agreeing to participate. They’ll look at internal policies, staffing, training, different lighting, and other various items. We will see how successful this proves and if useful may be a tool to use with bars who are struggling some to see their weaknesses, and where improvements can be made.
The ILC will receive an update on server training, part of the 2:00 a.m. close. Lincoln has been used as a model across the State for this training, with the State Liquor Control Group very interested. Included in the ILC pre-council we will probably receive update on the mandatory server training.

Camp asked if the server training has started? Spatz replied the ILC hopes to bring on next fall, or sooner, but when the ordinance was passed hoped to have within a year. Do not see why this wouldn’t happen. Camp stated the cabs have Haymarket contact/service, and every year Herb Freeman advertises on certain holidays he’ll provide cab service. Curious to see what kind of people participate and possibly we could learn from his experience. Spatz answered there are solutions in other cities with ideas such as specific places to park cabs at certain times, and the enforcement. Believe we can change people’s habits at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. Now hearing from bar owners that now people do not have a thought process to get a cab, because it is difficult. We need to start changing habits and behaviors. Part is making cabs more accessible.

Snyder stated she received a report cabs were available at one location. This is an item we’re trying to improve, and need three or four cab places. Spatz added the ILC is looking at having a hearing, bringing everyone, including the public, together. Within a few months should have a solution.

3. Board of Health - Snyder
Councilwoman Snyder was unable to attend.

4. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Snyder
Snyder stated they will hold a special meeting this Friday as they did not have time to review certain contracts. All should have the minutes from the last meeting. As seen on the web, numerous material is being reviewed. Snyder commented one main item noted is the contract between the JPA and General Excavating.

Snyder added on Friday’s agenda is discussion of contracts for the Amtrack platform and building. Confer stated one item to be resolved is between Burlington Northern and Amtrack, and will be done by Friday. Snyder commented they are moving along well with the JPA keeping everyone informed.

5. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
Emery stated this is the slow time of year for the PRT, with less health issues. They have been working on strategies to deal with the most critical and egregious. At least two properties have been on the PRT for four years. Now looking at civil resolution and hope to push forward. Still want a pre-council in order for the PRT to present what they are accomplishing.

6. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Spatz
Spatz stated the committee approved two bills, a usual monthly item. There will be an update in January on building facility issues and within a couple of months hopefully have more data regarding Wells Fargo and payments.

7. Keno Committee - Emery
Emery stated the Keno Committee meets on January 4th. They have $81,000 in requests and $30,000 to fund, adding they do distribute their Keno money twice a year.
III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
Owen distributed hand out from Pearce on appointments/reappointments.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
None

V. MISCELLANEOUS
Spatz stated is past years Pearce served as the liaison between Council and Administration. Hoppe added in the past they had a member of Council, a point person, to work with, a good relationship and would like to replicate. Spatz commented there will be issues this year for the City Council and Administration, and asked for input from Council Members. Emery said it seems it should be assigned to the Vice Chair, so we’ll have two years continuity, or someone else, not the Chair as that position changes often.

Spatz added this year he would like more briefings, here, as to where we think we are, and who we’re using for lobbyists. Updating, not necessarily a complete presentation, but as things change. As we get into the budget season would like to know what’s going on for the City’s interests. Does anyone want to volunteer as the liaison? Once in a while Pearce will ask you to testify.

Carroll nominated Spatz, adding for continuity. Second by Hornung. Spatz commented he encourages all Council Members to be engaged legislatively this year. Want to discuss items periodically and if needed City Council Members should be available to talk to State Senators.

Snyder stated there is a social event where we have access to Senators. Spatz commented all Members should attend and know your State Senator, and have them know you. Hoppe said in response to have more information from Council perhaps a good time to get together and talk about it would be after bill introduction, when we have a firm understanding of what we face. Pearce will attend, probably on the 24th.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Camp No comments
Snyder No comments
Carroll No comments
Cook No comments
Emery No comments
Hornung No comments
Spatz No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Spatz adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.