CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR’S MEETING

I. MINUTES
1. Director’s Meeting of June 20, 2011.
2. Organizational Meeting of June 20, 2011.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES
1. Board of Health Meeting - Snyder
2. MPO Officials Committee - Carroll, Hornung
3. Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge
4. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Snyder
5. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll
6. Lancaster County Correctional Joint Public Agency - Carroll
7. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
8. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Eskridge, Hornung, Snyder
9. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Emery, Eskridge

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - TBA

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Annual Everett Neighborhood Festival  
   “E” Street Between 11th and 12th Streets  
   RSVP: None requested  
   Questions: 402.477.3191
   July 10, 2011  
   Sunday  
   4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

2. Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal  
   Church 140 Year Celebration  
   1225 South 9th Street  
   RSVP: Marilyn JohnsonFarr at  
   marilyn.johnsonfarr@doane.edu
   July 29, 30 and 31, 2011  
   Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
   See Invitation for Activities

3. Chamber “Savor the City”  
   Business After Hours  
   Cornhusker Marriott Hotel  
   333 S. 13th Street  
   RSVP: None requested
   August 25, 2011  
   Thursday  
   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, (2:10 p.m.) Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; Carl Eskridge; and Jayne Snyder

Others: Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Rod Confer, City Attorney

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Law.

I. MINUTES
   1. Director’s Meeting of June 20, 2011.
   2. Organizational Meeting of June 20, 2011.
      With no corrections the above minutes were accepted.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. **Board of Health Meeting - Snyder**
   Snyder stated the Community Health Endowment Fund would provide some funding for Channel 10, the City Health Channel. Also, there are 30 sites where meals for children are provided this summer. The Board approved the swimming pool and spa enforcement, which will not come before this body, but the approved revisions which include water wells will come to Council for consideration next month.

   The total amount the Health Department lost from State funding is just under $100,000, which will impact some programs.

2. **MPO Officials Committee - Carroll, Hornung**
   Carroll stated the Committee approved their self certification, for the federal government on how the planning organizations for the City and Lancaster County are planning organizations. Also worked on the Transportation Improvement Program, and approved. Carroll added they discussed the long range 2040 Transportation Plan of the Comp Plan.

   Camp asked if there were discussions on legislators speaking on the sales tax and building the South Beltway? Carroll replied no. Hoppe added with what the Mayor outlined, the South Beltway will re-enter the LPlan 2040. Camp asked if the state was the first partnership? Hoppe replied part of the reason for the roads package was to take advantage of this, and there are on going conversations about NW 48th, and potential partners. Camp heard the South Beltway may cost $150 to $200 million, and Lincoln contributes $35 million? Can you clarify the amount?

3. **Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge**
   Eskridge stated they discussed issues relative to police officers, minority numbers, and recent hires. An area of concern with the Committee looking at ways to try to encourage and recruit minority officers.

4. **West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Snyder**
   Snyder reported they met June 24th. The minutes are on line and encourage everyone to read as there are many proposals. The JPA did approve the contract for the suites, which are being very sought after
throughout the community. She added on today’s agenda is the request to move dirt to the arena construction site 24 hours 7 days a week. Need to do as last week we were three days behind. It is very important to stay on time and under budget. Every delay impacts 2 to 3 other items. Hornung asked on Friday/Saturday nights, with lots of foot traffic, is it possible not to haul at that time?

5. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll
Carroll stated Council received letters of concern regarding clubs establishing downtown and possibly having an ordinance to counteract. The DLA discussed their budget and next year’s proposed budget. Council members should have received a DLA letter on parking fees.

6. Lancaster County Correctional Joint Public Agency - Carroll
Carroll reported they had a short meeting at which they approved costs. The building appears on schedule and should be complete by next April, and the jail occupied by the following October.

7. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
Emery stated The PRT is busy, with many problem houses, plus with a down economy seem to have more in foreclosure or unable to be maintained. The PRT received the first court order to clean up a yard and charge back with a property lien. Emery believes the PRT will push this approach on several properties. This particular property on the PRT list for 5 years, and some others on the list 3 years. Some cases have information filling numerous boxes, with some having been to court multiple times. Raising fees does not necessarily stop the problem. We deal with properties which are the worst of the worst.

Camp heard the PRT raised their fees but how long before determining what extra methods are needed? Emery replied one property went to court four times, with fines. At some point it may be reasonable to fix the property instead of paying the fine and sitting in jail. Cook added higher fees are reasonable but certain people don’t respond. Emery commented there are people who want to improve, but also those with no intention, and it wouldn’t matter either way.

Camp asked how long before we could do a foreclosure type action? Emery replied one person has been on the list 5 years and we’re heading that way. This is the first step and if he doesn’t do more improvements we go back and the next step. There’s a thin line there of not looking like we’re trying to take over property, and think Judges are lenient to make sure that doesn’t happen.

Camp asked if we could possibly have something like three strikes? Emery thought difficult, as it is their property, and what would the City do with the property? The PRT has 17 to 20 people meeting monthly trying to figure the best approaches. Discussed was a specific housing force, so people meet with the same judge. Now we rotate and sometimes think they do not know the complete history.

8. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Eskridge, Hornung, Snyder
Snyder, ILC Chair, reported the committee was started and now modified. The ILC hadn’t met since March as Spatz went out and Eskridge came in, and trying to catch up. Actual voting members are three City Council members. Interested parties attend and serve on committees, without a vote. One is the University, Philip Tegler from Cornhusker Place, the police department to let us know the violations, plus the Fire Department, and the City Clerk. Looking at several items. Server training, in addition to the hospitality course would include all people serving, not just the bar owner. The ILC continues to have transportation problems, specifically O Street to their homes, between midnight and two a.m. Also have two bar owners who attend and give us feedback. What happens is that it takes 45 minutes to 1 ½ hours for a cab to respond. Citizens get impatient and upset and end up driving home. We have been working on a solution with Councilman Spatz leaving money to use in identifying where cabs should go, and where citizens should go to get a cab. Will meet with a gentleman who may suggest a different
enterprise allowing them to transport people only during that time. The University also has transportation ideas related to hauling students in a larger van/vehicle.

The ILC has a subcommittee related to alcohol in the arena development project and we’re trying to compare this particular area with other areas. Without stepping on the JPA’s or any project manager’s toes, the ILC may offer suggestions to work together to solve this problem. Hornung stated the server training program is a really good program, and they have worked with the University and a few bars. They spent time making sure making sure they go in the right direction.

Eskridge stated as a new councilman this is an area which interests him a great deal. Regarding the arena have heard talk about limiting bars in the area and not make it another 14th and O Street - West, and it might be a little tricky on how we accomplish.

9. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Emery, Eskridge
Emery stated they met with 5 agencies who will not be funded. The County cut back their funding, the City proposed the same. At first the County was concerned they were contributing more than their share, but after review of all monies given to services the City actually contributes more. But without that money there were cuts made with determinations on how to spread to agencies. We also met with other agencies informing them they would receive some sort of reduced funding but not quite sure what amount. We realized the problem is before we get to the budget they need to know as most of their yearly budgets start the first of July.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
Pearce distributed a Boards and Commissions Update. Snyder inquired as to who is Mogien Boyd applying to the Lincoln Lancaster County Board of Health? Pearce replied Mogien Boyd is with All State, his application will be forwarded to Council.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Hornung No comment
Snyder No comment
Camp No comment
Eskridge No comment
Emery No comment
Cook No comment
Carroll No comment

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.