CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR’S MEETING
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113

I. MINUTES
1. Director’s Meeting minutes of October 17, 2011.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of October 17, 2011.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES
1. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp
2. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll, Eskridge
3. Correctional Joint Public Agency - Carroll
4. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
5. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - TBA

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - TBA

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Draft - City Council Monday meeting dates for 2012.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
   Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
   1135 M Street, Third Floor
   RSVP: Kathy Dvorak  Kdvorak@lcoc.com
   Tuesday November 8, 2011 8:00 a.m.

2. Aksamit Resource Management
   Younes Convention Center, Kearney, NE
   Registration On Line
   Tuesday/Wednesday November 15 & 16

3. Chamber Business After Hours Sponsored by Midwest Bank
   Midwest Bank, 2655 Jamie Lane, $10/Person
   RSVP: Rebecca Grossenbacher rgrossenbacher@lcoc.com
   Thursday November 17, 2011 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; Carl Eskridge; and DiAnna Schimek

Absent: Jon Camp

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

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:18 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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   1. Director’s Meeting minutes of October 17, 2011.
   2. Organizational Meeting minutes of October 17, 2011.
   With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

   1. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp
      Councilman Camp absent.

   2. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll, Eskridge
      Carroll stated they received an update on the arena.

   3. Correctional Joint Public Agency - Carroll
      The agency approved $1.6 million for payment funds. Carroll stated after the meeting they traveled to the new jail, which is about 76% finished, and should be turned over to the County on March 1, 2012.

   4. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
      Emery stated this probably was the last meeting before the weather changes and during the next few months the number of houses reported will probably be less. One house, on our list for approximately three to four years, has the PRT back in Court discussing who will do the work to alleviate the problem. We have liens against the property and will see how it affects the owner. It is improved and correspondence from neighbors state although it is not necessarily what they would like, it is closer. Hornung asked what is the cleanup expense? Emery replied upward of $10,000.

   5. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll
      Carroll stated there are now two frames erected, and they are pouring pilings, and will start putting the great beam around for the concrete bowl of the arena. Will have over 150 workers on the job site starting this week.

      Carroll added they approved the contract for PC Sports, out of Texas, for managing the project, which
was a $900,000 savings from the contract previously in place.

Hornung stated he had constituent questions on PC Sports, asking how well staffed, along with other questions. Carroll replied their home office is in Texas, they’ve done 8 to 10 arenas as project managers, their specialty, working with Mortensen on one. The Young Center was their last arena. We have Paula Yancey, the person in charge on site, and she hired a couple of project managers, and also using interns from the UNL, for educational purposes. The contract was $1.9 million and goes through December 20, 2013. Approximately $90,000 per month.

Hornung asked if that was an open bid process, or how did we get this person? Carroll replied before he was on the committee they changed managers. Hoppe added they had a project manager and a site manager. We made the determination that it wasn’t necessary to have both, and is why we have this contract. Hornung stated this person was already here? She didn’t have a contract with the City but was a subcontractor to the other company, and she moved into place? Carroll commented she was up to speed and ready to take over which resulted in a cost savings.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
Pearce stated nothing new at this time.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
Hoppe requested a Council Member to serve on the Lincoln 360 Marketing Committee as a Council representative to review RP’s. Carroll replied we discussed last week and Hornung was elected.

V. MISCELLANEOUS Draft - City Council Meeting Dates for 2012
Carroll stated in 2012 we have months with five meetings and in those months we put in two night meetings, with the holidays listed. Cook commented there are two months. Carroll asked if everyone was in agreement? Hornung remembered having a holiday with a different meeting date, where Council made an adjustment. Cook stated our Thanksgiving holiday is after the holiday but basically in the middle of two Mondays. We picked one, with the later working better for vacations.

MOTION: Cook moved to accept the calendar. Seconded by Carroll.
Role: Carroll, Hornung, Cook, Emery, Eskridge, Schimek voted aye. Camp absent.

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Eskridge thought to talk somewhat about strategy for the Occupy campgrounds and possible guidance. Hoppe asked what kind of strategies? Winter? Eskridge replied at this point nothing definite, he sees other cities and pretty sure we don’t want the same. Just in terms of the future and what goes on in our city, utilizing that space for a campgrounds probably not the best choice.

Hoppe commented to adopt some sort of ordinance change disallowing camping in public right of way or redefine. We’ve been discussing and putting together a document for Council to consider. We don’t want to do while they’re there as we do not want a reaction to a specific event. Confer added if we passed an ordinance at this point it would be perceived as an attempt to abridge their 1st Amendment. We could do in the future when there isn’t anyone there.

Hornung asked if we would say when the law is going to be effective, and everyone is on notice? Confer stated that would be saying first you can do this, and then you can’t. Would be perceived as the reason and in that situation we may have a civil rights lawsuit.
Carroll asked if there have been any problems with the Occupy people? Hoppe replied none. They’ve picked up after themselves and cooperated with every request. They provided contact information for a healthy rapport between police, parks, and the protestors, to make sure problems are dealt with. Not seeing any of the issues seen in other cities. A tremendously cooperative effort across the board.

Schimek added she has reservations on whether we could really restrict these people’s rights. Possibly we could set aside a certain area for this type of campgrounds to occur? Don’t know if that would meet the standard, but think we should be careful, especially with no problems, and at some point they will probably go away. Carroll commented our Nebraska winters might chase them away.

Hornung stated on a separate issue where are we at redoing the Centennial Mall? Pearce replied she would send copy of where the fund raising is at currently.

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.