CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR’S MEETING
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113

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2. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
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5. Correctional JPA - Carroll
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8. Joint Budget Committee - Emery, Eskridge

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:21 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll
   Carroll stated tomorrow there will be a press conference for the arena naming rights. Hornung stated a constituent inquired as to the progress of the District Energy Corporation. Carroll replied the DEC is ahead of schedule. Hornung commented another question was if the overall project is on time? Carroll stated on time, and on budget.

2. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
   Emery stated the meeting was short. At this time of year do not accomplish as much because of the weather. Not doing painting or work on the sides of houses. Now identifying properties for the spring.

3. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll
   Carroll said they received an scheduling update for the arena regarding trade shows. Our arena is the only one in the United States being built at this time. People are very excited to schedule shows, and wanting to be on our agenda. Very exciting. Camp heard the first two events will be huge.

4. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Eskridge, Hornung, Schimek
   Eskridge stated two ordinances are under consideration. One limits downtown bars to be more than 100 feet from residences, but over restrictive and now discussing. Another is relative to server training. Had a meeting with bar owners, sellers, who had concerns on how the ordinance was drafted.

   The last item is downtown bar closing time having a cab shortage. Looking at ways to resolve.

   Emery asked for connection between Sunday restrictions and serving? Eskridge replied having the grocery store servers training feel better. Hornung added some grocery stores upset they needed server training as they’re not a bar. Emery would have liked correspondence before receiving calls.

   Hornung added the ILC is becoming frustrated with the taxi situation. Possibly could ask the State to help. Few taxis cause severe problems. The ILC discussing solutions to problems caused by the
fact there is no other way home. Will meet with the State Legislature tomorrow.

Cook stated Lincoln has 1 cab company, 20 cabs. Is no one is interested, or are regulations keeping people out? Hornung replied both. Usually need an illustrated need, with market information. If people object to new permits have to work through the objections. And people who can’t finance.

Camp stated usually talking about Friday, Saturday bar closing, know the State has vouchers for citizens at certain times. What if we used buses? Use StarTran instead of getting a DUI. The cab demand isn’t here the rest of the time. Hornung replied they have discussed.

5. Correctional JPA - Carroll
Carroll stated they are approximately 80% finished. It is under budget going forward.

6. Public Building Commission - Carroll, Cook
Cook stated the special meeting had one agenda item, discussing and recommending acquiring the 825 J Street Building, owned by Benesch and Company. This proposal would involve Benesch selling us the property, leasing back for 5 years, with 2 - 1 year options after. The County would look at possibly selling buildings, such as Trabert Hall or the Mental Health Center, and moving the functions into the 825 J Building. The sold buildings would go on the tax rolls. The 825 J Street building would stay on the tax role as long as Benesch leases from us. A good recommendation and in the master plan. Benesch came to us inquiring if we were interested and we worked to develop suitable plan. The Benesch Corporation does not own their buildings, a strict corporate policy.

Cook added the PBC recommends, the City Council and County Board will have public hearings. Eskridge asked if there is a plan for the current jail space? Cook replied the County Board is deciding. Carroll stated a master plan being worked on but the majority of space will be court rooms or staff space for the court rooms, and jail cells. Eskridge asked if the master plan would be available before this recommended buy? Carroll replied no. Camp heard the majority of the County jail will be utilized. Carroll doesn’t believe the master plan is complete.

Camp stated the meeting was an emergency, not scheduled. Hornung added the meeting caught some people by surprise. People were anxious to attend for this topic. Why not wait until the next scheduled meeting? Carroll replied Benesch wanted to notify employees before it was publically released, and asked us immediately after the documents were signed to meet. Confer added was a purchase agreement. Carroll added and a lease agreement.

Hornung stated the committee signed a purchase agreement with conditions. Confer interjected Benesch signed, no one from the County or City. Hornung asked so why have the meeting? Carroll reiterated Benesch signed and asked in order to move forward. Discussion followed on the building use and future occupants. Cook added we have to think of our long range plans. There have been mistakes in the past. Discussion on long term spaces possibly being available, and the long range plan. Emery commented we have two members who serve on the committee, but Council will vote.

7. MPO Officials Meeting - Carroll, Hornung
Carroll stated they received a State of Nebraska report on LB84 funds, and the next 10 year plan. The South Beltway is in fiscal year 2020. With the South Beltway will start design and environmental right of way in case it moves up. It will take at least 5/6 years to do the design, the right of ways, and everything else. But will start now with the available funding.

Camp asked out of the $150 million is it an 80-20 split? Carroll replied is 20% for us, and about
$750,000 a year out of LB84. We can apply to the beltway if we want to. And if started now, with our 20% they’ll split with the State doing 10% and us doing 10%. Helps even more.

8. Joint Budget Committee - Emery, Eskridge
Emery stated they discussed the Keno Fund, where 2 payments are dispersed each year of $40,000 in grants. Discussed what the JBC could do which may allow less overall grants but better use of the money. Discussed in conjunction with the fact there is an endowment. The year we first handed out Keno money a certain amount each pay cycle was put back, agreed to by the County and City, until it reached a million dollars. Getting close, probably early 2013, and had discussion on the endowment.

9. Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan - Hornung
Hornung stated studies were done on the Antelope Creek Basin and some high points include no illicit discharges into Antelope Creek currently, however, it is being contaminated by animals and there is a small E. coli problem exceeding EPA suggested standards. We’re being proactive to keep the Basin from being contaminated. Will post the recommendations.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

V. MISCELLANEOUS 1. Department Goals / Pre-Councils
Hoppe stated this is part of the planning process to see what is wanted as an administration going forward the next 4 years. Have had 15/20 presentations exchanging ideas to develop the plan. He stated wanted the Council to have the opportunity as they may face similar in the future. However, 15 to 20 minute segments are difficult. It was suggested possibly to narrow to larger departments. Suggest meeting with Economic Development, Urban Development, DSC, Parks, Public Safety, and Public Works. Could do as pre-councils, or as part of the Director’s meeting.

Cook asked if could send a summary page of their 4 year plan highlights, which Council would review? Based upon if we wanted a presentation, for more detail, could arrange.

Hornung commented he is interested in hearing from departments. Hoppe said the Mayor’s office has a cabinet meeting every week and at each a couple departments presented over the last two months. Hornung is in favor of hearing from the departments mentioned.

Carroll stated Council could have pre-councils the next 2 weeks for an hour. Hoppe asked if the 5 departments mentioned were ones of interest? Hornung thought the five. Carroll stated it is up to Council if we schedule or wait. Discussion. Cook asked if Council wanted summary sheets in addition to presentations? Hoppe replied, absolutely and thinks it is done regardless. Carroll stated possibly do the summaries first, and schedule presentations in January.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - See Invitation List

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.