

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

I. MINUTES

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II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook
2. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll
3. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Emery, Hornung, Schimek
4. Board of Health Meeting - Emery
5. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - TBA

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - TBA

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Requested Motion to Accept the Keno Human Services Prevention Fund Recommendations as Presented.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; DiAnna Schimek; Jon Camp; Carl Eskridge; Jonathan Cook; and Doug Emery

Others: Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff; and Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:15 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. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook

Cook stated the Commission discussed the public art venue at 555 S. 10th. They are also looking to obtain a generator for the 233 Building. Did find a used one at Air Park, but small. May try to use less electricity, or will have to purchase a new generator.

He stated they extended their vending machine contract through September. Our vending machine contracts will now line up with the County and City, and will have 2 RFP's. One will be the County and Building Commission, the other will be the City Building Commission. The County will probably have a three to four year contact. The City more like ten, as we have a company. It didn't work with the County and Building Commission as they need separate control over their machines.

Cook said regarding the Benesch Building our best bid was 2.95% from U. S. Bank, which is outstanding. A six year, 90% loan.

Eskridge stated on the agenda, one landscaping contract is with ImageScapes, Inc. Why use an Omaha firm? Cook replied hopefully someone will attend the meeting and explain.

2. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll

Carroll stated the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency met on March 16th. At that time approved an art committee, which is basically the same as the City Council approved for the City. Secondly, approved loge box agreements, which there are 20 and selling well.

3. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Emery, Hornung, Schimek

Emery stated the most time was spent discussing upcoming projects, such as the Waverly and Hickman quiet zones. Also discussed possibly rerouting the park entrance in Hickman, now not located wisely if they put in another set of tracks. However, rectifying may be very expensive.

Discussion with the County on what they think their levy would be. The levy will not go up for the RTSD this year, with the projects talked about.

Emery stated they look out approximately 8 to 10 years on projects. Will look at closing the railroad crossings at 33rd and Cornhusker and at 38th and Cornhusker. Would run a parallel road with Cornhusker Highway, in the area somewhat behind the Steak House. This would eliminate two of the most dangerous intersections in Lincoln. The intersections have data on the number of cars crossing daily versus the number of trains, which started talk on the danger factor. Approximately 17,000 or 18,000 vehicles cross each day with possibly 50 trains. But this project is a long ways out. Also at some point the intersection would potentially take Antelope Valley to 33rd and Superior, which some developers would like to see. If completed it would lessen the traffic going up 27th Street. But is a long ways off. Basically will first vote on engineering studies.

Hornung encourages constituents to look at the map they received, kind of an initial proposal. This is the stage where people suggest, agree, disagree. And is the proposal on what would be 33rd, or 35th and Cornhusker, a major piece of infrastructure which would include roundabouts. Antelope Valley would help in that respect. A long process before we get there. But now is the time to discuss.

Camp understands the RTSD is going to take over the railroad tracks at approximately 8th Street. Emery stated it is in the budget. The RTSD will go forward and is supplying some money, not all, to help with the tracks on 8th Street. Hornung added it's been in the RTSD budget a long time, and they always thought they would do. Emery commented with the construction it's the time to get it done.

Schimek referred to the map asking if the road goes over or under the tracks, a bridge or underpass? Emery replied it is in a flood plain and do not want to go under. Cook added the original plan was for an underpass but because of the flood plain wanted to avoid, but originally the cost option was with an underpass. Emery said they're just starting as the project is at least 8, 10 years out. Using the map Cook stated there's X's on the road leading north, what was the idea, north of the circle? Hornung answered they haven't gotten very far yet. Emery added it was originally in the Comp Plan as part of phase two. The Antelope Valley was to connect the road at about 29th Street with 33rd Street next to the car dealership on Superior. Nothing to do with this. Looking at a way to modify the two intersections at 33rd and 35th, which now have railway horns, the by-way horns, which do not work as well as we had hoped. Partly because of the weather, with wind and snow, these tend to malfunction. Some people are getting double whistles. If the X comes out and we go out and repair immediately they still wait. Once the X is back up it doesn't automatically give the engineer the right not to blow the whistle, he has to wait until he's informed. Recently went 36 to 48 hours with people getting double whistles. Not just the wayside horn but also at the train crossing, which caused at least one business loss.

Cook stated he is curious on the kind of interaction the RTSD has had with the businesses. Know when we were trying to figure out what should be done and discussed an underpass at 33rd, one large issue was access to businesses. Originally they were going to close 33rd. Want to make sure businesses are not left out. Emery replied they're not at that point, now discussing feasibility.

4. Board of Health Meeting - Emery

Emery stated they had a quick meeting as they did not have a quorum. Now going through the ten goals of the Board of Health. This month discussed diagnoses and how to quickly diagnose, isolate and decipher what is happening with clusters of incidents. Very interesting. Discussed how quickly they can utilize the communication system when two or three items that are out of the ordinary, and maybe a cluster, how important the quick diagnose is and to deal with potential life problems.

5. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated there were two main issues. A couple positions apparently were eliminated, or are going to be eliminated, in the Health Department. They are individuals working with minority communities in our city and there is concern.

He stated the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing happenings in the Sudanese Community, different tribes not working well together. One group is apparently going to be working with the Malone Center, upgrading out of there. A different group is working out of the Salvation Army.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

None

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Requested Motion to Accept the Keno Human Services Prevention Fund Recommendations

Emery stated Council received the Keno Human Services Prevention Fund Recommendations. Basically the Keno Advisory Committee is asking Council to accept the recommendations. When we started we had \$36,715 with requests for somewhere around \$106,000. We pared down and this maybe the last time, or close to the last time, you'll see. There is discussion of rolling this in with other money, as it's usually a small amount, \$36,000 or \$37,000.

MOTION: Emery made the motion Council accept the Keno Advisory Committee's recommendations. Seconded by Hornung.

Roll: Camp, Carroll, Cook, Emery, Eskridge, Hornung, and Schimek. Passed 7-0.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

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Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.