CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012  
555 SOUTH 10TH STREET, ROOM 113  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR’S MEETING

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Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; DiAnna Schimek; Carl Eskridge; Doug Emery; Jonathan Cook; and Jon Camp

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:19 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. MPO Officials Meeting - Carroll, Hornung
      Carroll stated he attended the MPO but no new discussions at this time.

   2. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook
      Cook stated they discussed additional public art. Were shown the photograph, Moving Lincoln Forward, the Lincoln skyline with cranes. We will install over the map kiosk at 555 S. 10th. Hornung thought possibly a different picture angle was needed. Cook replied they recommended to do another when the projects are complete. Would have the before, during, and after.

      Cook stated the PBC allowed a Weed Authority display in the City County Building. The PBC then discussed assessing the jail in fill. Some floors are very tall and in order to have regular office space may in fill floors. There would be a floor in-between the existing two floors, but have to make sure the building has the necessary structure, foundation, to support. Cook added the Law Enforcement Torch Run is on the 16th, and they also discussed the Hall of Justice veranda.

   3. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll
      Carroll stated the Committee discussed with GIS personnel their efforts to input into our agenda online maps. Would have an online link which would go directly to the map with GIS, GPS available for retrieval. Anyone who is looking at the agenda, or are on-line, can access. Will be inserting into our agenda in the near future.

      Carroll stated very close on having VOIP, with NACR and Avaya, who are partnering. It is about a one year roll out. Now they’re looking at our systems and evaluating what they can do for us. Should be complete within the year. There were bids requests, first 8, narrowed to 4, and now 1.

   5. Parks and Rec Advisory Board - Cook
      Cook stated the meeting started with Taylor Park residents being upset with the tall prairie height
grass portions we now set aside in parks. They felt this maintenance was not what they wanted.

They discussed the Antelope band shell. A representative from the municipal band became upset when fund raising guidelines were clarified. The main issue being we require coordination in fund raising. Money from fund raising goes into the Foundation, then for a City park structure. Do not want an outside group doing on their own as the result could be donors misled, thinking it was for a specific item but is not. Want through our regular process. The Municipal Band wanted to raise money for the structure and their own operations.

The second issue was the band shell design. Concern on building to the appropriate musical standards they would like. The Board definitely wants to do, but perhaps scale back the Municipal Band idea as it was determined we couldn’t raise enough money to build the design. Did not take action on the design as we will work with the Municipal Band, having a good, cooperative relationship.

Cook stated they were brought a proposal to declare the properties at 21st and M and 23rd and N surplus. Did declare Lot 3 surplus, the lot near Elliott School used partly for their parking, but chose to put off declaring the lots closer to 21st until we had more discussion. As you may have read Bob Ripley was concerned about the historic value of the properties, the Muni Pool House and the Windstream building. We want further discussion before we say we don’t need anymore. There will be additional recommendations out of the committee.

Hoppe stated it is important to have context dealing with this situation. The project area represents 5 acres of public land between the City and the NRD, which potentially could be back on the tax rolls. The piece in question which Mr. Ripley referred to is Muni Bath House, being offered as an additional redevelopment opportunity, not the primary piece. Also, worked with the group who put together, and it is our experience in working with the development community if you ask, or state a preference, you tend to get better product, to be more creative. We value the historic significance of the structure and are looking and evaluating the proposals. Do not think the future of this building is in jeopardy. We will have a great proposal, put land back on the tax roles, and still have help for the historic care of the building. Do emphasize it may not be part of the development project put forward. Again offered as an additional piece of land.

Cook reiterated it’s the Muni Pool House, and added the Windstream building is owned by Windstream. Hoppe agreed. Those 5 acres on the city corridor with the Muni Pool piece around .8. Cook asked if the idea would be having the Windstream Building included in a proposal? Hoppe replied the Windstream area could be included, but do emphasize we do not have control of that building and has not been declared historically significant by the National Register. Cook stated not been declared but is eligible, both the pool house and the Windstream. Hoppe stated they couldn’t make that demand in an RFP as we do not have the authority.

Camp asked whatever happened on the Muni Pool’s bathrooms they had there? Parks still have? Cook replied he didn’t know. Camp stated it would be good to incorporate.

Schimek asked if the space is now used by the public? The Parks space, storage area? Hoppe replied there is a maintenance facility, and believe some arboretum type area, and Muni Pool’s offices. No public areas being used by the public, other than having access to them for public business.

Eskridge stated also have discussed request for information from individuals who might sell land for the Stevens Creek Park. Any talk about a linear park? Carroll replied in the Comprehensive Plan a linear park discussed along the East Beltway. It’s in the original plan map. The farmer is dedicating
conservation easements to the park, part of the process. Cook stated that’s a separate item from the effort to get a regional park there. Hoppe stated these are related. Cook said they did feel if held up for a month to discuss the buildings, and other elements, not a big deal, not happening right away.

Cook continued saying at the meeting they skipped most remaining items as they ran out of time. One item they did pass was the Behavior Policy to the Parks and Rec facilities. Very similar to what the libraries have, dealing with people who are disrupted. This sets up a formal process for suspending someone from a facility, or possibly banning them, if they create a problem. They have a few problems going on and feel they need an official policy. The library has had for some time.

6. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge
Eskridge stated the new Director, Taylor-Riley, is on board and working well with members. Received a report from a Health Department employee on different ways their department can serve minority people. Discussed along with other needs in the community. The meeting is an open meeting, and very interesting as the committee individuals are passionate on what they do in making sure our City listens. Discussed the arena project and how a high percentage of employment in the facility is from the community. We wanted to make sure that other, subsequent projects continue with the program, and having minorities in individual businesses represented. Lastly, had discussion about City employees and working to make sure we employ minority individuals at all levels of City government.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS (Attachment A)
Owen distributed Boards and Commissions Update on behalf of Pearce.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
None

V. MISCELLANEOUS
None

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
No comments

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.