

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012
555 SOUTH 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

I. MINUTES

1. Director's Meeting minutes of April 16, 2012.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of April 16, 2012.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll
2. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp
3. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Emery, Eskridge

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - TBA

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - TBA

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CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Carl Eskridge; Doug Emery' Jonathan Cook; Jon Camp; and DiAnna Schimek

Absent: Adam Hornung, Vice Chair

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

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 2. Organizational Meeting minutes of April 16, 2012.
- With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll

Carroll stated the JPA approved the development agreement with WRK, the same agreement the City Council approved.

2. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp

Camp stated they received an update on selling energy, but with the nice weather revenues are down. The DEC does not try to make money. He added they also received an update on the West Haymarket District Energy facility.

3. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Emery, Eskridge

Emery stated they met to start discussion on prioritizing the agencies which we'll be able to finance. A lot of confusion, as we're also dealing with other money. Everyone has several to submit, and trying to put in order. Clearly there will not be enough money to meet the needs. It appears a considerable amount of money will come out if the County goes forward with their plans to reduce their JBC contribution.

Eskridge added the County proposed their 3% decrease and if that's all suppose we can deal with. Emery stated except 3 to 4 years ago their contribution was \$1.5 million and a 3% decrease would make their contribution somewhere around \$750,000. They have essentially reduced by half.

Camp asked what happened to our contribution over that time period? Emery answered the City stayed the same. In this specific allocation we have always been approximately a third. We were \$500,000, they were \$1.5 million. But if you add together, we're very close in terms of services. Some on the Council have said, the City should step up and do more. But when you run everything together, the numbers are not very far apart.

Hoppe asked Emery if he meant in types of spending we do outside of the JBC with low income people? Emery replied the JBC is only one piece of the City and the County's contribution. Heard a County member say, Lincoln should step up and do more, and it was nice to see the Journal Star's

Editorial Board disagree.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Hoppe stated there are no appointments or reappointments today.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated none at this time.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Carroll stated everyone should have seen the memo regarding the next Commons meeting. If you have an agenda item please submit. As of now we have no agenda items and probably will cancel this month's meeting.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Eskridge stated in light of the recent storm, and the alarms and systems, it may be useful to have Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management, attend a meeting and talk to Council and Directors, about the system. Hoppe stated we could tentatively set for May 7th to have him attend the 2:00 p.m. meeting and give an update as to the process and procedures.

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Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.