

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 113**

**I. MINUTES**

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**II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES**

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2. West Haymarket JPA - Carroll
3. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook
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**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Review, and possible approval, of Council formal Monday Meeting Dates for 2013.

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**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012**

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

**Others:** Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Chair Hornung opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

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

With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

**II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES**

**1. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) - Carroll, Camp**

Camp stated the meeting was consistent, nothing unusual.

**2. West Haymarket JPA - Carroll**

Carroll stated they discussed the turn back tax, which will have a hearing this month. We make application to a Tax Board to have the turn back tax for the arena, which pays for the \$25 million bonds received from Lincoln. Hornung asked if this the original timing? Carroll replied the timing was set forth. Hornung felt we should be confident in this passing. Hoppe answered it should be. Carroll added other communities, like Kearney and Grand Island, have turn back tax. Camp asked if this part of the bond voted on, the \$25 million paid by the turn back tax? What would happen if this didn't occur? Hoppe replied he would talk with other parties before replying. Carroll added previous Budget Director, Don Herz, entered the numbers. Camp stated it looks promising but before thought it was a slam dunk. There is the procedure, but it's two years since the bond was passed.

Carroll commented the state auditor has had questions for our accountants on the West Haymarket JPA, which our accountants have answered. Not an audit but questions. We're keeping them informed, and doing a great job of dotting the I's and crossing the T's. Schimek asked what triggers the state auditor to come in? Carroll replied completely up to him. This is not official but questions.

**3. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook**

Cook stated they discussed the server room modification in the 233 building, rejecting the bids, as the state has not made a commitment to the space. Waiting to see if they'll be there long term before upgrading the equipment.

Cook added PBC has new furniture for Juvenile Probation. They will move which will free up the furniture from the old space, and we'll reuse. We'll keep downtime to a minimum.

Cook stated the PBC decided to rent parking spaces at market rates to NEBCO, during construction of their building. Camp asked what the market rate would be? Cook thought \$60.00.

Honey Baked Ham will return to the County-City Building this fall. We have Fazoli's on Monday and Thursday. Do not know what day Honey Baked Ham will choose. Great to have them back.

#### **4. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll**

Carroll stated looking to revise the Antelope agreement between the City and County as items are outdated, due to technology, and the County trying to make decisions on separate contracts for separate items. For income passed the cost, or fee, for certain reports, with the first month being \$9,000 income. We estimated \$10,000. Will pay for itself. Carroll added fiber is being ran to the fire stations which do not have, and paid by a grant. All fire stations will be hooked to the fiber network.

VOIP is now in I..S. and County Risk completed. Moving into the Hall of Justice next. Going well.

#### **5. Parks and Rec Advisory Board - Cook**

Cook stated they received a presentation from Mary Sue Harris, wife of the former Mayor, Bill Harris. The family asking we rename Iron Horse Park, in the Haymarket, to Bill Harris Park. He played a large role in getting the Haymarket development underway, which is a huge success. The Board voted to rename the park Bill Harris Park, and will come to the City Council. Hoppe asked if named Bill Harris Park, or Bill Harris Iron Horse Park? Cook replied the combination discussed and Mary Sue Harris preferred Bill Harris Park. Iron Horse didn't have any particular emotional connection.

The Board working on a new golf committee organization, now working on the by-laws. Would like a committee of the Parks Board to be more involved with the operation of the golf program. The committee will work with an outside independent consultant to review our program.

Holmes Lake Golf Course clubhouse is underway, the new reduced version to save money. There will be parking underneath, with construction starting.

Discussed the potential of Neighbors Park, off of Capitol Parkway and 30<sup>th</sup>, having a community garden, and working on providing water. The cost of hooking to a water line, and water expense, would be paid by the community members who want the garden. Not a City expense but providing space for people who want a community vegetable garden. Formatting rules.

Cook stated Council has seen some designs on the Civic Plaza update. Camp asked for the Civic Plaza timeline. Cook didn't recall discussing. Hoppe thought there would be work on Civic Plaza this spring. Camp asked if repaved? Hoppe added the tower is being constructed, and doing structured pieces. Hornung asked for a breakdown of the funding sources. Hoppe replied tax increment financing will be the infrastructure of the Plaza. Private donations to cover the art portion. Hornung asked for numbers, percentages? How much is the TIF financing? What's the amount for each? Hoppe replied he does have figures in mind but hate to say something not precise. Would rather look and be sure before stating. Hornung asked for approximate, with some TIF financing and private donations. Hoppe gave a figure of \$2.8 million with art being a third. Carroll added it was approximately \$1.3 with the endowment. Hoppe agreed, about \$1.3 million for the art and endowment. Carroll stated the infrastructure is approximately \$2.5 million. Hoppe stated add \$1.3 million for the art and endowment. Hornung asked, there is an endowment? Yes. Hornung asked if done raising money? Hoppe replied not legally done but the majority complete.

#### **6. Board of Health - Emery**

Emery stated they discussed the park smoking issue, now going into effect. Viewed the initial data web designs for server training and how it will work. Received an example of how someone would go and become part of, and how other communities could access.

Emery stated the Board continues to go through the ten steps of Community Health. This month had

Number 7, how to make sure people are aware of available services.

### **III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None. Hornung received notice on DEC. Hoppe stated this is a Mayoral appointment with Councilman Camp stating interest in continuing to serve.

### **IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR**

None

### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **1. Review of Council formal Monday Meeting Dates for 2013**

**Motion** made by Cook, seconded by Schimek to accept the calendar presented for 2013. Camp asked for the reason of two extra night meetings? Occur with five Mondays in a month. Cook replied thought to give constituents more of a chance to attend, sometimes easier to make night meetings. This year, 2012, had two months with five Mondays and no holidays and therefore had two months with an extra night meeting. In 2013 only one. Camp stated we had one a week ago, is it urgent for the last Monday of the month? Cook answered not urgent. Camp added Council tried but don't know if it made a difference. Hornung remembers the five meetings being moved back to 3:00 o'clock. Cook added there were six, adding one meeting in the year. Camp thought people may be use to the last Monday of the month being a 5:30 p.m. meeting. If switching during the year might be confusing.

Hornung asked if any comments on moving the time off for Thanksgiving to December 2nd? Emery asked if any concern on only meeting twice in December? Would it be better to go before Thanksgiving? Cook stated would meet twice in November if moved back to November. This gives us two meetings during the holidays. Emery added he's only worried about legislation which may come and how long would it sit.

Hornung stated he is fine with the 2013 calendar presented. He asked Camp if he had a suggestion. Camp replied he would prefer to go to 3 p.m., but whatever Council decides.

**Motion** made by Camp to move the 5:30 meeting to 3 p.m. for consistency. Hoppe asked for clarification, April 8<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>? Hornung seconded. Emery stated December 16<sup>th</sup> is the last meeting of December. Hornung added at the last 5:30 meeting there were several people who didn't know it was at 5:30. Eskridge stated he likes 5:30. Hornung stated it's only once during the year, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Schimek added either way would be fine. Hornung asked if Camp would like to withdraw his motion? Camp said the presented 2013 calendar is fine.

Hornung stated Council will vote on the main motion to accept calendar as presented. Hornung asked for Members for "aye" if in agreement. All those opposed say "nay". Motion passed unanimously. This is the schedule for next year.

### **VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No comments

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### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hornung adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.