

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2013
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Director's Meeting minutes of February 11, 2013.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of February 11, 2013.

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2. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll
3. Parks and Rec Advisory Board - Cook
4. Board of Health - Emery
5. Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge
6. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll
7. MPO Officials Committee - Camp, Eskridge
8. Downtown Lincoln Association - Carroll
9. Problem Resolution Team - Emery
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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 04, 2013**

Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Gene Carroll; Lloyd Hinkley; and DiAnna Schimek

Absent: Jonathan Cook; and Doug Emery

Other: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff; and Rod Confer, City Attorney

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

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With no discussion the above minutes were placed on file.

II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook

Carroll stated they approved standard contracts, with some being seen by Council today.

2. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll

Carroll stated they received a Voip update, with County Health Department completed. The phone company responding to our requests to turn off the lines and provide overpayment rebates. Also working on Interlocal Agreements of City and County regarding ISPC. Discussing, redoing language as it's been 15 years since inception. Numerous technologies outdated in the interlocals and trying to update. Camp asked if any of the language is substantive? Carroll replied some wording taken out, such as Advisory Committees established which no longer meet.

3. Parks and Rec Advisory Board - Cook

Cook absent.

4. Board of Health - Emery

Emery absent.

5. Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge

Eskridge stated Thomas Houston spoke on the 1st and Cornhusker development, and how communication will be handled with trailer parks residents. Hinkley asked if Houston told the same as he heard? Eskridge replied talked about what had been done, what to do better, and assurances they do not expect happenings soon, but when it does they will notify neighbors in various ways.

6. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll

Carroll stated the Haymarket Arena is on time, on budget. Reduced the Legends contract, who did marketing for suites and seats, by \$385,000, as their job completed. Then when building find certain changes inside, small parking lot changes, some electrical revisions, re-cabling. The increase was \$383,000, about the offset of the Legends contract savings. Items we see, when being built, to fix or improved. Technology changes over the last two years, when the building was designed. Also, Commonwealth Electric hired to do fiber optic work for \$87,000.

Camp asked being closer to completion, are we able to lower the citizen tax rate? Carroll replied we know of change over, which may change the price fixed on field happenings, so too early to tell. Camp asked with the built in cushions, shouldn't we have a feel for how we're under budget? Carroll stated we are on budget and still have \$10 million, and \$5 million, contingency funds, which have not been touched. But, never know until to the point where the guaranteed price comes from Mortenson, fairly soon. They'll tell the exact price, higher or lower. While adding items we're not in a position to tell if we have an excess or deficit. Camp said revenues are preceding projections, have contingencies, should be substantially ahead with 4 to 5 months left. Camp added, should be a huge cushion letting us start talking about this. Hate to see contracts, like Legends, decrease but offset by other spending. Would like to show the taxpayers we can keep in line. Carroll stated we're still basing projections and budget on the conservative numbers established at the beginning, not including the increase in revenue. Still using the budget which was used before. Not even contemplating an excess to use, or return to citizens. Basing upon the beginning established budget as we move forward, making only necessary changes. At the end if on time and budget, with a large excess, can make the decision then.

Hinkley asked what safeguards are built in regarding the power, remembering the Super Bowl? Carroll replied at the Super Bowl it was an extra safety switch built in the system which failed. Don't know what we've built in other than the standard for this type of arena, and code.

7. MPO Officials Committee - Camp, Eskridge

Eskridge stated they received a trails and roads update. Particularly discussed the South Beltway, and what we can do to push ahead, encourage, advance. Frustrating as we heard they're moving as fast as possible. There is a need for another Environmental Impact study, taking at least a year and a half. Nothing really can be done until completed. Then will do the design work, and the land acquisition, with the date of approximately 2020. We encouraged doing design work while doing the Environmental Impact study. Heard some may be able to but do not want to backtrack and redo.

Camp stated Eskridge was elected Chair with Hudkins Vice Chair. Regarding the South Beltway did bring up. The Chamber has the Fly Back, and remember sitting in the legislative room with Senator Nelson. Brought up the South Beltway then, 7 years ago. In 1999, when elected to Council it was suppose to be done in 6 years. We discussed, but it's frustrating. Now we're also looking at 14th - Old Cheney - Warlick. Had discussion with the Railroad Transportation Safety District on N. 33rd - 35th. Believe if we get the South Beltway done sooner, the better. It will save lives while alleviating some stress at 14th - Old Cheney - Warlick. Again, looking at 7 years when it was suppose to be completed in 6 years. And we've done other projects.

8. Downtown Lincoln Association - Carroll

Carroll stated discussed the expansion of their BID districts, with 4 different types of maintenance districts in the downtown area, and now want to expand into the West Haymarket. The JPA would like to get the DLA to start maintenance on the streets in front of the arena in August, so we're ahead of the game, and keeping the area up with other maintenance. Working on and have met with most property owners in the West Haymarket district for the expansion, and costs.

9. Problem Resolution Team - Emery

Emery absent.

10. Internal Liquor Committee - Eskridge, Hinkley, Schimek

Eskridge stated they discussed the Entertainment District ordinance. Good conversation on the impact, especially different areas downtown. The ordinance will come before Council soon. Schimek added they received a request for more quick shop and grocery store information regarding

people picked up. A legitimate request from bar owners. Eskridge commented at each meeting Tegler, Cornhusker Place, gives information on people brought to detox statistics, but just on bars. A few bar owners asked for information on grocery and convenience stores. Which is fair. Tegler will gather this information.

Hinkley asked if the self-service question was answered? People serve themselves under bartender supervision. Camp added like a soda machine, only beer. Carroll stated Tonja Peters will respond. Confer thinks Officer Fossler is to meet with the owner. Hinkley stated sounds scary, just go and help yourself.

Camp said he had a constituent call with concerns on a Gateway restaurant/bar with potentially questionable dress code, and they noticed while walking by. Realize Gateway is private, but could potentially have in the Haymarket. Should be behind closed doors, not visible to the public.

Hoppe stated the man was rightly concerned for his grandchildren, but the difficulty is both have outdoor beer gardens. The Kilted Kilt is next to the food court. Anyone entering from outside could view. Not sure how you suggest one isn't appropriate but one is fine. Camp stated Gateway is private where part of the Haymarket sidewalk could be considered private, but we give the license to come out. But even with an outdoor garden possibly add attire. Schimek commented possibly if we could tighten the language in the development contracts. Confer stated we could discuss but having Gateway customers who dress in the same way, makes a little difficult. But can discuss.

11. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Eskridge

Eskridge stated there are issues with the jail and working with contractors to rectify. Hopefully will resolved soon as the goal was to move in the end of June or July. Camp asked, what is the situation? Eskridge replied problems with the floor not being stable. Hinkley asked if the first floor? Yes. Carroll added the floor is spider cracked. Eskridge commented need to address before occupation. Camp asked if the JPA oversees what will happen with the current jail? Is it County owned? Owen replied Killeen has approached people about uses. Carroll said the PBC is reviewing the jail uses. It is owned by the County but managed by the Public Building Commission, now conducting a study.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Owen distributed a Boards and Commission update. Schimek stated she's not really sure of the Parking Advisory Committee responsibilities. Possibly parking meters, etc.? Owen stated they meet at DLA. Camp commented recall several years ago there was one for the DLA, another for the Haymarket. Owen added it helps with communication to have everyone in one room.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

No requests.

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No comments.

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Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.