

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013
555 SOUTH 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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**MINUTES
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Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Doug Emery; Jonathan Cook; DiAnna Schimek; and Lloyd Hinkley

Absent: Gene Carroll

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; Rod Confer, City Attorney; and Mary Meyer, City Council Secretary

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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Carroll absent.

2. Railroad Transportation Safety District - Emery, Schimek

Emery stated the majority of conversation centered on quiet zones, and continued issues of being on the same page with the railroad. Do have a signed contract for work at the Waverly quiet zone, with the railroad now saying they are not doing. Will re-negotiate. Emery commented did discuss what would be done if receiving the same amount of money as before. Will know what the Railroad Transportation Safety budget will be when the railroad announces their budget. Believe the committee will see an amount similar to last year, meaning not fully funded. The RTSD has to make decisions on addressing.

Cook asked if there was an update on the S.W. 40th overpass? Emery replied not specifically, but will find out. Cook stated he was curious how it was progressing per the time line? Emery answered they haven't heard anything was behind, time wise. The one we're disagreeing on is Waverly.

Schimek added we also did a resolution to authorize our RTSD to become an LPA, for the purpose of looking at 35th and Cornhusker. Emery added an LPA basically talks about federal dollars now with a new process. We have to sign off on legislation allowing the RTSD to be considered a governing body. Schimek commented if we want to qualify for federal funds. Emery stated they didn't think this would happen quickly but we have to start. Schimek stated also only for this particular project.

Eskridge stated the S.W. 40th project arose at the Lancaster Correctional JPA meeting and believe it is on task. Happening, but a slow project because of all the tracks. They time their work to when trains are not traveling there. Schimek stated looking at the actual expenditures to date, less than 10% of the total project, has been spent. On track.

Cook stated it was a big mistake to close the crossing based upon promises the railroad would cooperate and help us. We should never ever do again. Schimek added the budgetary figures don't necessarily reflect what has been done, as often there's a period of waiting between bills and the actual payment. Emery stated at this time we believe we have an agreement with the railroad and proceeding.

3. Downtown Lincoln Association - Carroll

Carroll absent.

4. Problem Resolution Team - Emery

Emery stated the PRT down to approximately 6 active cases. The bad news being we're coming out of the easy months. In winter no one does much painting and don't have problems with grass and weeds. Suspect this number to rise. Then the 6 we have now have mostly have been with the PRT for a considerable amount of time. Finally cleared 6927 Aylesworth. The property has been bought and will be demolished. Then used for a lot for North East High School students to build a house, starting in the fall of 2013, or 2014.

Emery commented the number is probably the smallest number seen of active cases, but down to the hard core cases. We have several which we have been in court, trying to get remedied.

Hinkley asked what is the procedure on acquisition? Emery replied actually the Lincoln Housing Authority bought the house on Aylesworth and will solely be dealing with the property. Ultimately the people who help build and end up with the house will pay for the lot. Sort of a revolving fund. The PRT helped in this case as unfortunately the person who owned the house owed more than we could get. But well worth the trouble as this was a house where no one lived, and we wouldn't let them live there as there were racoons in the upper part of the house. Also caused problems with the neighbors. A large tree in the yard had parts falling on the neighbor's fence three times. The house was a problem for the last five years.

5. Internal Liquor Committee - Eskridge, Hinkley, Schimek

Eskridge stated the Committee learned the server training process is in full swing with the free period ending today. People will now pay for their permits. He stated also working with the Law Department on an ordinance for entertainment districts, which will be before Council soon. Interesting at almost every monthly meeting Cornhusker Place Detox brings statistics on the individuals using the facility, specifically on the bars where people report their last drink. We are given the figures and the blood alcohol rate. At the meeting some bar owners thought unfair as a lot of individuals going to detox don't come from their establishments. Shouldn't they report where they're buying their alcohol, if buying off sale? Eskridge stated the figures were then given with a number of institutions, not a name of a specific store. This information will be more detailed in the future and we'll see if there are problems with stores. Now seeing a couple of concerns with bars which have higher numbers of individuals, and also higher BAC's. Will meet with these bar owners shortly.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

None

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Printed Payroll Deposit Slips

Meyer stated our department receives paper pay stubs, while everyone else takes off the internet. The time line for receiving paper stubs is narrowing and we will have to take our pay stubs off the internet. Madalyn in Payroll will give everyone the correct code in order to pull up. Someone in the office should have the codes. If you want printed pay stubs I can do. If you don't want me to print out I will have the codes sent to you. For me to have all codes do need written permission from the Chair.

Cook asked if you have to be on the City network to have access? Meyer replied yes. Cook stated you can't log in from home. Meyer thought Madalyn had a way, which she would explain. Cook added, not important for him, and have previously told Meyer fine with her logging in and printing his if he ever wanted a copy. If Meyer was the codes keeper would be fine. Eskridge added sometime one may need a copy but otherwise not really too important to print. Camp asked if they thought of automatically sending an email out to everyone? Meyer thought it would be a lot of extra trouble for payroll. Cook added, people do know what we're paid, but it could go wrong with other people having your social security number, etc.

Schimek asked when will this go into effect? Meyer replied as soon as we want, we get paid this week and will receive printed pay stubs. If we decide now should be applicable within the next two weeks. Cook asked if they would still receive their W-2, on paper? Meyer was sure we would. Camp asked if everyone in the City is on the automatic pay stub program? Meyer stated really close, with the few that are not being forced to soon.

Eskridge stated virtually every company and government entity does this. We should go this direction. Meyer added, if someone wants, will be able to print a certain pay stub, having permission from the specific person. Emery stated, as apparently there is no need, ask them to take off the part at the bottom which reads, you need to retain these. If not sending obviously doesn't make a difference. Meyer added if Council wants copy every two weeks can print them out. Schimek said she does until she leaves. Meyer asked if others want to pull up, or like her to print out? Schimek stated she would like Meyer to print her's. Camp said his trouble is failure to report in his checking account, and if the amounts taken out change, may make a mistake. Eskridge stated we'll figure out shortly.

2. New Request Form/Consent Agenda

Pearce distributed email regarding the consent forms. Confer stated we talked about this system a couple of weeks ago and we now have changed the form to implement this procedure with the directors informed and they should start using. As soon as City Clerk Meier is ready to start implementing we will be utilizing to increase the number of items on the Consent Agenda. He added Ross had a couple of ideas, which we want Council to know. She proposed Council should vote on the Consent agenda after the hearing on the Consent agenda, and vote on the liquor licenses after the agenda on the liquor licenses. This allows people attending for the consent agenda items, particularly these two items, to know the result. Camp asked if okay with procedure, and Robert's Rules? Confer replied yes. Camp added, would be great on liquor licenses. People wait a long time. Are there other situations where we had an immediate vote? Ross replied on the consent agenda are the appointments, then anything the directors would ask for, so after their hearing they would immediately know what Council action was. After that have Public Hearing Ordinances and Third Reading Ordinances, and don't think it would be appropriate. Camp agreed, adding those need directors.

Eskridge asked if anyone had questions? Confer reminded everyone they'll need to look at the items proposed for the consent agenda, letting us know if items need to come off and listed on the regular agenda. Ross stated, for instance, you saw on First Reading per request of Judy Halstead. It was under First Reading Resolutions, with the parenthesis we put on for Consent Agenda. If you see this and question, we can continue the item under Public Hearing Resolutions rather than Consent Agenda. Or, if it goes to Consent you know you could pull off. But we would like to know ahead of time. By Wednesday, so that Meier would not let the item go to consent, just Public Hearing Resolutions.

Camp added helps to have printed. He asked, after the liquor licenses presented, Council would vote? Meier replied yes. Cook added, the Clerk's office will be collecting zero's, one's, two's, three's for every item. The only ones noted on the agenda will be those which are resolutions with zeros. And noted as request for consent. Means it will automatically go to consent unless someone objects, and the Clerk would change. Meier replied right. Cook asked in a formal procedure if you know someone is concerned you won't put on? Meier said she would pull off. Cook added, we can vote to delay any agenda item, and also a consent item. The motion to approve consent items is a move to approve the entire consent agenda. We could say, move to approve the entire consent agenda minus this one item. Meier agreed. Cook added we could move down on the agenda although changing the agenda order needs two-thirds. Probably not a problem. Ross added, everyone should be careful about shuffling consent items around too much so something doesn't get missed. Cook thought it would be very rare. If we see mistakes being made and how items are identified, we'll let staff know.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.