

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MAY 6, 2013  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING  
555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 113**

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**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**MAY 6, 2013**

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

**Others:** Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:23 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

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The above minutes submitted to Council and with no corrections placed on file in Council office.

**II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS**

Eskridge asked if there any discussion requested on an item Council wanted to bring forward? Hinkley replied the spelling of people's names when they came to testify. Eskridge commented a suggestion made for participants to spell out their names. Camp stated also to have them sign after their testimony.

**1. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll**

Eskridge stated the DLA discussed the P Street improvements, starting shortly. The N Street bike lane, the Downtown District, including Haymarket, also discussed.

**2. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Eskridge**

Eskridge stated the Correctional Facility JPA reviewed expenditures, and looked at reported facility needs. Events held at the facility revealed problems with toilets, a huge problem at a correctional facility. The contractor, and sub-contractor, discussing. Eskridge added the pipes didn't withstand the mild treatment they received when people visited the last couple of weeks.

Camp asked if the Correctional JPA has anything to do with the old facility? Or is it going to the Public Building Commission? Eskridge thought the Public Building Commission. Carroll added, the County is dealing with the facility and when renovated will turn over the management to the Public Building Commission. Eskridge stated the County intends to use almost all the space.

**3. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery**

Emery stated getting into nicer weather the Problem Resolution Team receives more properties to inspect. Five properties added. The PRT is still in court with one of the longest running. Hopefully will be completed as the judge set aside an entire day for this gentleman to defend himself. Then we will have an opportunity to go onto his property and mediate the problem, and charge him much like what was done with a south property, and the rocks issue which was voluntary and not court ordered. This person was moved when we moved the 3 sister houses. Now located by the viaduct and a problem.

**4. West Haymarket Joint public Agency - Carroll**

Carroll stated everyone heard the announcement last Friday. The arena will be delivered in 30 days, ahead of time, by Mortenson Hampton. Very important and allows SNG to start scheduling. Still under budget. Very important events.

Carroll added secondly parking lots 2 and 3 were awarded to Hausmann Dunn Construction Company, who are working on design plans.

Camp asked, what were the criteria on the parking garages, and selecting Hausmann? Carroll replied first a committee selects who can bid, which was done. Then a committee for analysis review, with 3 firms interviewed. Hausmann Dunn, Sampson, and Kiewit, with the committee selecting Hausmann Dunn. Forwarded to the Mayor who decided to award to Hausmann Dunn. Hausmann Dunn had less fees than anyone and now building deck 1, ahead of schedule and under budget. Exactly what deck 3 will be. Camp asked, was this on the cost, under management? Carroll replied yes, management costs.

Emery asked if possible, shortly, to lay out where we are, the budget, as you believe it is? We could get around this nonsense seen in tweets, and articles, on whether we're over budget, or not. Think it makes it difficult for the public to have an idea what is being done. All of us say it's under budget. If not, then we're not doing the public a service. On Phase 2 think we should lay out for everyone. Carroll replied was presented at meetings but will again. Emery added lay out so those reporting know. Think some people want to continue throwing rocks and we want to be on top of. Schimek agreed but wondered how many people read these articles? Emery stated he was in a discussion at a church and people asked if under or over budget. I can't give a definite answer. Know what I've been told, and believe, but don't want to tell the public if not accurate.

Camp added also give information on revenues coming in, versus anticipated. If things are going better than expected projections, possibly we can talk about options later to reduce the tax load for the arena. Carroll replied they look at the revenue, but it's only one year, for a very long project. Emery added an example is money in the emergency fund. Carroll commented the contingency fund. Emery stated possibly an issue for a public person who might say it looks like you jumped it. Let's spread out. The same way with the new parking garages. Schimek asked if suggesting a pre-council? Emery thought the JPA would do as it's in everyone's interests. The JPA was questioned by an individual over whether we're under budget or not. Carroll stated Friday the press conference was specifically on the Pinnacle Bank Arena only.

##### **5. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Eskridge, Schimek, Hinkley**

Eskridge stated at the ILC meeting discussed, as in the past, if it appears there may be a problem with certain retail establishments we ask them to come and meet. A couple owners came, each discussing for approximately 20 minutes, resulting in an understanding of what they're doing, and what they can do to improve. In one case the main concern was very high blood alcohol levels. At detox people reveal where their last drink came from.

Emery asked if this committee, on an agenda, will list the special permits being worked on if there is an Entertainment District? How many times the sidewalks can be closed and utilized for dual events? Eskridge replied have discussed and will list. Camp heard a comment at the public hearing, and think it would be good to understand. Emery added they have agreed to take on, put on the schedule, letting us know how many is reasonable.

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

Pearce stated there was no new (re)appointments today.

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

Hoppe stated he is putting together a new member orientation, done after elections, to get new colleagues up to speed. Going through to make sure all high points are covered. Possibly a couple of volunteers from this group? He then went over the schedule. Emery and Camp volunteered. Chair

Eskridge will be out of town.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Eskridge asked about the budget. Hoppe stated there was a meeting with Steve Hubka to see where we are with sales tax, and items which might be on the horizon. We finish the process in late summer, the same as before, then bring forward a budget resolution, which we have to do, with year end transfers requiring approval by the City Council. Also, any recommended changes mid-year. Seems fine, but know there's been some concern about the sales tax. Hubka thinks our fund balance is helping him to take care of now, and doesn't anticipate mid-year cuts or adjustments. Primarily will be the typical items, the year end budget resolution transfer between funds.

Eskridge stated the Consolidation Task Force meets Friday and have asked the County Board Chair and the Council Chair to meet with them. One question is, what is expected of the Task Force from us? We may have different answers. If anyone wants to let me know their expectations it would be helpful.

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.