

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
555 SOUTH 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Trent Fellers; Jonathan Cook; Roy Christensen; and Jon Camp

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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The above minutes distributed to Council. With no corrections placed on file in the Council Office.

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1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (Thurs. August 22) - Emery

Emery reported last week's meeting canceled. Will meet again on September 19th.

2. Internal Liquor Commission (Mon. August 26) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers

Eskridge stated the ILC decided this year instead of a bar walk will have a tailgate walk. Council, and others, invited to join the ILC in the tailgate walk, scheduled for the fall. We received a report from the Lincoln and University Police, plus newspaper articles illustrated what it's like in our city on game day. Estimate 20,000 people in bars and tailgating at parking lots and facilities, who never go to the stadium. Doesn't seem to be a lot of controls on what happens in those locations.

He added there is a practical issue for these events in the West Haymarket area, not only tailgating but different activities. Also, a safety issue of people safely crossing 10th Street to the stadium.

The Commission heard from Cornhusker Place Detox. They continue to see alarming trends, such as a person with blood alcohol content of .411. Will continue working together. The Commission thinking of possibly enlarging the ILC with representatives from some off sale retail locations.

Camp said Cornhusker Detox made a recommendation on the increase in bars and drinking areas. Eskridge replied it was a suggestion to look at the number of facilities we have, possibly at some elimination. The discussion may be brought to Council.

Cook stated Pascale of the Lincoln Journal Star is doing a follow up on our 2:00 a.m. bar closing time. Three years later, on positive or negative effects. He added not being on the ILC don't know if members of the ILC also contacted. Camp said part of the justification of the bar times was doing the mandatory training. Cook agreed, adding the training was implemented. Emery stated since this didn't go into effect until the end of May, maybe too early to tell.

3. Downtown Lincoln Association (Tues. August 27) - Gaylor Baird, Eskridge

Gaylor Baird stated the DLA received a presentation, with this company changing their logo. The City's, Chamber of Commerce, etc. logo being updated. Changing all material within a few weeks.

Gaylor Baird added they discussed a maintenance bid expansion for the West Haymarket. The Advisory Board continues to meet refining boundaries. The next step is going to the Planning Commission, and then before Council to adopt recommendations for the bid. There will be notifications to the affected business owners, and others. Will hold a hearing and then decide on whether or not to create. Do believe the process will be December. The West Haymarket maintenance services are being contracted on a temporary basis during the next three months. They will make sure the area stays clean. Emery added the three month contract approved at the last JPA meeting.

Camp asked who pays, the JPA? Emery thought since the City Council voted, it would be an agreement the City would pay until the actual year end contract, and then part of an overall contract of the West Haymarket JPA.

4. Correctional Facility JPA (Tues. August 27) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated the new jail now has tenants, and inmates being moved from the current jail.

5. Visitors Promotion Committee (Weds. August 28) - Fellers

Fellers the VPC met and discussed additional paving for parking lots at Pioneer Park. Also approved \$103,000 for obtaining irrigation for some parking lots near Pinewood Bowl, mostly along the border of the park. The reason for irrigating is the number of vehicles might kill the grass.

6. MPO Officials Committee (Thurs. August 29) - Eskridge, Emery

Eskridge stated the MPO Committee met with County Commission members, Department of Roads officials, and the Mayor. Discussion on road projects planned, which involve federal funds.

8. Joint Budget Committee (Friday, September 6) - Emery, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated Boesch brought up discussion on a credit union, which she is trying to establish, to target low income individuals and help eliminate pay day lenders. This would fill a gap in the service provision as they would serve low income specifically at this time. Boesch outlined the low income credit union is not composed like other credit unions, and purposely target clients which other credit unions are hesitate to serve. Could open January 1st.

Gaylor Baird added Boesch also talked about screening specialists which they've added to the County budget, for the Juvenile Justice Program. This position had served in a different department. Responsible for transition of people from the Juvenile Justice System to Work Well positions. Also looking at forming a committee to examine a trauma council for veterans.

She stated when the Keno fund was set up decided when at \$1 million saved we would evaluate the agreements where we invest money. Discussed working with the Health Endowment. Emery added when there were payouts 60% was paid out and 40% saved. The savings accumulated until \$1 million and we had a project. When we got to a million the decision made that there was no project jumping off the scale and we would continue to save and try to go to \$1.5 million. The question is, how does this money get invested? Now in time CD's, etc., which earn very little. There will probably be information Confer and Eagan will bring forward. Legislation which would allow us to utilize something similar which may help the endowment. We went to the Community Health Endowment who didn't want to take over, and invest our money. We will probably bring forward an idea of setting something similar up and utilizing the money. We also invested at a higher rate.

Camp asked for a little elaboration on the proposed credit union, the tax payer basis? Gaylor Baird didn't know the specific low income designations. Camp asked if part of the purpose is to go against the Cash Advance establishments? Emery commented the idea is to try and find something to allow those in need not to have to go and pay up to 400% interest. This is not new to the nation. Most non-

profit groups have looked into, and we have someone interested in trying the concept, but have to raise \$300,000 with a matching \$300,000. Think slightly problematic as to whether they get in by the first of January. Lots of discussion before then.

Camp knows Cash Advances are overbearing but would want information. Emery commented this is not something the City or County will do. Brought forward as other non-profits are sitting on the Board and wanted them to hear. Similar to discussions on other ethnic centers. Informational.

III. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated first, the Mayor called for an Initiated Study of the 14th and Superior roundabout, on accidents, etc., and cost. We asked a consultant to come, look at, and make recommendations. This report was presented last week. We want the opportunity to present to Council next week? Could email the report, but may be better to have presented. Eskridge asked what time period needed? Hoppe replied 45 minutes. Cook asked if it could be sent electronically? Hoppe replied he would send, but still have the report presented next week.

Hoppe said secondly, is to have all Council Members participate in the Mayor's Strategic Planning Process, being put forward now. We initiate a public on-line survey and we'll talk somewhat on our outcomes, our indicators, and what people would like to see next year as we prepare to implement next year's budget. Accelerating this conversation a little was the work done by LIBA last week, discussing having additional police officers. We would like this kind of discussion now before we put the money in. What is it we want to be accomplished? The survey results will be available next week, will send out. On October 19th, a Saturday morning, will have a 4 to 5 hour session and talk with both constituent groups and public groups on items they would like to see us focus on next year. Then we would have time to put all pieces together before we get to the actual budget discussion. An effort to try and learn what the public wants of us, what we want of ourselves, in terms of programs and efforts we will put forward as part of the 2014 - 2016 budget. Will speak to the Chair more on how to get Council involved in the discussion.

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No comments

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.