

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING
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Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Trent Fellers; Roy Christensen; and Jon Camp

Absent: Jonathan Cook

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Rod Confer, City Attorney; and Mary Meyer, Council secretary

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:20 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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The above minutes electronically presented to Council. With no corrections minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

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1. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Christensen, Emery, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated they reviewed the budget, putting forward final approval. No changes as the RTSD stated what they realistically expected the levy to be. Christensen added and they stayed with the decision. Emery commented they originally wanted a 2.6% levy, but we fought for projects which they thought they could do. They knew they weren't going to do 2.6% after previously discussing. If making a budget do on what you believe will be achieved. They were willing and came in at 1.3%, making everyone happy. Obviously, if doing all the jobs needed, would love 2.6% but have to achieve with the resources we possess.

Emery stated, penciled in projects we might do, amount of starting money, saving or holding back through 2022. Includes the South Beltway, 33rd and Cornhusker Streets, and the 35th and Adams corners. Gaylor Baird stated the figures shown based on cash flow projections presuming the traditional levy of 2.6 cents. Not clear it projected. Emery commented the County stated it was their intent, and we'll give the benefit of doubt. Will we get there as fast as projected? Don't know. Also discussed the quiet zone starting in Waverly on Saturday night. Went reasonably well the first two days. We do have a quiet zone in planning but probably 18 months away of having one in Hickman.

Camp asked regarding the South Beltway money, is there an estimate of what is allocated for railroads? Emery replied yes, believing close to \$8 million, counting bridges and crossings, what we can deal with.

Christensen stated there was a discussion about paying the money every year, as it became available, to the State. Felt a consensus of we'd rather hold onto, putting in a reserve, and then turn over to the State.

Emery added the World Herald had an article on the railroad's feelings about quiet zones. They're not really thrilled. Federal law requires and feel the railroad goes along begrudgingly, and part of the reason quiet zones take a long time. Sometimes 24 to 36 months to complete.

Eskridge had heard the possibility of opening, or expanding, the track in the south part of Lincoln. Emery replied really know nothing. Obviously it would be problematic due to the fact it parallels Highway 2. With the fact we intend to widen 56th, it may be difficult to travel with trains on the track, especially at rush hour. Come to Cornhusker Highway and observe how difficult it is to go south during the rush hour with a train.

2. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Cook

Councilman Cook absent. Confer stated the PBC will be purchasing chairs for room 113 and the Chambers. Council was to check out the possible new chairs, which are the same as the ones in the personnel conference room. The County Board agreed on the chairs and if Council likes they will purchase. The old chairs will go to the Mayor's conference room.

Camp asked if they have the ability to rise higher, which often we don't have on chairs? Confer believed so, and adjustable in several different ways. Short discussion.

3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Cook

Councilman Cook absent.

4. Board of Health - Emery

Emery stated they received presentations from Health Board members. One presentation on administering inspections of daycares and privately owned daycares. Items we're doing as we try to improve are fairly extensive, rigid investigation/inspection of daycares to make sure there are items like changing areas and separate sinks from kitchen areas. Items which possibly don't come up if you do everyday, but if pointed out how much better and how it reduces the amount of disease. Especially diseases transmitted by not washing hands. Discussed many daycares requiring washing hands as soon as anyone arrives. The child cannot enter unless they wash their hands, preventing bringing in germs.

The Board of Health has a program with federal dollars, and using to look at driving the number of social diseases down. Looking at how we control the spread of disease locally we have the ability to drive most down, but social disease difficult to make as big a difference. The Board will try different methods. A State law passed which allows doctors to distribute medicine for a partner without the partner coming in. The hope is it takes some pressure off people having to come in and be identified. It is easy not to talk about social diseases, but the fact is we see approximately 100 people a month with a social disease. Very hard to eliminate. Gaylor Baird stated often can lead to infertility. Emery commented with the age group involved believe they think it won't happen to them. Trying to get involved individuals the education and information needed on how to control with medicine.

5. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated the MAC met and had an extensive discussion on Committee representation. Current members are leaders in different cultural communities in our large community, with different perspectives. Do express appreciation to our leaders for continuing through the long selection process.

Camp asked what are the membership concerns? Eskridge replied some members recently resigned because of job responsibilities, and we need to replace. Looking to have all community segments represented. Camp asked what ethnic groups under-represented? Eskridge stated now do not have any Sudanese. The current chair is Persian but no recent immigrants from areas like Iraq. We have Indian but not other Asian representation.

6. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Fellers

Fellers stated they received an update on the Voip conversion. Parks and Rec will be the next to receive the functionality, with October the timeframe. Now inundated with the jail, spending most of their time there.

The main frame conversion of the County is almost complete and now working on the City, and will have a press release on the mobile GIS, which will accomplish a lot of GIS functionality. ISPC received a detailed demonstration.

Discussed the interlocal agreement and will spend a significant amount of time on the interlocal rather than the updates, which is appropriate.

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Eskridge stated we do have the City United Way program coming. Is there a member who is interested in coordinating the Council? Hoppe added the Mayor's office could handle the collecting from the City Council, but if Council would rather do independently is fine. Christensen volunteered as the Council coordinator.

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Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.