

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113**

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

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:18 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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The above minutes distributed electronically. With no corrections placed on file in the Council office.

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1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Emery

Emery stated the JPA discussed the pedestrian bridge, which was to have post tension work. Essentially three separate units having cable going down through the middle, to tighten up. If everything went well over the weekend they expect to be done in October and open.

Discussed and approved final bids for the 2 parking garages. The combined total is approximately \$25 million, and under budget. Contentious to some, but considering we did not have planned, we are under where we budgeted the two. These are at risk, economy of scale, as building together results in a lower rate.

Camp asked how many stalls provided by the two garages? Emery replied approximately 1300 or 1400 stalls between the two. One was 800 and one 600. Camp asked if \$25 million each, or total? Emery answered total. Believe it was \$13 million for the larger and at \$11 million for the smaller. We saved as they're doing both at the same time. These are manager at risk prices, with a locked in rate, and ready to go. Camp asked if there was a targeted date? Emery replied hopefully one in the spring of '14 and the other in the fall of '14. He added, heard at the first show there was plenty of parking, and we were able to get in and out at a really reasonable length of time.

2. Visitors Promotion Committee - Fellers, Pearce

Fellers stated he could not attend as the same time the Council meets.

Pearce did attend. They approved the request for additional money to improve the parking situation at Pinewood Bowl. The amount was \$400,000 requested and they granted \$103,000. Johnson stated there were two different roadways, and we were proposing to add 11,000 parking spaces on grass. It was \$300,000 requested funding assistance for both. What they funded was identified as Roadway Segment 2, which will provide access to approximately another 600 parking spaces, and a mobile irrigation system.

III. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Purchase of chairs by the PBC for Council Chambers and Room 113 - Cook

Eskridge stated he understands the County Commissioners have expressed a desire to replace the chairs on the dias and in room 113.

Cook asked if everyone had sat in the type of chair proposed? When we selected chairs years ago we had a number of choices. The new chair is from Personnel, one they had, and the County Board decided they were adequate. It has been the County Board asking for new chairs, as these chairs have not been as reliable as they would have liked, with a number broken. Cook added he thinks the current chairs are fine, but defer to the County Board. We haven't had much discussion here. At the last Building Commission meeting it was decided to order new chairs unless the City Council has reservations. Therefore if we agree the chairs will be purchased.

Hoppe asked what happens to the current chairs? Cook replied they might be going upstairs. Hoppe stated their office chairs are in bad condition and these would be a significant improvement.

Camp stated his concern was with the casters and height adjustment. Want to make sure they go high enough. Cook replied he didn't measure, might not go as high as you would desire. Short discussion followed. The question asked as to the cost of the chairs. Cook replied \$405.00 each, less than the chairs we're now using.

2. Review, approval, of City Council meeting dates for 2014

Eskridge presented the Council meeting schedule for the next calendar year. Cook stated the schedule has the same holidays as this year, with one night meeting at the end of each month. Standard.

Motion: Cook made motion to approve the City Council meeting calendar for 2014. Fellers seconded.

Discussion: Camp asked if anyone had a strong preference for the Thanksgiving holiday to be celebrated on December 1st? Cook replied some Council members think it works better to celebrate after the this holiday. Also, it helps staff as they miss Thursday, and Friday, and then prepare for a Monday meeting if we don't have off. Easier on staff to have after a Thursday or Friday holiday. Christensen added when his family travels for Thanksgiving it makes it easier to return after a long weekend.

Hoppe stated the ILC meetings are usually before a night meeting, and it sometimes is very difficult to schedule pre-councils. He stated it may be a bit easier with night meetings simply because members work most of the day, and if we had a pre-council it would be later. Possibly ILC could be scheduled on a different day? A consideration? Fellers stated he would be fine with a change. Hoppe added he has not discussed with anyone and therefore has no idea of any consequences other than it would be easier to schedule other meetings if the afternoon was available before a night meeting.

Eskridge commented the ILC meets in a week and will bring up. Three Council members are on the Committee along with the Police, Cornhusker Place, and others who consider it most important to have on Monday. Will see what their schedules are like and if they're flexible, fine.

Role Called: Members voting aye include: Eskridge, Emery, Camp, Christensen, Cook, Fellers, and Gaylor Baird. Passed 7 - 0.

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No comment

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