

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2014
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING
LUXFORD STUDIO
555 S. 10TH STREET**

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**MINUTES
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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; Steve Hubka, Finance Director; Sherry Wolf, Budget Analyst; and Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel

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

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With no corrections the above files placed on file in the Council office.

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1. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (March 27th) - Emery

Emery stated as the weather becomes nicer PRT numbers grow. Last month we discussed a trailer park concern and to define the definition of a trailer and vehicle. This trailer park had a fire last month, which fortunately didn't kill anyone although it could have as there was a camper being used as a house with the old wood base and use of an extension cord. One of the important items on our agenda.

2. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (March 25) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated the DLA will be bringing forward a revised city contact to bid with an amended budget. First Reading was to be today. Changes to the contact reflect new boundaries, and is straight forward. The remainder of the fiscal year budget will reflect the new revenues.

The DLA also moving forward with some integration plans for the West Haymarket. Basically will work with the West Haymarket Development Corporation and Haymarket property and business owners to ensure the best way to administer the bids going forward. Priorities for resources will be identified, such as holiday lights, etc.

Gaylor Baird added Shop the Blocks coming on April 24th. Starts at 4:30 p.m. with welcome at the Single Barrel. Tickets may be purchased online at Shoptheblocks.com. We encourage everyone to support.

Received a presentation on the sales tax proposal, and wanting feedback.

3. Correctional Joint Public Agency (March 25) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated the Correctional Joint Public Agency met approving the bills on the warehouse, which is under construction, nearing completion.

4. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) (March 31st) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers

Fellers stated the ILC discussed the age ordinance, asking for ideas, and how we should handle the ordinance. Did not get a lot of public feedback, mostly heard about restrictions. Those under age 21 being out of the bar, or recognizing who they were.

Christensen added the ILC is quickly approaching giving direct feedback to Council on the 2:00 p.m. closing time.

Eskridge commented the ILC also welcomed two new community members. One represents restaurants and the other retail grocery store chains. Since we've had the liquor serving training it seemed important to have their presence at meetings.

III. SCHEDULES

1. Budget Schedule - Steve Hubka, Finance Director (Attachment A)

Hubka pointed out, especially to the new Council members, the boundaries within the City Charter Budget Schedule. We must adopt a budget at least by 5 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, which is Monday, August 25th.

In order to prepare the budget need time to prepare the budget resolution. Typically vote on final changes 2 days after the public hearing, which would be August 13th, with public hearing on Monday, August 11th. Prior to this we have to put in the newspaper what Council thinks in order for a public hearing based on the Mayor's budget, as well as Council changes. Will publish August 5th and ask Council to vote on tentative changes July 28th.

This would have us in line with the time period of the other Charter requirement requiring introduction of the budget not less than 40 days prior to the end of the fiscal year. Will introduce on July 14th, giving between July 14th and July 28th for time to have hearings with departments.

The Commons Meeting has been scheduled for many months for Tuesday, July 15th, with the other hearings on Wednesday, July 16, and Friday, July 18th.

There is a little flexibility in this time period but not a lot. These dates are set for the times and the meetings. If there are any major concerns do address in the near future.

Cook stated on Thursday, July 24th, we have Council discussion on tentative changes. An informal Council meeting. We thought it was a good idea to meet ahead of the tentative vote to discuss Council ideas, and then wouldn't have a surprise on the dias. On the Monday of the tentative vote would like to have had a previous discussion at the Thursday meeting.

Cook then stated with the department scheduled times, we tried a different schedule for a couple of years, not as formal on the times. We had an order but departments spent only the time needed, which is not the same for each department. Hubka added they will inform departments to be present in advance of their scheduled time. Camp commented possibly someone could call 2 or 3 in the order, as a courtesy in order for them to avoid waiting. Cook added if we're ahead of schedule the next department wouldn't have to wait, with the same applying if we run behind. Hubka stated usually several departments have few questions.

Eskridge asked if there's a reason to start at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday? Hubka replied no particular reason other than shortening Tuesday's work time.

Eskridge stated the longer formal Council meeting will be August 11th, with a dinner break. Cook added the schedule lists public hearing following a brief regular Council meeting. Is the regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.? Could have a regular, short, Council meeting at 2:30 p.m. and then move onto the budget. Wolf had the same assumption, to meet at 2:30 p.m. for the meeting and then the budget. Cook added also will have sign in sheets for the public wanting to speak. If few speakers in the early segment we may break early, and come back at 6:30 p.m.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

1. Audit Advisory Board Appointment - Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel

Pearce stated she sent the resumes on the four candidates for the Audit Advisory Board to Council. The two candidates being brought forward are Mr. Arp and Ms. Lee. If Council knows at this time would prepare the resolution. Emery asked if one opening? Pearce replied one vacancy.

Gaylor Baird stated an observation, not knowing either Mr. Arp or Ms. Lee, but in general the number of women on boards is fewer than men, and may be worth considering in the discussions.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.