

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2014, 555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Directors' Meeting minutes of June 2, 2014.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of June 2, 2014.

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

1. Parks and Recreation - Cook
2. MPO Officials Committee - Emery, Fellers

**III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **Library Board Vacancy**
2. **Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Chief Peschong**

**V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2014**

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

**Others:** Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Pat Leach, Library Director; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:14 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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Minutes of June 2<sup>nd</sup> distributed and with no corrections placed on file in the City Council Office.

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

**1. Parks and Recreation - Cook**

Cook stated the meeting was an executive session. Emery commented in previous minutes saw the Golf Committee would report on a quarterly basis. Might they reconsider as we want golf to go in the direction we'd all like. Cook added he saw the report and sometimes a Golf Report consists of listing rounds, numbers. Emery said they're discussing volunteers for certain events and would like to know how this is proceeding. If the Committee can't send to the Advisory Members they could send to Council. Possibly they're looking for volunteers, like marshals. Emery stated he and Eskridge were active in those discussions. Want to know where we're headed with golf. Understand you might want to correlate reports somewhat but think when it's a hot item a quarterly report is not enough.

**2. MPO Officials Committee - Emery, Fellers**

Emery announced Councilman Fellers was elected Chair. Fellers stated they reviewed documents from the Nebraska Department of Roads, discussed the Southeast Beltway Project, reviewed the transportation alternatives program and their selection process. Also, acted on the 2014 self certification review. He added they discussed the 2015 through 2018 transportation program.

**III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR**

None.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. Library Board Vacancy – Pat Leach, Library Director**

Emery requested this to be on the Organizational agenda for clarification. Leach stated as the letter to Council indicates do have a Library Board Member, Kathy McKillip, who is finishing a partial Library Board term of 5 years and is now eligible to serve a full, 7 year, term. She is willing to serve and has been a strong Library Board member.

Leach stated we have had this type of situation with a Board Member eligible for a full term, after serving a partial term. Last year Martha Florence was in this position and we chose not to accept applications but simply to put Martha forward. Understand in the past we have sometimes said a Library Board Member is reapplying but we still accepted applications. Now looking to Council for

their thoughts on how best to proceed with this process.

Camp commented to give her a full term. Agreement from Council members. Emery added that was his thought but now know other Council Members feel. In the long run might say, is there a place where there is a time in service where a person would take over for the next 7 years? Is 13 years a long time? May be worth discussing. If someone is at half, or less than half, of their current term. But believe Council agreed to give her another term.

Gaylor Baird stated some boards get numerous applications, are popular, and people want to serve. Cook added, if you lock up for 13 years, too much?

Cook asked, what does Kathy McKillip do? Leach replied she is the Director of Tourism for the State of Nebraska. Short discussion.

Camp said out of curiosity, how many Board Members are actually serving the 7 year term? Leach replied she could research but it's been the case where several members have been called into City service, either on City Boards or employed by the City. Do say we have several currently on the Board who are in the middle of their full term. When they get called into different positions it is good news that the Library Board has qualified people. We're getting into a cycle where we're having several 7 year participants.

Cook reiterated it is a long commitment when you think about it.

Leach thanked Council and stated the Library Board would follow today's recommendation.

## **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Emery stated Meyer sent the Committee Assignment list to all Council Members. Do review and inform, email, any change requests. Will discuss next week.

Emery added he would like to see more of an even commitment of Council. Eskridge commented today several of the appointments or reappointments are listed on the formal meeting. Emery didn't think there would be radial change. Pearce stated changes can always be made.

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## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.