

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2014  
555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 18, 2014**

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

**Others:** Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney; Jon Carlson, Stronger Safer Neighborhoods Aide; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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With no additions, or corrections, the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

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

**1. Multicultural Committee (MAC) - Eskridge**

Eskridge stated the committee met and continued on the topic of engaging MAC in diversity with our City employees. Statistics given on how the City is doing, with the results not being the best. What helps is having part-time employees with Parks and Recreation and the Libraries. But it is an issue with the committee being concerned, and looking at ways to try and improve. A challenge since City employees stay for a long time, resulting in few new positions.

**2. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Cook**

Cook stated the PBC had their public hearing on the budget, with no person from the public coming forward to speak even after numerous chances. The budget was approved.

Wilson reappointed as the At-Large Representative, and the PBC voted to again have Hudkins as chair, with Wilson as vice chair.

Flag poles were discussed. Christensen stated he received a message from Sayers stating they will be ordering flags. The cost is less if buying in quantity, and now taking inventory on where new flags may be needed. Once complete will order the flags. Cook added the flags are different sizes, outside are larger and the ones on the dias are much smaller. Camp commented the flags flown outside last three to four months. Cook agreed, adding they do fray and possibly they want to order a quantity to have replacements.

Cook stated the Master Plan Update discussed. The Plan should be called the facilities status update. Now listing in one document so anyone can see all buildings, all completed work, and current status. Will discuss with Planning as part of the South Haymarket. A good presentation.

Building 605, the old jail, then discussed. We made a few schedule changes. With H&H we needed to hire our own service protesting the concrete.

The dress code policy now requires shirts and shoes. We didn't want to censor certain tee shirts, with possible backlash. The Judges can set their own dress code for court. They can be much more strict, where we were more general.

Camp added on building status, we own buildings, such as the Hall of Justice with some remodeling completed. The 605, old jail building, will be renovated, with some space going to several other people, including from Trabert Hall which they're recommending to sell. Do want to keep the records warehouse, the old power plant, but relinquish ownership of Community Mental Health Building and relocate to the Bensch Building. The 9<sup>th</sup> and J Building, the old Election Commission office, continues as Community Corrections. The previous police station is being considered to relinquish for private potential development.

Camp stated to Don Killeen's credit he's really acquired small parcels of land, which was questioned at times, but are now developing. Centrally located in the city.

### **3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook**

Cook stated Parks and Recreation had two meetings. First, the Advisory Board and secondly, a joint meeting with the Lincoln Parks Foundation, meeting at the Holmes Lake Golf Course building.

The Board acted on two recommendations. One, restrict the hours of operation of Tower Square and Bill Harris Ironhorse Park to operate from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Apparently loiters, or other people, are perhaps creating trouble.

Agreed to rename a park area along the railroad at Pine Lake and Yankee Hill. Is the Jonathan Gapp Park now. His parents bought the land in his honor when Jonathan was listed as dying with childhood cancer but mercifully survived. His parents then dedicated to other survivors of childhood cancer. The difference on the agenda today is that originally it was named Jonathan Gapp Greenway, a new term being used. The Gapp family prefers park.

Received a presentation on the different items the Parks Board and Foundation Board do, and how they overlap. Discussed our 10 Year Facilities Plan, including the cost of fund-raising projects. We received a construction status report, which mentioned the completion of Centennial Mall, possibly next year. The south part should be completed this year, the north done next mid-year, and during all of next year Parks will be doing the planting.

Councilman Cook couldn't attend the tour, where they visited various park facilities in Southeast Lincoln, including the new joint middle school and neighborhood park site. On today's agenda with approval of surplusing the land for a middle school. We are coordinating elementary schools and neighborhood parks whenever possible.

### **4. Board of Health - Emery**

Emery stated the Board hired a new Peoples Clinic director. Issues occurred in the past and the long standing person who was there has left. Then discussed changing the fees for the dental clinic, which have not been updated for quite some time. Although considerably cheaper they were not meeting expenses, even with volunteer help. Will update the fees September first.

Emery commented they received monthly health statistics. Their database is fantastic and available to anyone.

## **III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR**

None.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

Emery stated he received a request from Sayers, with Property Management, reporting the Mayor would like individual City Council Member pictures to post on the wall outside his office. Will have Meyer set up a time to have pictures taken here.

Cook stated with the pictures, there doesn't seem to be a lot of wall space available. All previous Mayors are featured on the wall. Carlson added, when you come out of the Mayor's office, going into the City Attorney's office, would be the other wall facing west.

Emery added today the Council will present Russ Fosler with a proclamation, as he is retiring.

Kirkpatrick commented that Rick Peo, Chief Assistant City Attorney, had a couple valves replaced on July 28th. That was on Monday and he was released on Friday. Now at home recuperating. The doctor apparently said he can come back as early as September, working part days. Will try to keep him at 8 hours a day. Wanted Council to know his progress.

**V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No comments

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.