

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
555 S. 10TH STREET, BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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

Others: Roger Figard, City Engineer; and Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Chair Emery 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 minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

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1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Cook

Cook stated they discussed the sally port. Camp added the sally port is beneath the old County jail and now more expensive, so we extended the time for rebids. Requested a 4 month construction period, with one response. Cook commented extending to a six month schedule, two more weeks to bid. Hopefully we'll get other bids. The one received was very high.

Cook stated at the H & H Parking Lot added landscaping to meet city standards. Missed and now making sure of the proper amount. The PBC then discussed the South Haymarket plan.

He commented that Krout led a discussion regarding our campus, including upgrading campus security cameras. Will bid out new cameras/system, ours is quite old. Expect difference to be significant with high resolution cameras which hold the video longer. The Sheriff's office manages with the issue of digital videoing. Need very tight control over who has information access, as it may be used as evidence. Also, cameras may be recommended at the 555 S. 10th facility.

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

Handout by Roger Figard, City Engineer

Gaylor Baird brought data regarding the considerations faced with the South Beltway. The financials are basically from the levy, and focusing on amounts.

Figard stated the handout is a copy of the approved RTSD budget. Capital expenditure was just under \$6 million. Possibly a little over when you add other items. The budget has a 6 year and 12 year CIP. For financial purposes has been shown to the Board. This CIP has two major projects. Adams and 33rd Street, plus funding the anticipated city share in relationship to the South Beltway railroad tracks. Over 6 years 13 or 14 million dollars. Camp inquired on amounts for the two projects. Figard replied the South Beltway is \$13 to \$14 million. Camp questioned total specific project amounts, \$46 million? Figard said on Adams and 35th suggested was environmental work, engineering. Proving a project with the RTSD guide. For a viable project, and we're ready, start buying right of way and new construction. The goal was the RTSD to fund 50% and 50% being a combination of railroad and Nebraska Department of Roads funds using federal high hazard elimination funds. The dollars in this CIP are just RTSD dollars. Emery added, in addition there's

some NRD money.

Figard stated the Board approved this budget in June. Recommended sending the County Board a request for a full levy of 2.6¢. In August the levy granted to the RTSD was 1.3¢, not 2.6¢.

On the 3rd sheet the top half is cash flow at 1.3¢. The 5th column is net revenue. Operating and capital project expenditures in the next 2 columns. Far right shows if a 1.3¢ levy continues trying to fund the CIP shown for 2018. We'll go from \$1 million in black to nearly \$6 million in red, continuing to go down.

Conversely, as shown in the lower section, if the district maintains the 2.6¢ levy, with the same projects and same operating budget, they can stay in the black and have a cash balance.

Figard stated if the levy isn't continued, and not maintained, decisions would have to be made on the 2 major projects in the RTSD future CIP. Cannot do both with 1.3¢. One would be delayed, or preferred. Figard added it is exciting that if the levy can be maintained the projects will be done.

Emery stated we don't bond, but accrue money as we go. The less money accrued the more difficult. The other item heard at the Board meeting, and possibly taken out of context is the question of if there is enough money to do this year's budget? Figard replied yes, but not enough coming in. Even if we bonded, some projects don't run cash flows, but is borrowed money we pay back. Need revenue in order to pay the bonds. Christensen commented people say there's \$13 million. But we need before we spend. Emery agreed, adding a main item was the County Board Chair saying, there's still money to do the South Beltway if we lower the levy. Need to let people see not necessarily and if it was would be under the guise that 100% of the money would come from the RTSD, but there are other projects to be done equally as much.

Camp asked if there's a single budget for the beltway bridges? To spend or just allocating on paper? Figard replied Roads Department is a real partner. They will work with us and RTSD. Collected money could be paid up front or we wait and pay as we go. For the purpose of this exercise have shown equal installations over 6 years to get approximately \$13 million. Camp asked, so all carried over? Figard agreed. Camp heard \$46 million for the No. 33rd project. Thought half would be from other sources. Was \$46 million carried over, or just half? Figard replied the \$46 million shown on the CIP is all RTSD money. The RTSD funded the money the first 6 years and shown on the sheet, \$16 million. All RTSD money. Starting the 7th year and going out, the rest of the \$5 million every year is what the RTSD would owe. The \$5 million a year comes from others. The other money is not in this cash flow, but RTSD money is all there.

Camp stated when added up it's \$46 million, half is non RTSD. Now saying that \$46 million is RTSD, and on top would be other. Figard said whatever \$5 million is on that. There's \$30 million, and if the final total of cost, the \$30 million represents half of construction costs of the initial. Another \$30 million would come from the State and others. Camp asked if it would be a \$76 million project? Figard replied the estimate over 10 years was approximately \$76 million.

Figard stated while there is money in the RTSD budget for the South Beltway, there's currently no agreements between the City, State or RTSD to expend. The money's in the budget, but no authorization. Christensen added the money would accrue without being spent, until we had an agreement. Assuming it was funded, with Figard agreeing.

Fellers asked if the RTSD pays after the project is done, or as they go? Figard said some of both. On SW 40th the District gave the City the money. On Hickman's viaduct they billed and we paid.

Both ways. We did the same for the quiet zone and Waverly's quiet zone. Fellers heard the State would pay up front on the South Beltway, has the RTSD ever agreed to that type of payment? Figard said they discussed with the State, as our RTSD money needs to be budgeted yearly. If we collect \$2,167,000 in year 1 and don't spend but to keep accruing, the next year it lapses and then need to budget \$4,334,000 million. Double. As it accrues it may give the community a false sense of whether we are being good stewards of the money. The State is willing to discuss that with an agreement possibly yearly we pay them that money and they can use but we get credit.

Gaylor Baird stated there were discussions about acquiring the right of way earlier, when land is cheaper, but we don't have enough certainty on the project.

Emery added all items a little jeopardized depending on funding or the levy. Camp asked an explanation from the County Board on the \$25 million in the hole? Emery replied when discussed last year after they cut it they said it would be a one year cut. Anderson's response was it was a difficult budget and they had to make a choice. Emery stated every budget is tough and you make choices, but clearly they believed this money could be used for their budget.

3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook

Cook stated they briefly discussed the golf plan. The Golf Committee will meet and send a proposal for fee increases and their annual work plan. The Golf Program fees have not supported the Capital Improvement Program, and for years the courses not kept up. The proposed fee increases will help raise approximately \$600,000 a year for capital improvements. The fee increases come in 2 years at 4% a year. Maybe need 5% a year, or might have to go with a larger increase like 6%. Think smaller, more even increases explaining the use and the course benefits.

Cook added they had a staff report on different projects, such as the approved sports facilities. The Great American Sports Park may open in the spring of 2016 not 2015. This park still limited in the kind of clientele it will serve. Speedway Sporting Village appears to be on schedule, and next spring should have one field open. Breslow Ice Center is looking at August 2017, then discussion on a future indoor facility for swimming competition practice. The schools have but are smaller. Possibly UNL needs to take the lead. Then discussed dog parks, instead of runs. A lot of demand. They would have equipment and larger, with possible fences, water, trails, play equipment, clean up supplies. Some locations in town have large demand. Cook added they also received a presentation on outdoor fitness equipment. Apparently other countries have places in parks focusing on outdoor fitness, and companies who make just outdoor equipment. They call them Senior Parks but all ages use. Will look into.

With the Pinewood Bowl master plan need to work on behind the stage facilities for loading and unloading. Discussed the No. 48th Street landfill reuse and will update our 10 year master plan, done in the off budget year. Maintenance ongoing and possibly new facilities. Under announcements was Tower Square. Dedication/lighting ceremony moved to October 8th but the lighting will now be in December. On October 12th there is a Party in the Parks at Tower Square.

Camp asked on the golf fund any discussion on concerns expressed by some Board Members on the administrative fees? Cook replied, not discussed. Camp then stated, dog parks, aren't dogs permitted in our regular parks? Cook said yes, just follow the rules. These places have rules presumably different with other amenities.

Fellers added it creates a better more socialized dog to see and interact with other dogs. Off and on the lease. Camp asked how this is different from dog runs? Fellers replied notice the fence by Holmes Park and the one on 1st Street, they're all we have. Dog parks, especially in cities where

there isn't a lot of space for dogs to run off the lease. It's possibly a large space fenced where dogs could run and interact. When we lived downtown we had two dogs and this would have been a great place to go. In our building several people had dogs and really nowhere to go downtown to have them run. Cook agreed with the demand from downtown properties. Fellers commented when they went to the run maybe once or twice a month and the only experience to let our dogs off the lease and run. Somewhere downtown would work.

Camp stated regarding parks talked about the fact there's about 65,050 acres of parks, 10 square miles in city. Depending on the budget maybe just adjusting. Cook said the Parks Board before has made recommendations to reduce the amount of new parkland. No push for less parkland. If Council Members feel it's important then we address in future comprehensive plans.

Eskridge said he and another Council Member met people to discuss the set building for the Pinewood Bowl. The challenges they have. Before we used Pinewood Bowl for concerts they could build and not be disturbed but now with other uses they're looking for other space. Cook replied they also discussed. Now trying to figure out a plan to allow the different uses to work with better coordination. With concerts it makes it hard to rehearse and for them to have their sets there. We need better facilities behind to help coordinate and manage better.

Camp stated downtown have the Kennel Inn to open, with a nice area, and would be a place if anyone moved downtown.

4. Board of Health - Emery

Emery stated couple gentlemen came forward concerned about smoking in cars with children. There are currently 6 states with legislation against. There are some troubling numbers. The Stanford study showed vehicle air quality within 20 seconds of lighting a cigarette, using air quality index established by the EPA, surpasses the hazardous level. Even if you roll down a window 6 inches the smoke pools near the rear of the vehicle, where we put our kids. We determined a State issue and not one for us.

He added the Home Visitation program, done jointly with Cedars Youth Services, is a way to reduce child maltreatment, family violence, reduce crime, and get kids into homes with services. The program was just given national accreditation.

5. Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated the Committee met with Police Department representatives and discussed how LPD deals with racial issues, in light of the Ferguson, Mo. and New York events which happened recently. What we're doing locally to train law enforcement to have outlets for citizens where they feel there's been different events they want to report and to follow them up.

6. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Fellers

Fellers stated they went over certain systems, developments, and updates which they're doing in the back shop. Report is available if requested. Discussed the interlocal and with our Chair they'll set up a briefing on the interlocal, possibly at our next joint meeting with the County.

Fellers stated we'll receive 2 documents, the new interlocal agreement and red line changes. It's been 15 years since the last update. Not substantial changes but some clarifying language.

We received a demo of the GIS Map portal from Jeff McReynolds, GIS Program Manager. Incredibly impressive. Shows all utility lines, all fiber optic cable in the ground by different grade. Practical applications with the GIS Map tool which could be used. An idea was from the Visitors

Promotion Committee. Will discuss with Jeff Maul and show where there might be areas to work with GIS within the City and County. Think McReynolds would come and give a briefing on how it works and the different windows. City staff looks at different items. Example: seeing a track light out at 2 in the morning and a traffic person has to go and identify where the problem is. With this they can use a tablet and see where the outage is and fix the problem, not wasting anytime. Another area is a system for the Pinnacle Bank Arena and managing traffic, and flow of people to and from the arena. Very impressive and will have Council observe.

III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR

None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Eskridge stated there have been concerns about our homeless population, numbers, and reported aggressiveness. Discussing with CenterPointe and staff who work with the homeless and LPD to determine the current situation. Weather will help to some extent, but trying to access homeless issues.

Gaylor Baird added one item which came out was the back and forth on the Facebook discussion. Think everyone has been tagged if they have a Facebook account. The Downtown Lincoln Association has worked on this issue and does public awareness campaigns. One main item recommended by LPD was to try and have people understand that getting people connected to services as opposed to giving cash handouts is a huge help. Incarcerating isn't effective, with the DLA welcomes input from citizens and volunteer support, and getting the word out. A good way to direct people with concerns on this issue, along with working with CenterPointe.

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Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.