

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2014**

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

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff to Mayor Beutler; and Mary Meyer, City Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:10 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) (11.17.14) - Camp, Cook

Cook reported they received three proposals for architectural engineering services for Phase 3 of the 605 Building. Clark Enderson selected, who had the top scoring system and best price.

Continuing he stated an Eagle and three spears approved for the flag poles and discussed having walking indicators for those who want to exercise around this building and possibly extending a few blocks. Decided indicators such as painted signs, or any signs, would be away from this building.

There will be 100 stalls in the new parking lot at 8th and H. The parking on H Street, between 9th and 10th, will ultimately be used for drug testing clients, and expect quite a number. During construction law enforcement will be using and not available to other employees.

2. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (11.18.14) - Emery

Emery stated they discussed an assessment, paid by the JPA, with little doubt to fault and thinking of suing to be paid.

If anyone has not been in the Haymarket at night and seen the lighting on the three parking garages, which are done in red, blue, and green, recommend they do as it is very attractive.

Emery added they talked about where the JPA is long term, and how it continues to look very good.

3. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (11.20.14) - Emery

Emery reported now have five open cases. Not unusual for this time of year as once it gets cold and yards are no longer part of the problem it's more difficult to be in violation of two or more codes. Several were on our list for a while and for an extended period of time we were in litigation. Now, we have three houses, out of five, which are long term and in litigation.

4. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Officials Committee (MPO) (11.20.14) - Emery, Fellers

Fellers stated a quick meeting. Looked at funding revisions for South 56th Street, from Shadow Pines to Old Cheney and then approved funding revisions for StarTran and the Section 53-10 program projects, for the seniors who have disabilities, mobility.

A briefing on funding for the Lincoln Trails, near Cavett Elementary, presented and received a 2040 Long Term Transportation Plan update.

Cook questioned if the South Beltway was still in the update, as expected? Fellers replied they didn't discuss that item, but moved along in a previous meeting.

Eskridge stated the map at an earlier meeting was the first time he noticed how County roads don't match up with the City roads at the Beltway. Short discussion on 82nd Street and how it angles over to 84th Street. House numbers possibly may be wrong, and would need to be corrected. To have interchanges in an area which aren't in sync with the City street system is not correct. Cook asked if he thought to renumber the County streets so they match the City streets? The problem is, everything shifts at one point in the County making everything off by a couple of blocks. Fellers questioned if it shifts the actual number of the street as it approaches? Eskridge replied the paved road, south of the bypass, is a different number. Fellers asked if the thought was to move the interchanges back?

5. District Energy Corporation (DEC) (11.24.14) - Camp

Camp stated there were some federal elements which came out, basically a concern that our bond issue is reported correctly. Our rating went down somewhat but then went right back up. The worse report was the Bank of America, a trustee, who reported us, with our question of what do we do? There's some legislation. Basically at this meeting we discussed the three options which we had.

6. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (11.25.14) - Emery

Emery stated the Correctional Facility JPA realizes the building is complete, along with the warehouse, but some landscaping still to be done. There are some doors being worked on, as they did not work correctly and now being fixed by the builder.

Emery added the JPA will move to quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings.

7. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (11.25.14) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated the DLA is very excited about their brand identity. The Association received an update at this meeting. We made some significant improvements to their website, in addition to the imagery, branding and new logo. They had an immense calendar and are working with the Chamber to coordinate and promote downtown. Gaylor Baird added the DLA has a gift card app, to purchase gift cards, and they've seen approximately \$70,000 in sales thus far. The gift cards are good not only at businesses, but at Park and Go parking garages and also parking meters. Very versatile.

Gaylor Baird commented the DLA has a brand for First Friday, and their Facebook page has over 10,000 followers and nearing the same on Twitter.

Now the DLA is wrapping up a Downtown Lincoln survey, which will give public input on priorities. To participate go to: downtownlincoln.org/survey. Only takes a few minutes.

Gaylor Baird added "Shop The Blocks" just occurred, and was very successful. We had colder weather with more people shopping than anticipated. Now discussing doing a similar event for the Haymarket.

Participated in a brief discussion on panhandling. It was indicated that they are considering reviving a

past information campaign, or possibly put together a task force.

8. Keno Advisory Committee (12.02.14) - Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated it was mentioned earlier the Committee decided on a 2-year grant cycle, for money received from Keno proceeds for Human Services and Prevention. This meeting basically looked at the people who received grants in year 1, and to make the determination on whether to proceed with year 2 funding. Tomorrow the Board will recommend the JBC allocate \$143,000 in grants to various non - profits. Then it will come before Council.

Gaylor Baird added a small balance is left over in the fund, and the Advisory Board members discussed whether to take \$1,500 and put into the Emergency Fund, which is now at \$8,500. A goal would be having the fund at \$10,000.

Hubka gave an update on the background of the fund, which has been over 20 years. Now at a million dollars, and as mentioned at the last meeting Union Bank is managing the fund for a greater return.

Lastly, everyone should have been notified of the celebration of Kit Boesch's career at the Lincoln Community Foundation on Monday. Kit's last day on the job is December 22nd.

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None

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None

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No comments

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.