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

Others: Rick Hoppe, Mayor’s Chief of Staff; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:08 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) (12.09.14) - Camp, Cook
Cook stated the PBC discussed the wellness program with the possibility of adding showers in the 605 Building. Determined they would be small, and trying to figure out the cost efficiency.

1) The bond resolution has been approved. 2) Someone’s car was stuck under the parking lot gate, requesting money from the City. Our gate was working properly and the claim dismissed. 3) Reviewed contracts and approved the photographic gifts from Wang Dajun. The Mayor thought to install the photographs in Room 303. The PBC approved placement in Room 303 but requested photos for the first floor on a rotating basis, for others to also enjoy.

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (12.11.14) - Cook
Cook stated the Board continues to work on a policy involving sale or transfer of park land. Approved an intention to draft a guide for utilities in parks. Sometimes utility pipes installed with a chain link fence surrounding the pipes. Negotiations resulted in agreement to install a box around the pipes which would be less intrusive.

Cook commented on Yarn Bonding, which is a national group who knit in public. There is a national yarn day in June. Suggested that day is to place knitted hats on sculptures, and possibly yarn around small trees, and park benches. Gaylor Baird stated a knitted hat on a sculpture may look alright in winter but in June? Cook replied their national day is in June.

Cook stated the Golf Committee discussed the sale of golf course land for apartments. This has been before the Parks Board several times over the years, and is surplus land. Originally thought for office use and now a request for apartments. Some concern on the design and the need to be attractive from the course. Staff will bring forward with the development group.

Emery presumed it would be the same standard applied to the apartments on the first fairway? Why assume they’re if one a different fairway really have to make sure of standards? Short discussion on views of apartments.

The Chair was re-elected at the meeting.
3. **Board of Health (12.09.14) - Emery**
Emery stated they discussed the articles in front of Council today at length.

4. **West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (12.11.14) - Emery**
Emery stated two items were brought forward. First, the payment of presented bills, and secondly the parking garages. The garages now lit in the evenings with the color varying with the garage so patrons know which garage they used. Very attractive and suggest everyone should see. On Sunday during the basketball game on TV, the West Haymarket area, and garages, were shown to their advantage on different occasions.

Emery commented work on the Breslow Ice Center has started. Hoppe stated they have broken ground. Emery asked if it will be available for the summer State Games? Hoppe didn’t know if a target, but agreed a great outcome.

5. **Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) (12.09.14) - Eskridge**
Eskridge stated the Multicultural Advisory Committee is represented by people with different cultural backgrounds in our community. Periodically a member will educate Committee Members on their cultural and items of interest. At the last meeting a Native American Committee Member discussed and described her culture.

6. **Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) (12.11.14) - Fellers**
Fellers stated the Committee received different system status reports. One question involved possibly having GIS in our budget to locate information. Very interesting as Council could have while on the dias or reviewing the agenda.

The interlocal agreement discussed, passed by the County Board and coming to Council. Reasoned how it affects the Committee, and if we want advisory groups, or others.

Fellers added Jane Raybould of the Committee is termed out with this meeting being her last.

7. **Joint Budget Committee (JBC) (12.09.14) - Gaylor Baird**
Gaylor Baird stated they received an update on the Human Services Administrator position. Schorr reported approximately 46 applicants which as been narrowed to 13. The interviews will be accomplished after the first of the year.

Gaylor Baird added the Committee voted on sending recommendations to the Keno Board.

United Way discussed. Not sure if they will reach their goal with larger companies leaving town which affects the appropriation giving to non-profits.

Gaylor Baird stated Region 5 represented. They reported the State received a 3.6 million dollar, 5 year, suicide prevention grant, to be used on training and prevention strategies. Also, the LPS District Office will meet on this subject.

Gaylor Baird stated the Keno Endowment Fund discussed. Propose to grow until the fund reaches $1.5 million.
Gaylor Baird commented it was Administrator Boesch’s last meeting. A reception given with many attending who celebrated her contributions during her tenure.

Eskridge asked if funding listed for recidivism programs? Gaylor Baird replied some programs proceeding to help train the service operation, including purchases, and services such as parenting or transition classes. Emery understood that every two years will determine if some funds could be used at the City-County Jail to try and stop recidivism. They struggle to find programs.

8. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) (12.15.14) - Christensen, Gaylor Baird, Emery

Christensen stated a brief meeting. Of note was the 33rd and BNSF crossing discussion. The NDOR accepted the RTSD as a local public agency so the RFP can advance. A design expected to be issued shortly, within the next month.

Christensen added they then discussed the Denton quiet zone feasibility study. Close to having information with the Board agreeing to consider a public meeting in Denton to obtain input. He added it was Brent Smoyer’s last meeting with the Board officially thanking him.

Emery read about Grand Island and the problems with their quiet zone, which goes right through town. Their at-grade crossing wayside horns are similar to ours at 35th and Adams. A problem as they do not work properly. Possibly some resistance on the railroad’s part to make sure they’re meeting the needs. If one goes down someone is sent to fix, and a note to blow their horns, and is listed for 24 hours. Even if the horn is quickly fixed they have two sets of horns going at the same time. The wayside horn plus the engineers’. Apparently have come to the conclusion their problem will exist until they have a overhead crossing, a split crossing. Emery stated we’ll probably not going to have the problems solved on a long term basis until we get a split for a crossing. The wayside horns are great, but for us more of a problem. We originally planned south on the 14th Street crossing. Cook commented the south zones do not have wayside horns. Emery reiterated they originally had plans for the area but they worked badly and we agreed not to install there. Apparently not only a Lincoln problem, but a wayside horn issue.

Cook commented the south crossings seem to work okay but do agree. Why wasn’t that the option? Emery replied they discussed. The south had the luxury of going and seeing the problems which occur, including the mechanics of the railroad, city, and everyone working together to get a protocol agreeable to everyone. We agreed on a protocol and a week later the Burlington Northern stated they didn’t agree, even though they were part of the original agreement. Emery stated a hard issue to solve and the equipment doesn’t work quite right, as we had hoped. He added there are still issues, especially when it blows or snows.

9. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (12.18.14) - Emery

Emery stated down to 4 items. Two are in court, and another dealing with the Nebraska Environmental Quality office. Think it was a nursery at one time off of 9th Street and now have serious pollution.

As stated the PRT is as low on properties. But the ones we have will probably continue. We resolved all of the low and medium trouble houses and now have the more serious.
III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR
None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS
Eskridge stated at the last meeting the issue arose on the key note hearings. We’ve had key note hearings where the person sits in back waiting. When they come forward there are no questions. Would it make sense to include the key note with the alcohol license hearings? Cook thought possibly should have a longer discussion on how this should go. When Confer was here we had a way staff identified how long they thought public hearings would be. If they put, say a zero, it indicated their thoughts being no public hearing and sent to agenda items. Some numbered higher. This wasn’t implemented and do not know if staff is providing numbers. Possibly the City Clerk could discuss where we’re at and whether or not it’s worth while to go forward with a system. Then the Clerk would number items accordingly.

Eskridge added he feels we get one of these back about every quarter with someone attending from Omaha. Fellers stated he doesn’t see difficulty in putting in with the liquor, and presented right away. Normally these are late in the agenda. Feel this person also would have to go to a number of different public bodies, sitting back and waiting. In favor of putting in with the liquor. Do not know the order of other items, and don’t know if it necessarily matters.

Emery asked Cook if he would contact City Attorney Kirkpatrick to discuss action which would allow those who seem to always come with no large discussion. Try to move these up so they won’t be in the building longer than necessary. These occasions are rare but if someone sits for 3 hours and essentially only walks up, there may be a better way.

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None

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VII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.