

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

1 WHEREAS, the investment by citizens and taxpayers in the Lincoln system of Parks,
2 Recreation, Conservancy Areas, Nature Centers, and Trails exceeds \$130 million in
3 replacement value; and

4 WHEREAS, as these assets age and deteriorate, annual investment is required for
5 rehabilitation and renewal; and

6 WHEREAS, additional investment is required as the city grows to maintain the
7 quality and distribution of park facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, over the past 12 years general fund and keno revenues appropriated for
9 renewals and new facilities have declined from \$2.163 million (FY94-95) to a proposed \$1.08
10 million (FY02-06); and

11 WHEREAS, this level of investment represents less than 1% of system replacement
12 costs, in a community growing at more than 1.5% per year; and

13 WHEREAS, the serious and effective determination of the City of Lincoln to
14 systematically maintain quality parks, recreation, conservancy areas, nature centers, and trails
15 must come into question; and

16 WHEREAS, current levels of support show no capacity to accumulate funds for
17 major improvements such as community parks of 50 acres (\$5 million), new and replacement
18 neighborhood pools (\$2.3 million), or the Pioneers Park Nature Center (\$0.5 million); and

19 WHEREAS, in the past 12 years the percent of the General Fund Budget allocated
20 for Parks and Recreation has declined from 9% to 7.2%.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln City Council supports the
22 Mayor in the appointment of a task force involving broad representation of the community to

1 determine: what level of investment is required to maintain the quality of Lincoln's system of
2 parks and trails; what level of capital funding should be provided in FY06-07 and subsequent
3 years; and the proper role and capacity of private support for maintaining public assets.
4 Conclusions of the task force study should be available for consideration during the City Council
5 Budget Retreat in the fall of 2005.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form and Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2005:

Mayor