

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 11:00 A.M**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Open House Set for Roadway and Water Main Improvements.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler Discussing Proposed Arena Project in the West Haymarket at a News Conference, Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at the County-City Building, Room 113.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Says Voter Approval Needed for Successful Arena Project.
4. Fiscal Impact Statement, Parks/Forestry.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Pledge to Recycle and Be A Winner.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Public Encouraged to Attend Open House on Harris Overpass Construction.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Public Invited to Meeting on East Leg of Antelope Valley Roadway.
8. Washington Report. October 12, 2007.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER

1. Monthly City Cash Report for September, 2007.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

1. Special Permit No. 07038. On-Sale Alcohol, 5925 Adams Street. Resolution No. PC-01084.
2. Special Permit No. 07046. Soil Mining/Extraction, Southeast of So. 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road. Resolution No. PC-01082.
3. Special Permit No. 07044. Parking Lot, So. 18th Street and F Street.
4. Waiver No. 07007. Southeast Corner of No. 27th Street and Interstate 80. Resolution No. PC-01083.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

1. Pine Lake, 84th - 98th; 98th, Old Cheney - Yankee Hill. Project No. 701769.
2. Harris Overpass, Capital Improvement Project #701781. "O" Street; 2nd - 9th Streets.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Request to Dave Landis, Urban Development Director - RE: South Street Redevelopment Project (RFI#11 - 10/17/07) **See Responses from David Landis, Urban Development.**

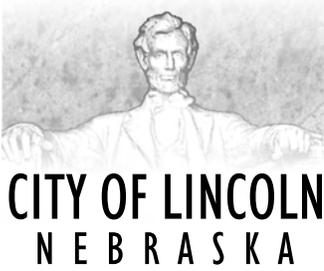
V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Email from Scott Besch. Suggestion that Pet Stores Sell Homeless Dogs/Cats.
2. Email from Doug Vandervort. What are Reasons for Allowing Adult Shop Signs.
3. Email from Nancy Chandler. Lincoln's False Alarm Law.

4. Email from Michelle Strand, Hawthorne PTO President. "Save our Schools" Rally, October 16th. (Distributed to Council Members on 10/15/07)
5. Email from John R. Bieber. Request Speed Bumps on Browning Street be Removed.
6. Letter Forwarded from Pershing Center to Council Members from Bruce Grummert. Comments on Developing New Arena Center.
7. Comments from Tag Jackson Regarding Current Bus Routes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 15, 2007

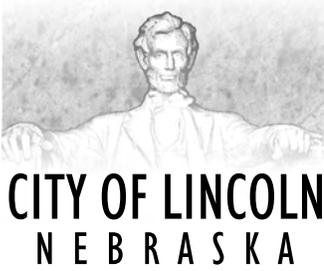
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lionberger, Engineering Services, 441-7711

OPEN HOUSE SET FOR ROADWAY AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

The public is invited to an open house Wednesday, October 17 on the roadway and water main improvements planned for the area of Pine Lake Road and 98th Street. The meeting is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Lux Middle School, 7800 High Street (south on 79th St. and Van Dorn). The open house will not include a formal presentation.

Work is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008. The project area is along Pine Lake Road from 84th to 98th streets, and along 98th Street from Old Cheney to Yankee Hill. Those attending the open house will be able to view plans and discuss the project with representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department and the design team.

For more information, contact Holly Lionberger, Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-8400 or visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pinelake).



NEWS ADVISORY

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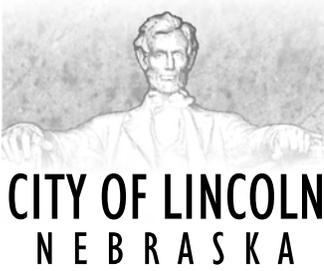
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: October 16, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the proposed new arena project in the West Haymarket area at a news conference at **11 a.m. Wednesday, October 17 in Room 113 at the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.**

The West Haymarket Action Team is hosting open houses Thursday, October 18 at Pershing Center to provide information and take comments on the arena concept. Those attending the news conference will have the opportunity to **preview the 13-minute video** that will be presented at the open houses.



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MAYOR SAYS VOTER APPROVAL NEEDED **FOR SUCCESSFUL ARENA PROJECT**

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged Lincoln residents to stay informed on the proposal for a new West Haymarket arena because he intends to place the project before voters in a future election.

“A new arena, convention center and hotel complex would be a major investment in the future of Lincoln,” said Beutler. “I believe a new arena will result in long-term economic growth. However, I feel strongly that the only way this project will ultimately be successful is with public support. It is my intent that the arena issue be put before the voters of Lincoln. The redevelopment process will result in a concrete and detailed proposal. The voters of this community should be the ones who decide whether we move forward with that proposal.”

Beutler encouraged members of the public to attend one of the **open houses** being offered **Thursday, October 18** to find out more about the concept of an arena in the West Haymarket area. Those interested can choose from two sessions, both at the **Pershing Center: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m.** The West Haymarket Action Team (WHAT) formed by Mayor Beutler and the 2015 Vision group is sponsoring the open houses to provide information and take comments on the arena concept before the City Council’s consideration of a redevelopment plan for the area.

“I truly believe that this community is at a crossroads,” Beutler said. “The studies have been completed and the results in my mind are clear – Lincoln needs to replace Pershing, and the West Haymarket is the best location. But this does not mean that the arena project is a ‘done deal.’ There are many more steps in the process.” *(More information on the process is provided at end of release.)*

“Government and the private sector are working together to create new jobs and keep our young people in this community,” said Beutler. “But this effort requires a very substantial community commitment. I’m asking each and every resident to get involved. I want to assure you can make a difference. It is my intent that you will have a vote, and that you will be the ones to make the ultimate decision on the future of an arena project in Lincoln.”

For more information on the open houses or the West Haymarket Action Team, contact Kent Morgan in Planning at 441-7491. More information on WHAT also is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: WHAT)

BACKGROUND ON WEST HAYMARKET ACTION TEAM (WHAT)

The 2015 Vision group is promoting ten potential pillars or projects that will move Lincoln forward in a public-private partnership model. The goal is to provide new quality jobs and retain young people in Lincoln. One of the pillars is the construction of the West Haymarket Arena to provide current and future generations with quality entertainment and recreation – the same kinds of experiences Pershing Center has provided because of commitments made by the community more than 50 years ago. The potential arena site encompasses the rail yards just west of the historic Lincoln Station, extending north to Haymarket Park and south across “O” Street. The goal is to preserve the spirit and atmosphere that now exists in the historic Haymarket and to lay the cornerstone for future economic, tourist, entertainment and recreational opportunities.

Mayor Beutler and 2015 Vision jointly created WHAT to better define the arena vision and to work on its potential implementation. The 16-member committee began meeting last spring. WHAT includes elected officials, taxpayers, private business owners, neighborhood groups, the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Lincoln Association, the University of Nebraska and other nonprofit organizations.

WHAT is following a seven-step redevelopment process that has been used successfully here in Lincoln and elsewhere across the country.

STEP ONE: Preliminary Community Validation

This step was carried out over the last several years and included a variety of studies completed by industry experts, engineers, architects and planners:

A study by Conventions, Sports and Leisure concluded that, “The quality of Pershing Auditorium is significantly below industry standards.... It is so outdated that substantial investment in upgrades may not be warranted.”

After a multi-year effort, the 2005 Downtown Master Plan and the Mayor’s Event Facilities Task Force proposed a new arena to replace Pershing Center, along with a hotel and convention center complex in the West Haymarket area.

As part of these studies, numerous citizen groups explored the need for a new arena and identified the West Haymarket area as the best location.

STEP TWO: Redevelopment Plan

With the help of a team of local experts in environmental issues, infrastructure and financing, WHAT oversaw the drafting of a redevelopment plan amendment for the area, which was approved by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission September 26th. The redevelopment plan will go to the Lincoln City Council for a public hearing and action, tentatively scheduled for late October. The adoption of the redevelopment plan does not commit the City to undertake the West Haymarket arena project.

If the City Council adopts the redevelopment plan amendment, the next five potential steps in the process are:

The City would issue an invitation to developers to submit proposals.

A redevelopment agreement would be negotiated between the City and the chosen developer.

A complex financing package would be developed. The use of public funds, supported by the pledge of City funds, would require a public vote.

The City Council would take action on the redevelopment agreement, including the financing package.

If the City Council makes a firm commitment, final design and construction could begin.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

PARKS / FORESTRY

DATE 9/28/07

NEED Parks Department currently has a 1997 Vermeer 1230 brushchipper (unit #96234) with 3,915 hours of usage that is due to be replaced in FY 2007-08. Salvage value is \$4,000.

The Parks Department would like to keep this brush chipper and Forestry would pay the \$4,000 salvage value if approved by Finance.

Keeping this chipper would provide the following benefits:

1. Give the 4 Parks Districts two chippers for tree trimming instead of one, thus increasing efficiency/productivity.
2. Provide a total of 6 chippers (4 in Forestry & 2 in Parks) that would be available for response to emergency storm damage tree work.

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing
 Limited Projected Completion Date _____

<p>REVENUES GENERATED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE CHANGES</p> <p>City Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>County Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>State Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Federal Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)		
PERSONNEL (cost) index code: object code description		
SUPPLIES index code: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES index code: 09010 object code description		
5924 Rent of machinery and equipment	(\$4,000)	
EQUIPMENT index code: 09010 object code description		
6076 Misc. Equipment	\$4,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,000.00	

SOURCE OF REVENUES

DIRECTOR *Asym Johnson* DATE October 11, 2007

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> BUDGET OFFICER <u><i>Steve Kubiak</i></u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	DATE <u><i>10/17/07</i></u>

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> DATE <u><i>10-17-07</i></u>
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Please return signed copy to DAW MURRAY.
WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

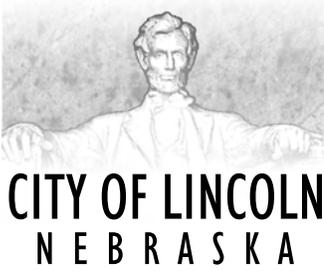
LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of ftes the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the index code, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.



NEWS RELEASE

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7043, fax 441-8735

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 17, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, (402) 441-7043

PLEDGE TO RECYCLE AND BE A WINNER

Support America Recycles Day, November 15

The City Recycling Office is participating in America Recycles Day, Thursday, November 15. This annual nationwide event encourages individuals, schools and businesses to recycle and buy recycled products.

“America Recycles Day is an opportunity for us to rededicate ourselves to recycling,” said Gene Hanlon, City Recycling Coordinator. “We are asking individuals to pledge to improve their recycling efforts at home, work and school. By doing the right thing, we conserve resources and save valuable landfill space.”

Pledge cards and collection boxes will be available through November 11 at the following locations:

- all Russ’s Market stores;
- both WalMart Stores;
- the *Lincoln Journal Star*, 926 “P” St.;
- Schrock Innovations, 7160 South 29th St., Suite C2 and 6900 “O” St., Suite 122;
- A-Can Recycling Center, 3255 South 10th St.;
- A & J Recycling, 3250 N. 20th St., Suite 8;
- Alter Scrap Processing, 525 “N” St.;
- Mid-City Recycling, 4900 Vine St.; and
- Sadoff Iron and Metal, 5020 N.W. 39th St.

Pledge cards will be entered into local prize drawings for both youths and adults. The first grand prize, a holiday special computer system valued at \$1,499, has been donated by Schrock Innovations. The winner of the computer also will receive a one-year subscription for TierOne/DSL internet access, valued at \$300. Another grand prize is an Apple iPhone, valued at \$425 and donated by Midland Recycling. Youth prizes include a \$100 WalMart gift card and one year of curbside recycling, courtesy of *Lincoln Journal Star* Recycling. Adult prizes include a \$100 Russ’s Market gift card; one year of curbside recycling, courtesy of Star City Recycling and Recycling Enterprises; and Nebraska Lottery scratch tickets.

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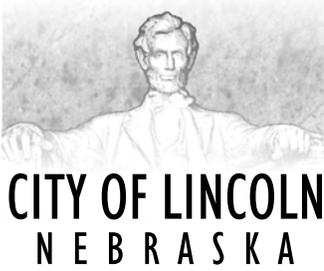
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On Saturday, November 17, residents will have the opportunity to visit the Mobile Environmental Education Center at a local America Recycles Day celebration held at Midland Recycling, 440 “J” St., from noon to 4 p.m. Free hot dogs and refreshments will be available at the event, along with children’s activities, facility tours and local prize drawing presentations.

Local sponsors of America Recycles Day are the City of Lincoln, Lincoln Public Schools, WasteCap Nebraska, Midland Recycling and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. For more information on recycling and America Recycles Day in Lincoln, contact 441-8215, or visit the City’s Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle).



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Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 17, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 441-7592

Linda Beacham, The Schemmer Associates, 488-2500

PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND **OPEN HOUSE ON HARRIS OVERPASS CONSTRUCTION**

Bridge to close November 12

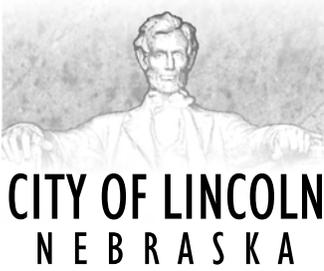
The public is invited to an open house Tuesday, October 30 to learn more about the replacement of the Harris Overpass in downtown Lincoln. The event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Ridnour Room of the Haymarket's Apothecary Building, 809 "P" Street.

The Harris Overpass, which carries "O" Street over the rail yards and the Haymarket District, will be replaced with a new structure designed to redefine the passageway between West "O" and downtown. The current overpass is scheduled to close to traffic Nov. 12. Demolition and construction will begin soon after, and the project is expected to take about one year.

Those attending the open house will learn about the construction schedule, procedures and detour routes. Representatives from the City of Lincoln as well as design and construction consultants will be on hand to answer questions about the project and how construction will affect the area. Parking vouchers will be provided for the Haymarket Parking garage.

The existing overpass was built in the 1950s and named for John F. Harris of Lincoln, in gratitude for a gift of land that became Pioneers Park. Over the years, the bridge has undergone significant deterioration, and it qualifies for federal bridge replacement funds. The City's bridge design consultant team, led by The Schemmer Associates, conducted an extensive public participation program while designing the new structure.

For more information about the open house, contact Linda Beacham, The Schemmer Associates, at (402) 488-2500 or Kris Humphrey, City of Lincoln, at (402) 441-7592. More information also is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: harris).



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7548, fax 441-8609

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 18, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Wayne Teten, Antelope Valley Project Manager, 441-4939
Scott Rathjen, Parsons Brinckerhoff, 402-323-6562

PUBLIC INVITED TO MEETING **ON EAST LEG OF ANTELOPE VALLEY ROADWAY**

The public is invited to an informational meeting Tuesday, October 23 on the future east leg of the “Big X” bridge and roadway, a key component of the Antelope Valley Project. The meeting is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Building, 1800 State Fair Park Drive.

Construction is expected to begin in October on the project to build a new bridge extending east from the current elevated intersection over the BNSF railway near the Devaney Center. The bridge will touch down parallel to State Fair Park Drive, and the new roadway will extend to North 27th Street. The north and west legs of the elevated intersection opened in August 2006, and the south leg opened in November 2006.

No formal presentations will be made at the meeting, but details of the proposed improvements will be discussed. The meeting is sponsored by the Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA), a partnership among the City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. Representatives from JAVA, the construction management team and the contractor, Hawkins Construction Company, will be available at the meeting to answer questions.

Antelope Valley is a flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization project in the core of the City. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope). This Web site will have the most current information regarding the construction schedule and traffic accommodations.

The meeting room is accessible for persons with disabilities. Those needing special accommodations are asked to call Parsons Brinckerhoff at 402-323-6570.



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HOUSE APPROVES HOUSING TRUST FUND BILL

HOUSING

House approves measure to create affordable housing trust fund. Members approved the legislation (HR 2895) 264-148, with 41 Republicans joining unanimous Democrats in support of the bill. The National Affordable Housing Trust Fund would provide formula funds to states and local governments for the construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of affordable housing.

According to bill sponsors, the goal of the trust fund is to construct, rehabilitate, and preserve 1.5 million units of affordable housing over the next 10 years. The fund would receive its revenues from mortgage business profits from Government-Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as well as the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). Earlier this year, the House approved legislation (HR 1427, HR 1852) directing funds from those entities to the trust fund. Bill sponsors believe that between \$800 million and \$1 billion will be generated for the fund annually; however, this may be optimistic given the current mortgage crisis.

The legislation directs 60 percent of the proceeds from the trust fund to be distributed directly to local governments and 40 percent to states. If the total amount of the trust fund is below \$2 billion in any year, there would be a \$750,000 minimum funding threshold for localities, although that minimum would be waived if the formula amount for a jurisdiction is the largest of any jurisdiction in the same State. The legislation requires that the Department of Housing and Urban Development create a formula for distribution of funds based on factors such as population, poverty rates, vacancy rates, and amount of substandard housing.

The bill would allow trust fund monies for construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, preservation incentives (including manufactured housing and community land trusts) and operating assistance to facilitate affordability. Funds may be used for both rental housing that is affordable and for down payment and closing cost assistance for first time homebuyers. Prohibited uses include administrative costs or expenses, political activities, lobbying, counseling, and travel expenses.

Finally, the measure requires a match for trust fund dollars equal to 12.5 percent if provided from state, local and private resources or 25 percent if provided from federal sources. Up to 33 percent of this match may be provided through binding commitments to provide services for residents.

The White House called the trust fund legislation “duplicative and redundant” and threatened to veto the bill in its current form. However the White House does support the legislation to overhaul the GSEs and trust fund supporters hope that combining the measures will win the support of the White House.

Thus far, the Senate Banking Committee has considered GSE overhaul bills without the trust fund component.

In a related item, the Bush Administration announced this week an effort to create an alliance of mortgage services, counselors, investors, and trade associations that would reach out to mortgage holders in an effort to reduce foreclosures. Dubbed “HopeNow,” the alliance would conduct an outreach campaign to high-risk borrowers that will begin in November.

Washington Report

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INTERNET TAX

House panel approves four-year extension of Internet tax moratorium. The House Judiciary Committee approved legislation (HR 3678) this week that would enact a four-year extension of the moratorium on state and local taxation of Internet access fees. The current moratorium, first approved in 1998 and extended once, is set to expire on November 1.

Republicans on the committee attempted to amend the legislation to extend the moratorium on a permanent basis, but that effort failed by a vote of 15-21. However, supporters of the permanent extension then countered with an amendment to extend the moratorium for eight years, and with a number of Democrats out of the room, gained its approval 20-18. A shocked Committee Chairman John Conyers (D-MI) then called for a reconsideration of that vote a few minutes later and was able to defeat the eight-year extension 17-22 after coaxing two Democrats back to the committee room for the vote and convincing another two Democrats to switch their original votes in favor.

The next step for the bill is a House floor vote next week. In its current form, it closely resembles a Senate measure (S 1453) to extend the moratorium for four years. However, there are reports that the measure will be altered to a six-year extension in order to secure enough votes for its passage in the Senate Commerce Committee. Vigorous attempts to secure a permanent extension are also expected in the Senate.

While, it remains to be seen whether the moratorium will be extended prior to the November 1 deadline, state and local government organizations point out that the last time the moratorium was up for an extension, it lapsed for almost a year. No state or local government enacted a tax on Internet access during that period.

In a related item, a House subcommittee approved legislation to create a national "broadband map." The House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet this week approved a draft measure that would direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to report on the deployment of Internet services across the

country. The FCC would be required to report annually on benchmarks such as speed of service and type of technology. The bill would also require that the agency compare U.S. broadband capabilities with 75 communities in at least 25 countries around the world.

The bill also would direct the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to produce a "broadband map" showing what types of broadband access are provided across the country. The map would be available online and open to the public. NTIA would also administer a new three-year, \$300 million grant program designed to assist states and localities in the mapping effort.

The next step for the bill is full committee consideration. Changes are expected to be made to the measure addressing industry concerns about releasing information that they consider proprietary for competitive reasons.

FINANCE

House approved measure to delay implementation of three percent withholding mandate on local governments. Legislation (HR 3056) that would prevent the Internal Revenue Service from using private contractors for tax collection functions also includes a provision to delay for one year a requirement that federal, state, and local governments withhold three percent of their payments to contractors and vendors.

The withholding provision was part of a large tax package approved by Congress in 2005, but would not begin until 2011. The language in HR 3056 would delay implementation of the mandate until 2012 and asks the General Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a review of its potential effects on governmental agencies. The original 2005 language was the result of a GAO study that indicated that a number of federal contractors were not paying taxes on their income. In order to gain revenue to offset tax breaks in the larger bill, sponsors made the requirement apply to state and local governments as well.

Local government organizations and a broad coalition of business interests have been promoting legislation (HR 1023) that would repeal the provision altogether. It currently has 217 cosponsors. Companion legislation (S 777) in the Senate is pending as well.

However, after the House vote on HR 3056, Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, declared the bill "dead on arrival" in the Senate and claims that the private sector can execute some tax collection functions more efficiently than the government while freeing up IRS employees to focus on more complex tax matters. Grassley made no mention of the withholding provision in his statement about the House-passed bill.

WATER RESOURCES

Congress will wait to send WRDA to the President until after SCHIP override attempt. Although Congress approved the 2007 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) on September 24, leaders have yet to enroll the bill and send it to the President for an expected veto. The \$23 billion WRDA bill authorizes dozens of flood control, navigation, and other water-related projects.

Democratic leaders in conference would prefer to wait until after they have attempted an override of the President's recent veto of legislation to extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The House is scheduled to take up that effort on October 18 and Democrats would like to focus solely on that matter until then.

While chances of an override on SCHIP may be remote, WRDA sponsors are confident that they have the votes to override that veto. Both chambers approved the conference report to the WRDA bill by more than the two-thirds majority necessary for an override, and a number of Republicans have publicly expressed their disappointment with the President's veto warning.

If WRDA is vetoed and the override is successful, it would be the first such instance in the Bush Presidency.

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

OCTOBER 16, 2007

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER
SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business September 30, 2007:

Balance Forward	\$	\$230,236,591.79
Plus Total Debits September 1-30, 2007	\$	\$24,790,577.02
Less Total Credits September 1-30, 2007	\$	(\$27,105,479.57)
Cash Balance on September 30, 2007	\$	\$227,921,689.24

I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	(\$217,836.52)
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(\$98,126.79)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	\$6,564.17
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$1,825.14
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$36,063.29
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$209,612.06
West Gate Bank	\$	\$10,263.97
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$46,216,717.77
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$181,093,181.76
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$663,424.39
Total Cash on Hand September 30, 2007	\$	\$227,921,689.24

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$23,344,579.86 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Joan E. Ross
 Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



Melinda Jones
 Melinda Jones, City Treasurer

**CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7UU6	12/01/2009	\$1,191,991.00	\$33,693.75	1.02	\$34,430.92
FHLMC GOLD POOL A61256	3128KRMD3	11/01/2036	\$3,168,920.00	\$3,078,894.41	1.00	\$3,081,480.06
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/2033	\$500,000.00	\$277,563.18	0.96	\$265,303.52
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/2032	\$3,100,000.00	\$1,489,325.93	0.96	\$1,425,525.44
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/2025	\$1,600,000.00	\$28,924.22	1.01	\$29,265.08
FNMA FNCL 538363	31385AB89	04/01/2030	\$550,000.00	\$15,067.63	1.05	\$15,878.01
FHLMC 3015 HF	31395XN68	08/15/2035	\$8,095,000.00	\$7,002,314.07	0.95	\$6,672,505.08
FNMA FNCL 703944	31401CBM4	05/01/2033	\$8,365,000.00	\$4,330,841.82	0.96	\$4,139,553.73
FNMA FNARM 725674	31402DFP0	07/01/2034	\$7,285,000.00	\$4,497,428.70	0.98	\$4,422,315.79
FNMA POOL 725772	31402DJR2	09/01/2034	\$8,500,000.00	\$5,926,303.96	0.95	\$5,659,226.77
FNMA POOL 761335	31403XY82	04/01/2019	\$7,275,000.00	\$4,414,949.06	0.96	\$4,258,476.64
FNMA FNCL 805211	31406BR85	01/01/2035	\$3,520,000.00	\$3,042,970.13	0.93	\$2,821,048.45
USBANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$53,150,911.00	\$34,138,276.86		\$32,825,029.49
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	08/20/2032	\$30,800,000.00	\$2,307,567.42		\$2,367,510.18
WELLS FARGO BANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$30,800,000.00	\$2,307,567.42		\$2,367,510.18
FHLB 4.00	3133XAT56	03/10/2008	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00		
FHLB 4.30%	3133XBNR2	04/16/2008	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00		
UNION BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00		
FHLB 4.10%	3133X8SD5	10/13/2009	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
FHLB 5.375%	3133XHLV2	10/30/2009	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00		
FHLB 3.75%	3133MVNP4	02/06/2008	\$833,333.33	\$833,333.33		
CORNHUSKER BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$3,033,333.33	\$3,033,333.33		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/2009	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB STEP UP 5.0%	3133X5C97	03/25/2011	\$2,000,000.00			
WEST GATE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$4,000,000.00			
FNMA DISCOUNT NOTE	313384QM4/001	12/14/2007	\$1,950,000.00	\$1,950,000.00		
TIER ONE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$1,950,000.00	\$1,950,000.00		

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning 

DATE : October 12, 2007

RE : **Special Permit No. 07038**
(On-sale alcohol - 5925 Adams Street)
Resolution No. PC-01084

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2007:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Larson, to approve **Special Permit No. 07038**, with conditions, as amended, requested by Stettinger Enterprises, Ltd., for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, but only in conjunction with the use of the premises as a social hall, on property located at 5925 Adams Street.

Motion for conditional approval, as amended, carried 7-0: Esseks, Sunderman, Cornelius, Taylor, Larson, Gaylor-Baird, and Francis voting 'yes' (Moline and Carroll absent).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Mark Hunzeker, 1248 O Street, Suite 600, 68508
Stettinger Enterprises, Ltd., 6601 Flint Ridge Road, 68506
Millie Becker, 5717 Baldwin Avenue, 68507
Janelle Schmale, UPCO, 4930 Cleveland Avenue, #1, 68504
Gail Anderson, UPCO, 1930 N. 60th Street, 68505
Sharon Doll, UPCO, 2909 N. 56th Street, 68504
Lois Haupt, UPCO, 4212 Knox Street, 68504
Kathryn Barclay Kosman <kk1454@frii.com>
Jerry Henrichs, 2902 N. 60th Street, 68507
Darlene Piening, 23313 Mill Road, Greenwood, NE 68366
Nancy and Gene Phillips, P.O. Box 277, Waverly, NE 68462
Nila Utterback, 2912 N. 60th Street, 68507
Stephen and Barbara Jipp, 2955 N. 59th Street, 68507

RESOLUTION NO. PC- 01084

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 07038

1 WHEREAS, Stettinger Enterprises, Ltd. has submitted an application
2 designated as Special Permit No. 07038 for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for
3 consumption on the premises generally located at 5925 Adams Street, legally described
4 as:

5 Lots 1-16 and the adjacent vacated alley, block 30,
6 University Place, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section
7 16, township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M.,
8 Lancaster County, Nebraska; and

9 WHEREAS, the real property adjacent to the area included within the site
10 plan for this permit to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises will not be adversely
11 affected; and

12 WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions
13 hereinafter set forth are consistent with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln
14 Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
16 County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

17 That the application of Stettinger Enterprises, Ltd., hereinafter referred to
18 as "Permittee", to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on property

1 legally described above be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of
2 Section 27.63.680 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that operation of said
3 licensed premises be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the
4 following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

5 1. This permit approves the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises
6 as designated by the cross-hatched shading on the site plan, but only in conjunction
7 with the use of the premises as a social hall.

8 2. Before the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises:

9 a. The Permittee must submit five copies of a revised site plan
10 showing the following revisions:

11 i. A parking lot layout that complies with Design Standards to
12 the satisfaction of Public Works & Utilities.

13 ii. Modify the parking calculation notes as follows:

14 PARKING CALCULATIONS

15 B-1 One stall per 300 s.f.

16 B-1 Restaurant On-sale alcohol, one stall per 100 s.f.

17 B-1 ~~SOCIAL HALL~~ DESIGNATED LICENSED PREMISES

18 8,570 s.f./100 = 86 stalls required

19 Total stalls required (on-sale + B-1 uses) = 155 stalls

20 b. The construction plans must comply with the approved plans

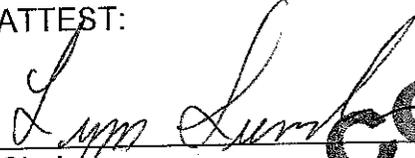
21 3. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all
22 interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and
23 circulation elements, and similar matters.

24 4. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall be binding
25 and obligatory upon the Permittee, its successors, and assigns. The building official
26 shall report violations to the City Council which may revoke the special permit or take
27 such other action as may be necessary to gain compliance.

1 5. The Permittee shall sign and return the City's letter of acceptance to the
2 City Clerk within 60 days following approval of the special permit, provided, however,
3 said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment.
4 The City Clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the
5 letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filing fees therefor to be paid in
6 advance by the Permittee.

7 The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
8 County Planning Commission on this 10 day of October, 2007.

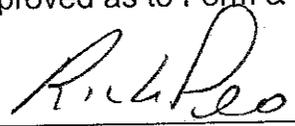
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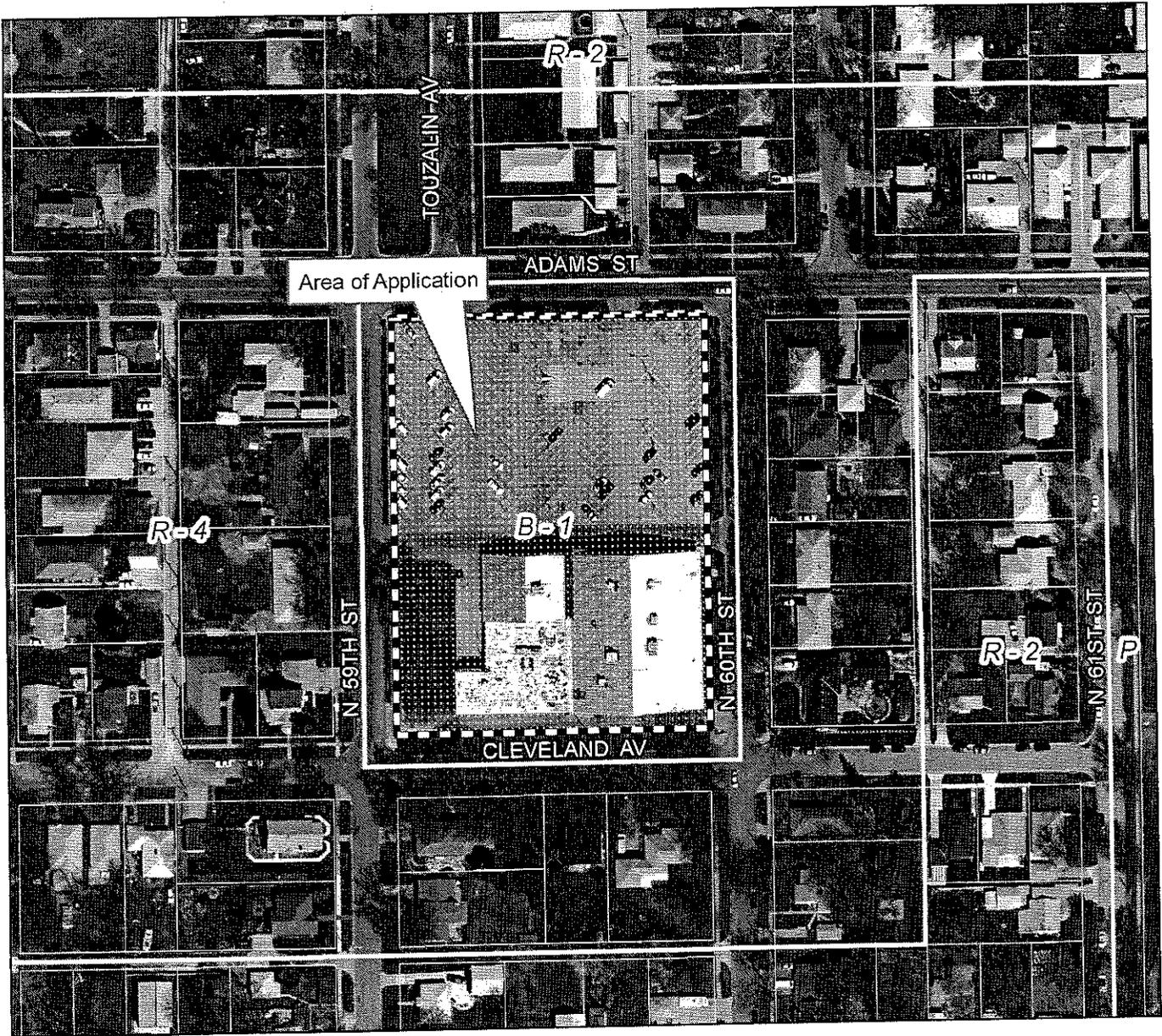
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Approved as to Form & Legality:



Chief Assistant City Attorney



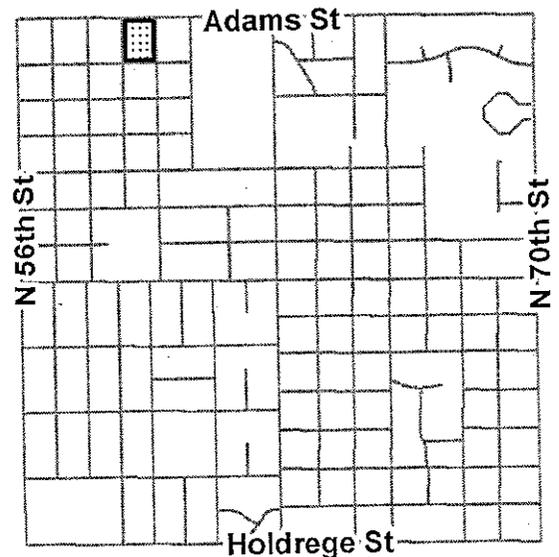
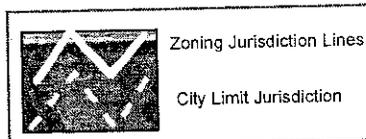
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Special Permit #07038 N 59th & Adams Streets

Zoning:

- R-1 to R-8 Residential District
- AG Agricultural District
- AGR Agricultural Residential District
- O-1 Office District
- O-2 Suburban Office District
- O-3 Office Park District
- R-T Residential Transition District
- B-1 Local Business District
- B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District
- B-3 Commercial District
- B-4 Lincoln Center Business District
- B-5 Planned Regional Business District
- H-1 Interstate Commercial District
- H-2 Highway Business District
- H-3 Highway Commercial District
- H-4 General Commercial District
- I-1 Industrial District
- I-2 Industrial Park District
- I-3 Employment Center District
- P Public Use District

One Square Mile
Sec. 16 T10N R075E



5925 ADAMS ST

UNIVERSITY PLACE, BLOCK 30, LOT 1, 16, & VAC ALLEY ADJ

ZONED B-1

PROPOSED USE OF BUILDING IS FOR A WEDDING MALL / RECEPTION AREA. PURPOSE OF BUILDING USE IS TO SHOWCASE DIFFERENT VENDORS FOR WEDDING PLANNING, WITH OPTIONAL WEDDING RECEPTION FACILITIES ON SITE FOR RENT.

TOTAL BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE = 29,260 S.F.

PROPOSED RECEPTION AREA #1 = 2,300 S.F.

PROPOSED RECEPTION AREA #2 = 6,270 S.F.

EXISTING PARKING

141 STANDARD STALLS
6 ACCESSIBLE STALLS

ADDED PARKING

15 STANDARD STALLS

TOTAL PROVIDED PARKING

156 STANDARD STALLS
6 ACCESSIBLE STALLS
162 TOTAL STALLS

PARKING CALCULATIONS

B-1 STALL PER 300 S.F.
B-1 RESTAURANT, 1 STALL PER 100 S.F.

STANDARD B-1 SPACE
29,260 S.F. / 8,570 S.F. = 20,690 S.F.
20,690 / 300 = 69 STALLS REQUIRED

B-1 SOCIAL HALL

8,570 S.F. / 100 = 86 STALLS REQUIRED
TOTAL STALLS REQ'D = 155 STALLS

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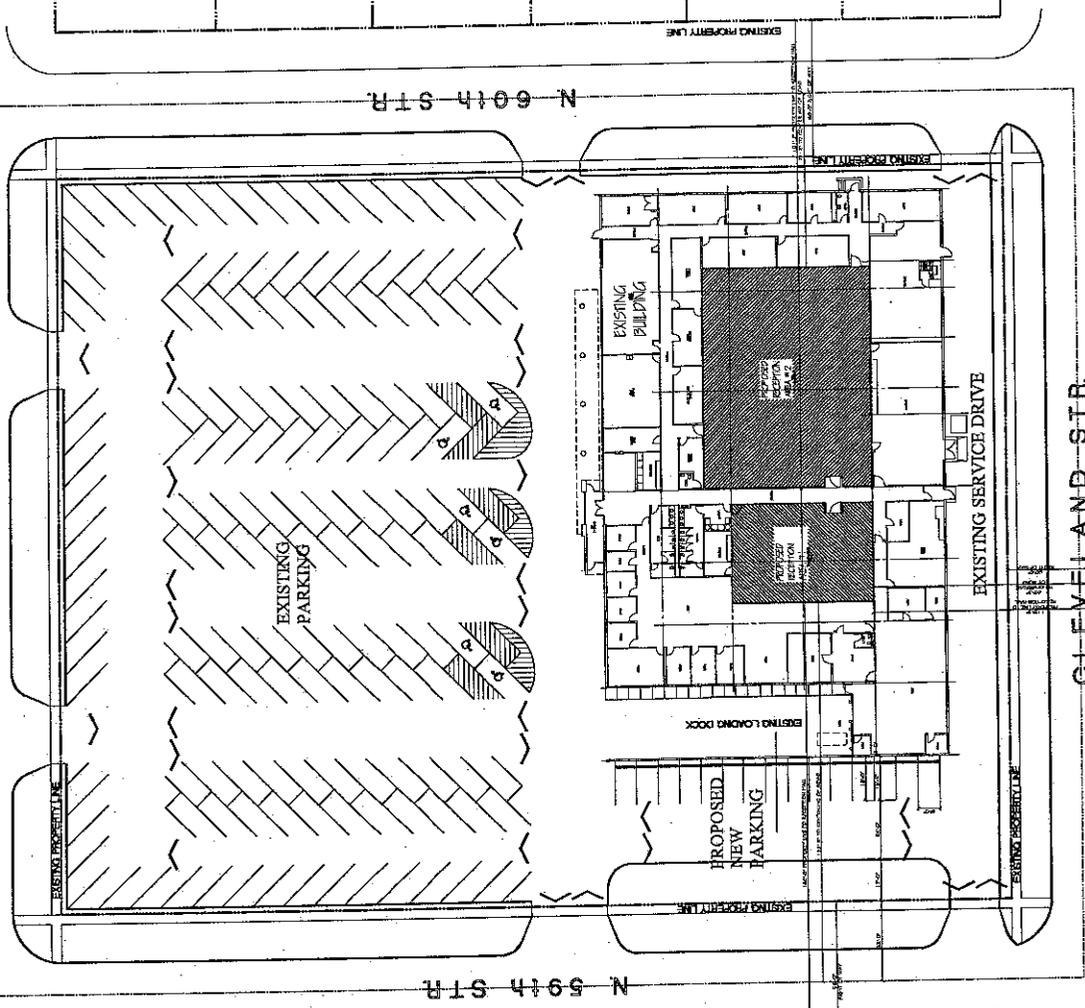
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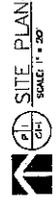
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CLEVELAND STR.



EXISTING PROPERTY LINE



PRELIMINARY NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

DATE: 05-30-07
SCALE: 1" = 20'

DAVIS DESIGN ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING INTERIOR DESIGN

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

PROJECT NO: 59th & Adams
SHEET NO: C1-1
DATE: 05-30-07
SCALE: 1" = 20'

400 South
 Omaha, NE 68102
 Phone: 402.491.1234
 Fax: 402.491.1235

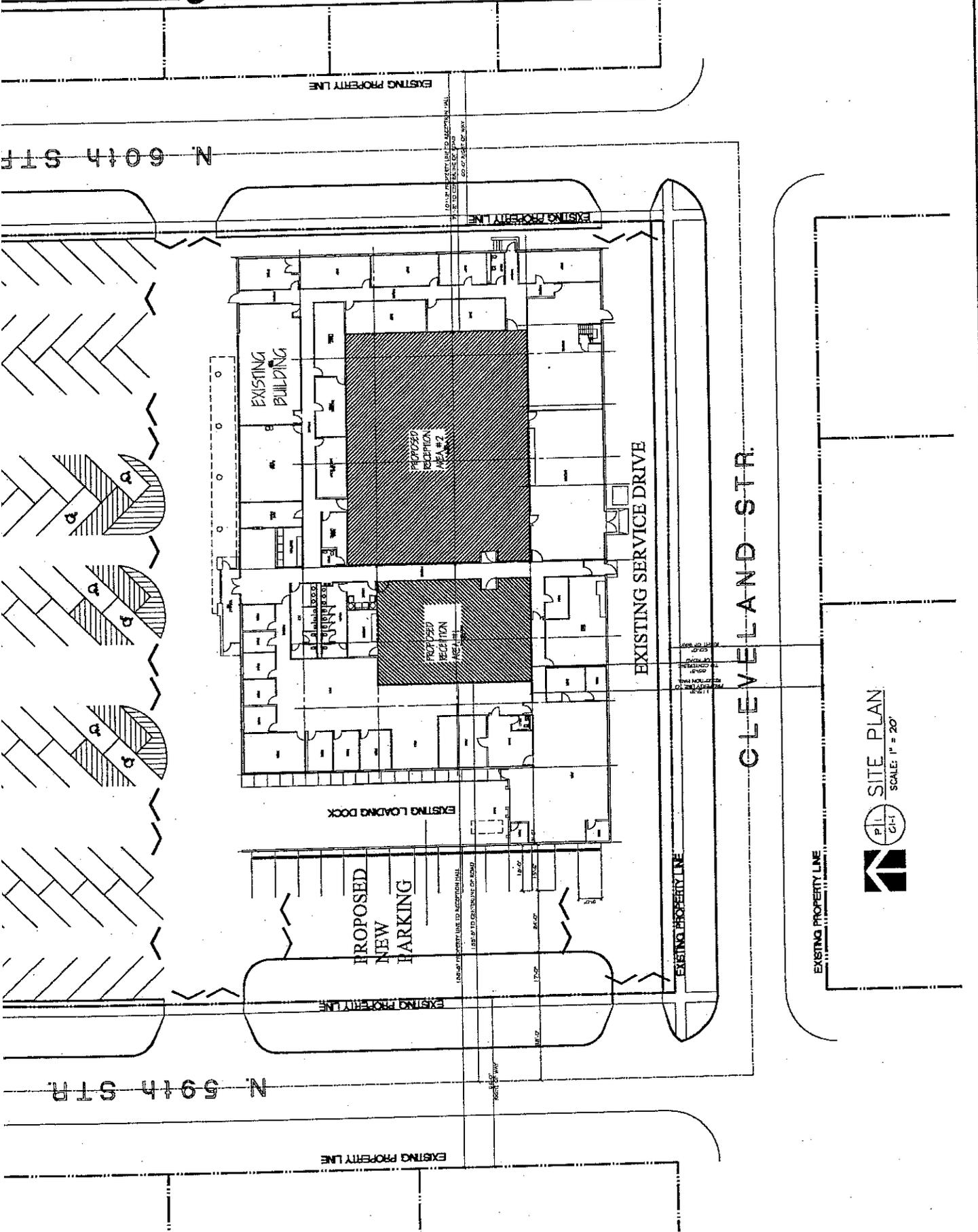


Architecture
 Engineering
 Interior Design

59th & Adams
 Lincoln, Nebraska

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

PROJECT NO.	
DRAWN	
CHECKED	3
DATE	05-30-07
SHEET NO.	C1-1
REV. NO.	△



PII SITE PLAN
 C1-1
 SCALE: 1" = 20'

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning 

DATE : October 12, 2007

RE : **Special Permit No. 07046**
(Soil mining/extraction - southeast of S. 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road)
Resolution No. PC-01082

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2007:

Motion made by Esseks, seconded by Cornelius, to approve **Special Permit No. 07046**, with conditions, as amended, requested by Lincoln Federal Bancorp, for authority to allow mining/extraction of soil on Agricultural zoned property located southeast of the intersection of South 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Motion for conditional approval, as amended, carried 7-0: Esseks, Sunderman, Cornelius, Taylor, Larson, Gaylor-Baird, and Francis voting 'yes' (Moline and Carroll absent).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Julie Seebold, Engineering Design Consultants, 2200 Fletcher Ave., Suite 102, 68504
Gerald Maddox, Lincoln Federal, 1101 N Street, 68508
Michael Rierden, 645 M Street, Suite 200, 68508

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RESOLUTION NO. PC- 01082

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 07046

1 WHEREAS, Lincoln Federal Bancorp has submitted an application designated
2 as Special Permit No. 07046 for authority to allow mining/extraction of soil on Agricultural zoned
3 property located southeast of the intersection of S. 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road, and
4 legally described as:

5 Lots 49 and 50 I.T., located in the Northwest Quarter of Section
6 29, Township 9 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster
7 County, Nebraska;

8 WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a
9 public hearing on said application; and

10 WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the
11 real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this mining/extraction of soil
12 will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

13 WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set
14 forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and
15 purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and
16 general welfare.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
18 Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

19 That the application of Lincoln Federal Bancorp, hereinafter referred to as
20 "Permittee," to operate a mining/extraction of soil be and the same is hereby granted under the

1 provisions of Section 27.63.360 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that the operation
2 of said mining/extraction of soil be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and
3 the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

4 1. This approval permits soil mining for a period of three (3) years from the
5 date of approval of this special permit. Additional time, in one year increments, may be granted
6 by administrative amendment by the Planning Director.

7 2. Before beginning grading/excavation operations:

8 a. The Permittee shall submit 5 copies of revised plans with the
9 following revisions:

10 i. Add the correct legal description to Sheet 1 of 10.

11 ii. Add the following notes to the General Notes on Sheet 1
12 of 10:

13 (1) Within nine months after completion of extraction
14 on any portion of the site the topography and soils
15 shall be restored, stabilized, graded, seeded and/or
16 sodded.

17 (2) The Permittee shall be responsible to keep existing
18 asphalt on South 40th Street free of dirt and mud.

19 (3) Damage to the existing asphalt due to hauling
20 operations shall be repaired by the Permittee.

21 (4) A minimum of 4' of cover shall be maintained over
22 all LES feeder and distribution cables.

23 (5) The Permittee will contact the owner of the high-
24 pressure underground natural gas pipeline to
25 obtain its exact location.

26 (6) A heavy grading equipment crossing and traffic
27 control plan shall be approved by Public Works by
28 prior to extraction.

29 (7) Silt basins shall be constructed prior to excavation
30 and grading.

31 (8) Topsoil shall be stripped and kept on site for
32 redistribution at the conclusion of the extraction
33 process. Compacted subsoil shall be broken-up
34 prior to reapplying topsoil. Reapplied topsoil shall

1 meet or exceed the depth of that removed. The
2 operating area of excavation stripped of topsoil
3 shall not exceed twenty (20) acres at any one time
4 and shall not remain open for more than ten (10)
5 months.

6 (9) Hours of operation are limited to daylight hours,
7 Monday through Saturday.

8 b. The construction plans must comply with the approved plans.

9 c. A flood plain permit is approved by the City.

10 d. Warning signs shall be posted for trucks entering at construction
11 entrance.

12 e. Post a clearly visible sign on the property showing the permit
13 operator and contact numbers for the operators and Building and
14 Safety.

15 3. Before grading/excavation operations all development and construction
16 must comply with the approved plans.

17 4. The site plan accompanying this permit shall be the basis for all
18 interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation
19 elements, and similar matters.

20 5. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate
21 the Permittee, its successors and assigns.

22 6. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City
23 Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-
24 day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment.

25 The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
26 Planning Commission on this 10 day of October, 2007.

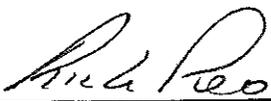
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*/s/ ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Lynn Sunderman*

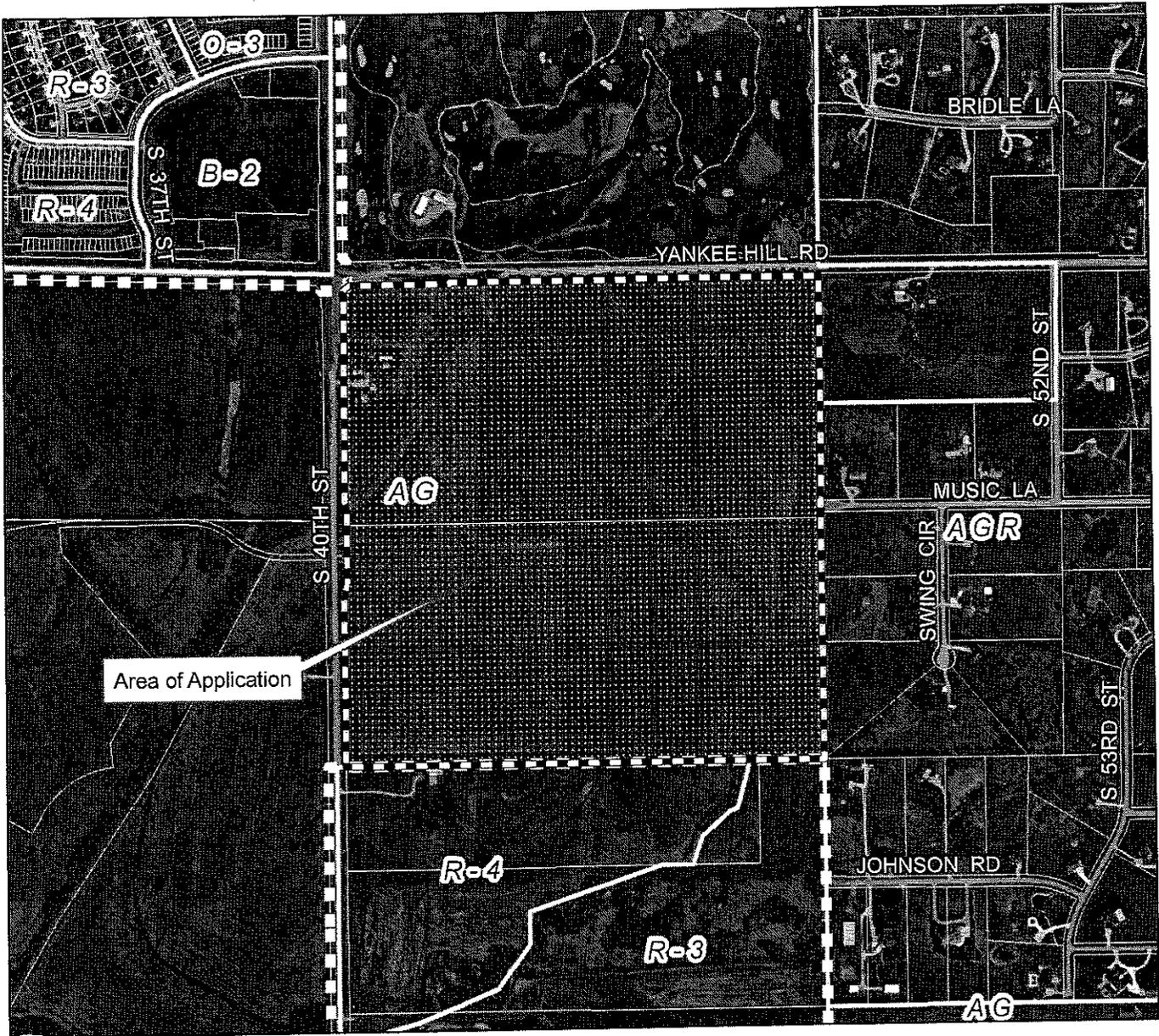
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Approved as to Form & Legality:



Chief Assistant City Attorney



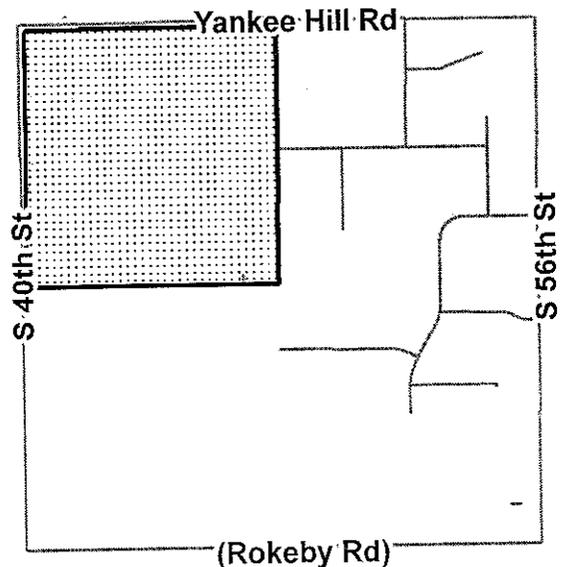
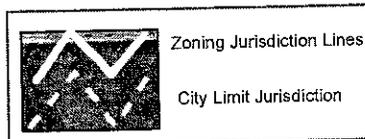
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Special Permit #07046
S 40th St & Yankee Hill Rd

Zoning:

One Square Mile
 Sec. 29 T09N R07E

- R-1 to R-8 Residential District
- AG Agricultural District
- AGR Agricultural Residential District
- O-1 Office District
- O-2 Suburban Office District
- O-3 Office Park District
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- I-3 Employment Center District
- P Public Use District



**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning 

DATE : October 12, 2007

RE : **Special Permit No. 07044**
(Parking lot - S. 18th Street and F Street)
Resolution No. PC-01081

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2007:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Larson, to approve **Special Permit No. 07044**, with conditions, requested by First Presbyterian Church, for authority to construct a parking lot within a residential zoning district to serve an existing church, on property generally located at South 18th Street and F Street.

Motion for conditional approval carried 7-0: Esseks, Sunderman, Cornelius, Taylor, Larson, Gaylor-Baird, and Francis voting 'yes' (Moline and Carroll absent).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Terri Sherman, 5210 Deer Ridge Drive, Eagle, NE 68347
First Presbyterian Church, 840 S. 17th Street, 68508
Near South Neighborhood Assn., P.O. Box 80143, 68501
James Garver, Near South N.A., 815 Elmwood Avenue, 68510
Scott Baird, Near South N.A., 1932 S. 24th Street, 68502
Ryan Reinke <ryanreinke@yahoo.com>

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RESOLUTION NO. PC- 01081

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 07044

1 WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church has submitted an application designated
2 as Special Permit No. 07044 to construct a parking lot within a residential zoning district to
3 serve an existing church, on property generally located at S. 18th Street and F Street and
4 legally described as:

5 Lot 18, Block 4, Sawyer's Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County,
6 Nebraska;

7 WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a
8 public hearing on said application; and

9 WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the
10 real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this parking lot in a residential
11 zoning district will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

12 WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set
13 forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and
14 purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and
15 general welfare.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
17 Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

18 That the application of First Presbyterian Church, hereinafter referred to as
19 "Permittee", to construct a parking lot within a residential zoning district to serve an existing

1 church be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.170 of the
2 Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said parking lot be in strict
3 compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms,
4 conditions, and requirements:

5 1. This approval permits a parking lot on property legally as Lot 18, Block 4,
6 Sawyer's Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

7 2. Before receiving building permits the Permittee must complete the following
8 instructions and submit a revised site plan including five copies showing the following revisions to
9 the Planning Department office for review and approval:

- 10 a. Show correct setbacks for the parking lot.
- 11 b. Clearly show property lines and their dimensions.
- 12 c. Show the fence on the correct lot.
- 13 d. Show that vehicles will not over hang setback lines or property lines.
14 Barriers should be 2 feet behind setback lines.
- 15 e. The parking lot meeting all design standards.
- 16 f. Submit a grading & drainage plan.
- 17 g. Revise landscape plan to show landscaping out of the public right of
18 way and sight triangles.

19 3. Before occupying this parking lot all development and construction must
20 comply with the approved plans.

21 4. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping, must be
22 permanently maintained by the Permittee.

23 5. The site plan accompanying this permit shall be the basis for all
24 interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation
25 elements, and similar matters.

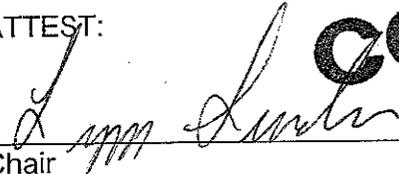
26 6. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the
27 Permittee, its successors and assigns.

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7. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the Permittee.

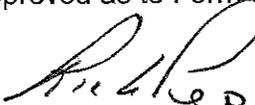
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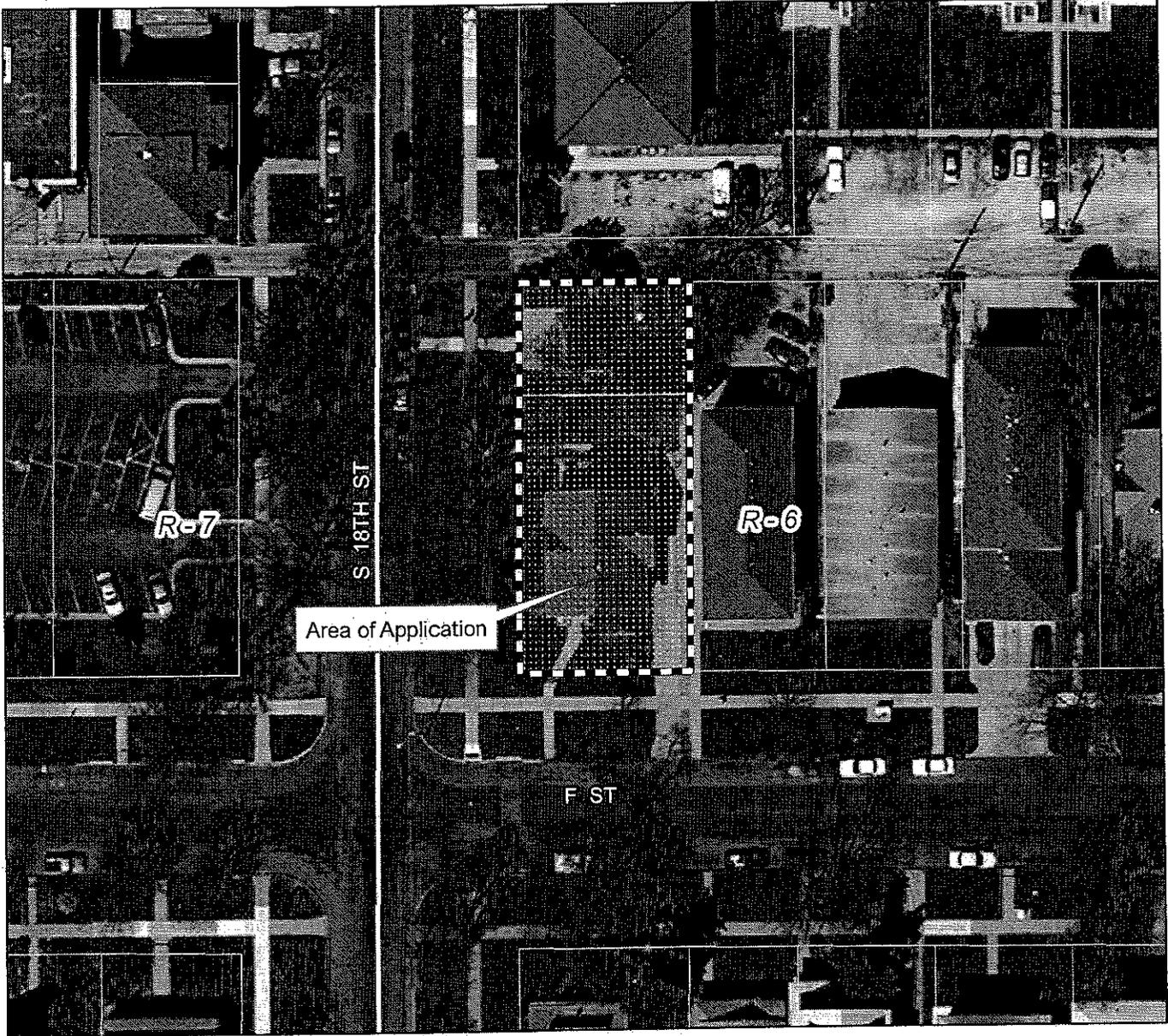
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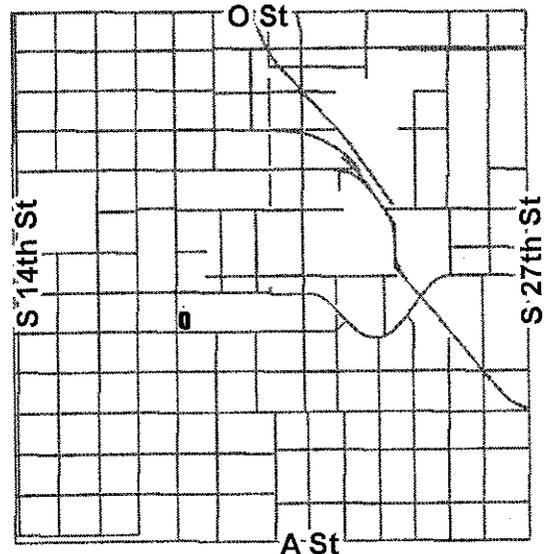
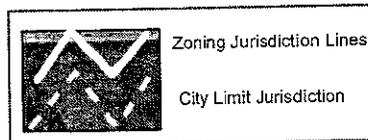
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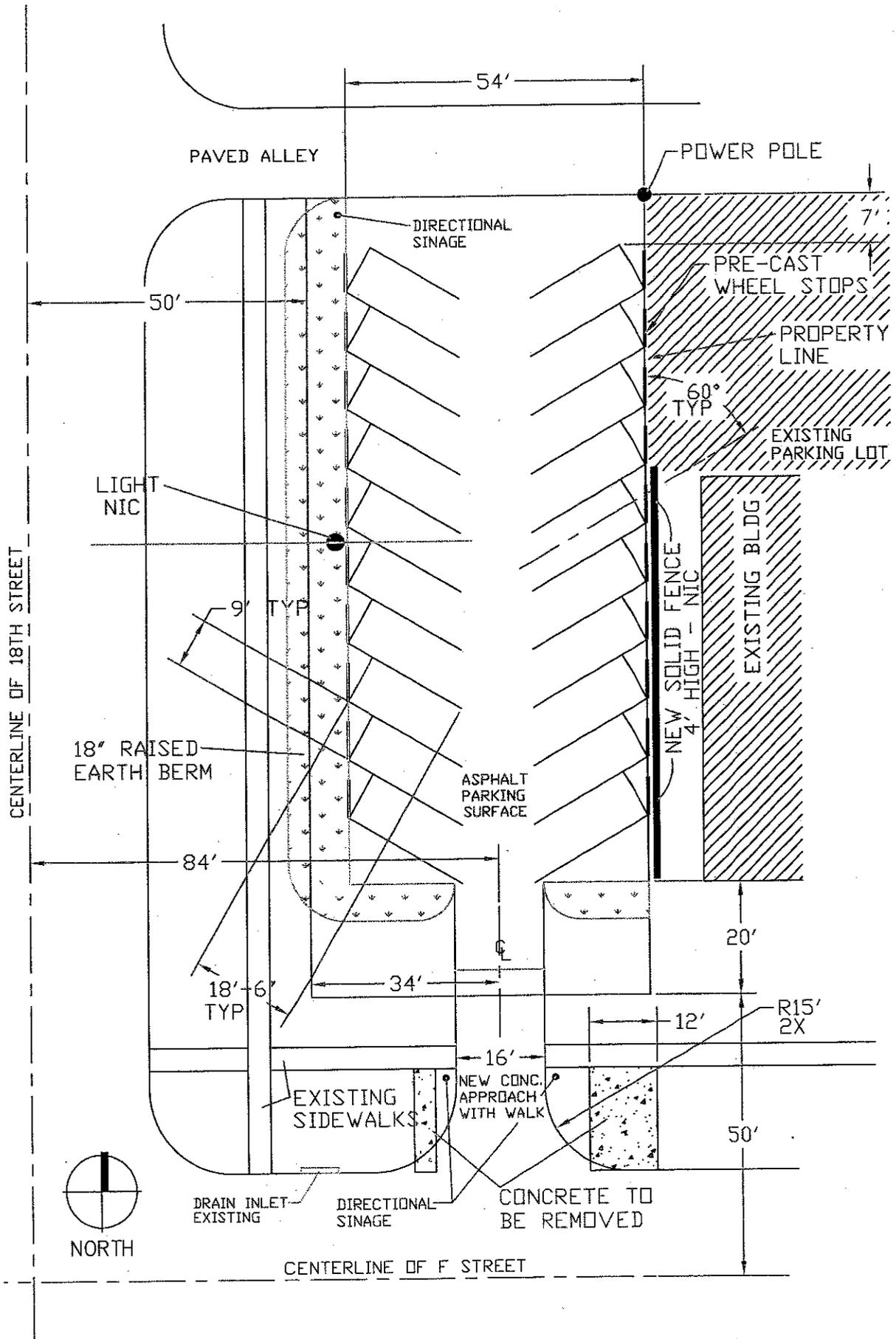
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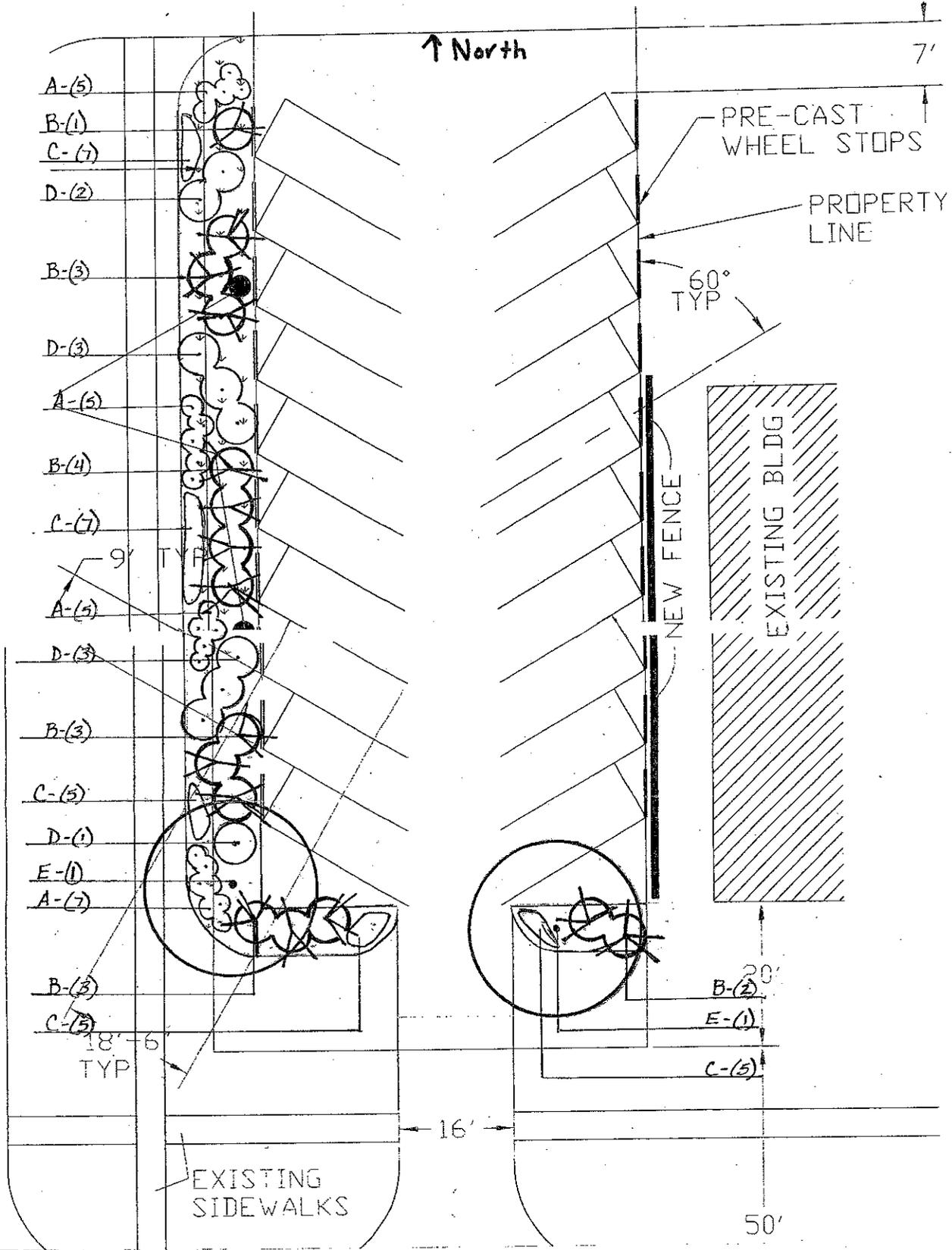
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One Square Mile
Sec. 25 T10N R06E





Scale: NTS



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 PARKING LOT LANDSCAPE DESIGN
 18TH & F STREETS

July 23, 2007

PLANT MATERIALS LIST

Code	Common Name	Botanical Name	Qty	Mature Spread	Mature Height	Planting Size	Type
A	Barberry, Redleaf	Berberis thunbergii atropurpurea	22	3'	4'	18"-24"	CG
B	Juniper, Pfitzer	Juniperus chinensis pfitzeriana	16	6'	5'	18"-24"	CG
C	Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	31	2'	3'	12"-18"	CG
D	Dogwood, Bailey	Cornus sericea baileyi	9	6'	8'	2'-3'	CG
E	Honeylocust, Thornless	Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis	2	30'	35'	1.5"	B&B

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning 

DATE : October 12, 2007

RE : **Waiver No. 07007**
(Southeast corner of N. 27th Street and Interstate 80)
Resolution No. PC-01083

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2007:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Esseks, to approve **Waiver No. 07007**, requested by Dial-Salt Creek LP, to modify the Land Subdivision Ordinance to waive the requirement that lots within a final plat front upon and take access to a public street or private roadway, on property generally located at the southeast corner of North 27th Street and Interstate 80.

Motion for approval carried 7-0: Cornelius, Taylor, Esseks, Larson, Francis, Gaylor-Baird, and Sunderman voting 'yes' (Moline and Carroll absent).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Jeannine Devetter, Dial-Salt Creek LP, 11506 Nicholas Street, #200, Omaha, NE 68154
Christopher Held, Dial-Salt Creek LP, 11506 Nicholas Street, #200, Omaha, NE 68154

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RESOLUTION NO. PC- 01083

1 WHEREAS, Christopher Held, on behalf of Dial-Salt Creek LP, has requested a
2 modification of the Subdivision Ordinance to waive the requirement that lots within a
3 final plat front upon and take access to a public street or private roadway, on property
4 generally located at the southeast corner of N. 27th Street and I-80; and

5 WHEREAS, Lincoln Municipal Code § 26.23.140 requires that lots within a final
6 plat shall front upon and to have access to a public street; and

7 WHEREAS, applicant has requested a modification to waive said requirement
8 pursuant to § 26.31.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow development on the
9 proposed future lot without extending a roadway through the wetlands; and

10 WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended conditional approval of the
11 requested modification to § 26.23.140 of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

12 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the strict application of all
13 requirements would result in actual difficulties or substantial hardship or injustice to the
14 property owner.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
16 Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

17 1. That the provisions of Section 26.23.140 of the Lincoln Municipal Code
18 which provide that residential lots shall front upon and have access to a public street is
19 hereby waived for that portion of Lot 2, Block 1, Salt Creek Center shown on the
20 application for the requested waiver as a proposed future lot.

1 2. The Applicant shall submit a final plat to subdivide Lot 2, Block 1, Salt
2 Creek Center 1st Addition with dedicated conservation easements as requested by
3 Watershed Management and conservation measures as requested by the U.S. Fish
4 and Wildlife Service.

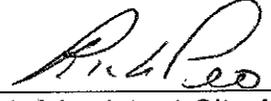
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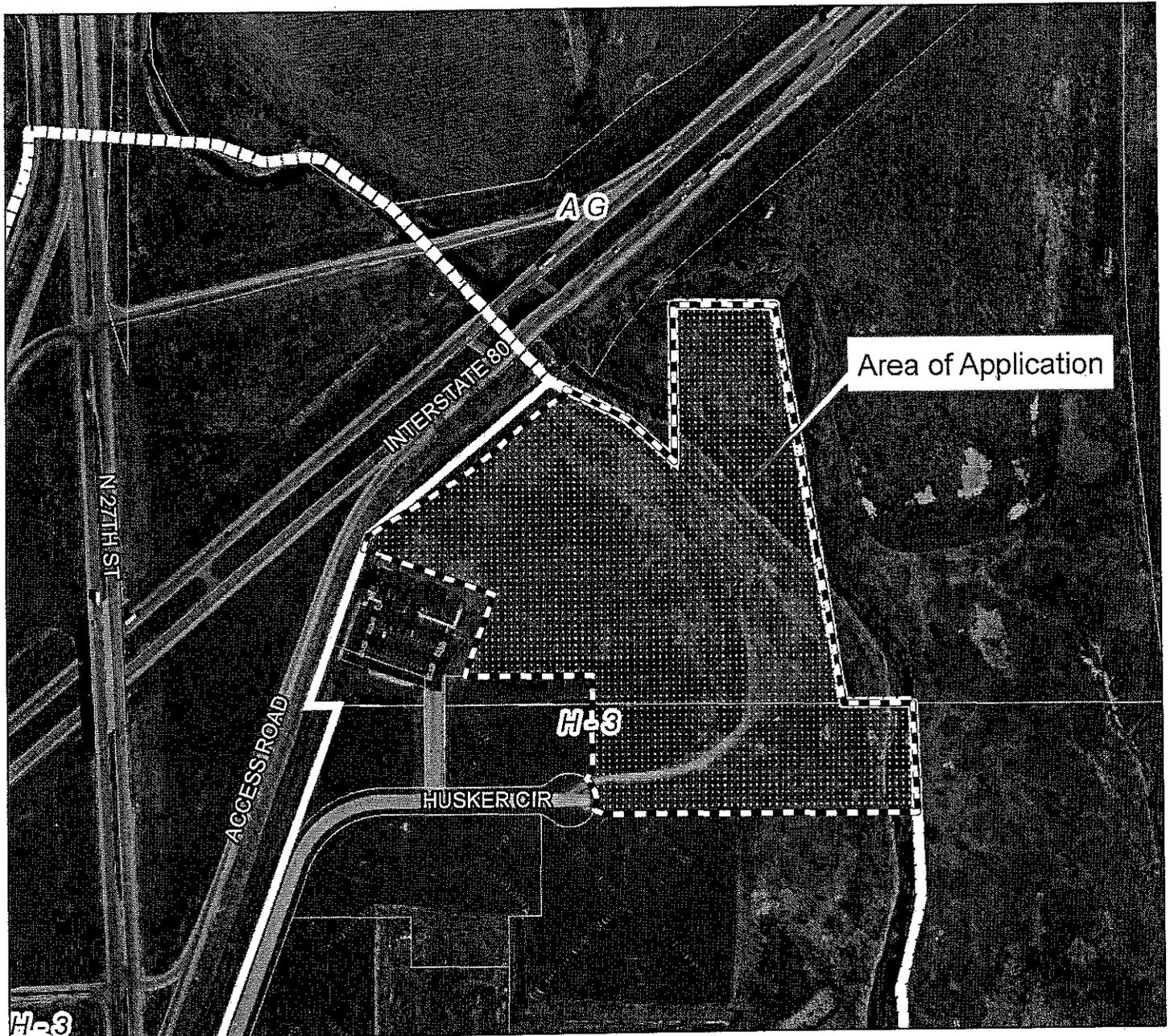


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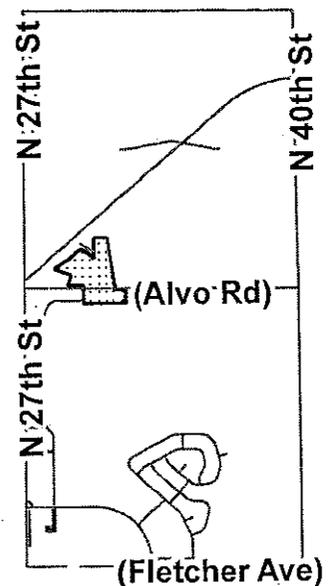
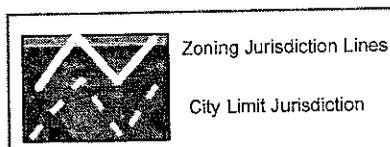
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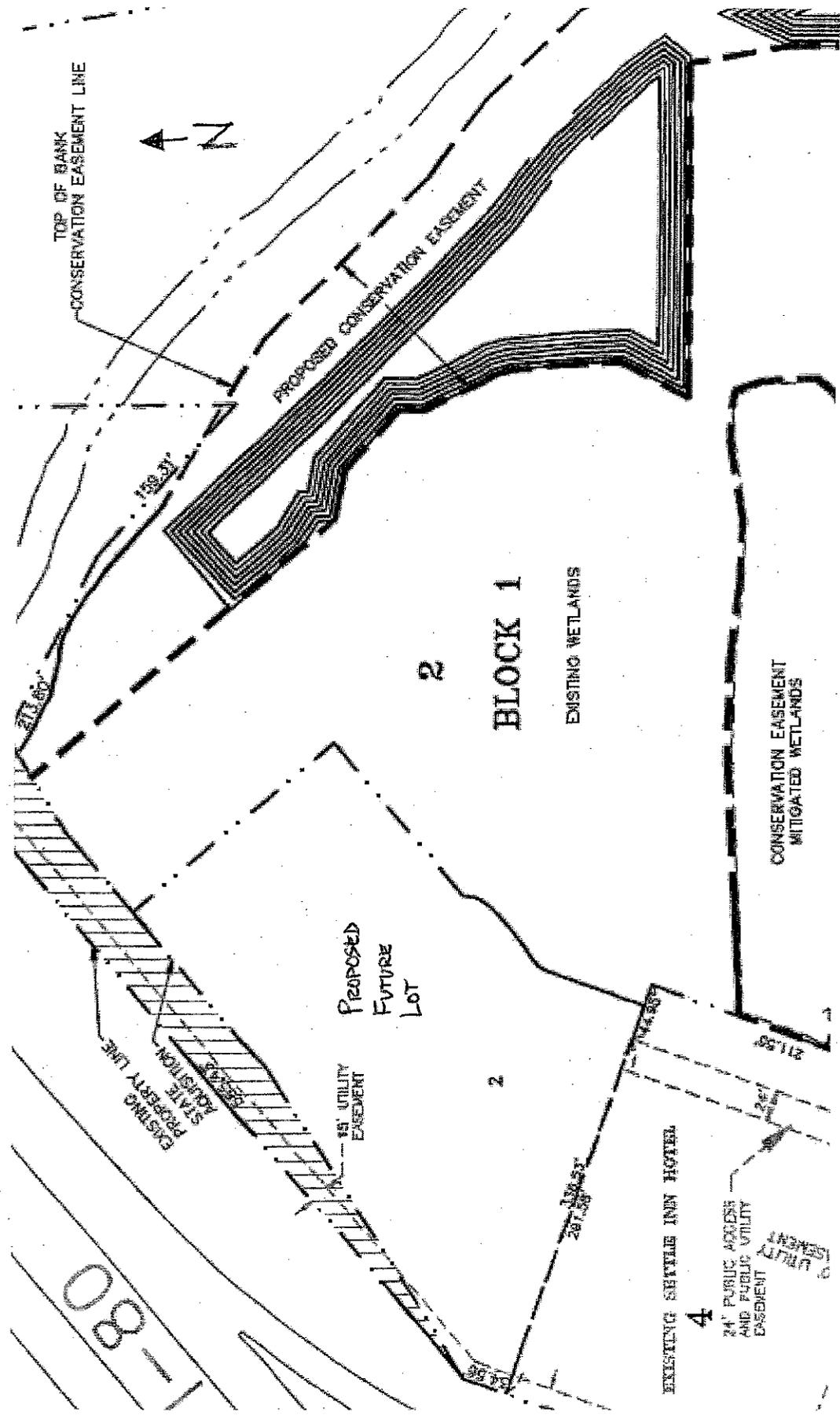
Waiver #07007 7363 Husker Circle

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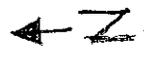
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Two Square Miles
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Sec. 31 T11N R07E





TOP OF BANK
CONSERVATION EASEMENT LINE



PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT

BLOCK 1
EXISTING WETLANDS

2

PROPOSED
FUTURE
LOT

15' UTILITY
EASEMENT

2

CONSERVATION EASEMENT
MITIGATED WETLANDS

EXISTING SHUTTLE INN HOTEL

4

24' PUBLIC ACCESS
AND PUBLIC UTILITY
EASEMENT

1-80

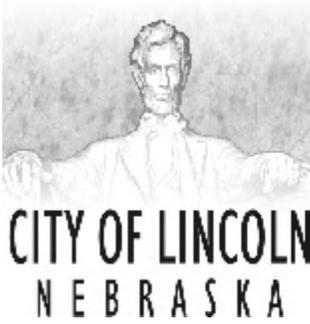
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PROPERTY LINE

287.28'

211.58'

126.57'

106.58'



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MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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October 11, 2007

Roadway and Water Main Projects for Spring 2008 Construction

**Pine Lake; 84th - 98th
98th; Old Cheney - Yankee Hill
Project #701769**

The City of Lincoln will be hosting a public information open house. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Lux Middle School, 7800 High Street.

The open house will give citizens the opportunity to learn about the projects and discuss specific issues with City representatives and the design team. There will be no formal presentation. Please come at your convenience during the open house hours and find out about the future changes to Pine Lake Road between 84th Street and 98th Street and 98th Street between Old Cheney and Yankee Hill.

For more information, you can contact one of the following people or visit www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pine lake).

Holly Lionberger
Engineering Services
Phone: (402) 441-8400

Gretchen Dolson
HDR Engineering Inc.
Phone: (402) 742-2902



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October 16, 2007

Harris Overpass Capital Improvement Project #701781 'O' Street; 2nd - 9th Streets

The City of Lincoln Public Works Engineering Services would like to take this opportunity to update you on an upcoming project in your area. Cramer and Associates of Des Moines, IA has been awarded the contract for the Harris Overpass capital improvement project.

On October 22, 2007 the prime contractor will have their sub-contractor, Dobson Brothers of Lincoln, NE begin work on the water main relocation. This work will require the closure of the westbound frontage road on 'O' Street between 8th and 9th Streets at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007.

During the closure of the frontage road, access to adjacent parking lots and parking spaces will be closed. This street closure will remain in effect until November 9, 2007 and will re-open for the last football game weekend. Access to all parking areas and parking lots will be reestablished for the November 10, 2007 weekend.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the following people:

Larry G. Duensing
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
441-8401

Marty Jorgensen
Cramer and Associates
515-238-5951

Kris Humphrey
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
441-7592

I N T E R

MEMO

O F F I C E

To: Robin Eschliman
From: David Landis
Subject: South Street
Date: October 18, 2007
CC:

The South Street project includes paving, water main, stormwater and streetscape improvements from 8th to 17th Street.

The Urban Development part of the project is authorized to be a total of \$442,283. That is \$342,283 from previous budgets and \$100,000 in the '08 budget available as of September 1, 2008 . We have paid \$74,000 of the design costs to Clark Enersen on their bill of \$94,392. We have also spent \$248,977 on streetscape to Pavers, Inc.. Streetscape costs include: street furniture, ornamental lighting, planters, banners and colored stamped concrete at 9th ,10th, 13th and 16th street intersections.

Public Works paid the other part of these costs. They have spent \$2,527,146 of the \$2,968,985 contract with Pavers, Inc. Their responsibilities include all concrete, asphalt, curb, gutter, sidewalks, stormwater and water lines and traffic signal poles.

David M Landis/Notes

10/18/2007 01:09 PM

To Tammy J Grammer/Notes

cc

bcc

Subject Re: REschlimanRFI#11 

The memo sent earlier today left out some data I wrote. We are doing landscaping next year. We will let the contact over the winter and the planting will be done first thing in the growing season. That contract will be 100,000 and it is part of the '08 CIP. The total amounts don't change but there is this cost that will be due in the coming year. Dave



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To: General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Scott Besch
Address: 443 S. 53rd Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 402-580-0686
Fax:
Email: lincolnigs@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

Hello, I am with one of the local animal rescue groups and due to the number of dogs that are given to the city shelter and to private groups or picked up as strays, I would like to propose a city ordinance that pet stores cannot sell dogs and cats in pet stores unless they are homeless pets. When people go to pet stores they see dirty cages filled with terrified puppies and feel they need to 'rescue' them from the situation. Due to this spur of the moment decision they often end up with a dog that they do not want, which ends up costing animal welfare groups and shelters money as well as the animals their lives frequently. Unfortunately, by purchasing a puppy from these situations it just opens the door for another animal to suffer the same conditions and treatment.

As you may or may not be aware, most puppies and kittens for sale in pet stores are from puppy mills. Puppy mills are facilities that mass produce animals to sell to such stores with little regard for the animals' health, genetics or disease testing. Pet stores CAN stay in business without selling puppies or kittens, and Petco, Petsmart, K-9 Consultants, and many others are examples of quality stores who do not need to sell dogs to stay in business. I would like the opportunity to work with a city council member to show the amount of community support that would be behind such an ordinance. Additionally, I also would like to see that all animals sold online or in the newspaper to people within the city require that the pets be fixed before purchase. I think a chart on the Hearts United for Animals website demonstrates the power of getting pets spayed or neutered. As you can see in the link below, fixing 2000 dogs now can potentially save 600 unwanted puppies from being born in first generation litters and many in further generations.
<http://www.hua.org/spayneuter.html>

Please feel free to contact me about how I can help further this important cause. It can save the Humane Society and other groups a lot of money, time and resources if passed.

Sincerely,
Scott Besch
A Responsible Pet Owner



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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: DOUG VANDERVORT
Address: 3210 CALVERT STREET
City: LINCOLN, NE 68502

Phone: 402-770-7325
Fax:
Email: doug.vandervort@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members,

Why does the City allow signs such as the ones Dr. John's has at 2929 NW 12th St and 710 N 48th St?

I consider these signs to be boarder line Porn and should not be on public display. I have grandchildren that see these signs and ask questions that they should not be asking.

I am asking for the Council to get these signs removed and have the business cover their windows as most Adult shops do.

Please respond.

Doug Vandervort

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OCT 12 2007

CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Dan Marvin, Councilman

Some years ago, somewhere in Southern California, the police found themselves in a face-off with bank robbers who wore total body armour and wielded semi-automatic (plus) weapons. The police - held off for hours - had to go to a local gun store and obtain more adequate weapons.

We live in a world of increasing violence (Virginia Tech et al.).

Any consideration of Lincoln's False Alarm Law should seriously look at EXEMPTION for gun shops, sporting good stores that sell semi or automatic weapons, or any other business that sells weapons that would be more likely used by felons than the average man-on-the-street.

If this would cost Lincoln too much, then consider asking homeland security to foot the bill. That is real security.

(Journal Star article Oct. 11, 2007)

Respectfully,

Nancy Chandler
2301 S 14th St Apt A2
Lincoln, NE 68502



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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Michelle Strand
Address: 600 S. 36th St.
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 402-770-2840
Fax:
Email: shelhusk@hotmail.com

Comment or Question:

My name is Michelle Strand and I am president of the Hawthorne PTO. In a joint effort, the Hawthorne and Dawes communities are holding a public "Save our Schools" rally. We are inviting all of you to attend. It will be held Tuesday, October 16th (tomorrow) from 6-7pm at the First Covenant Church (60th and L St). This is a chance for the entire city of Lincoln to show their support of EVERY school.

THanks,
Michelle Strand
Hawthorne PTO President



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Name: John R. Bieber
Address: 6341 Durango Court
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-499-2969
Fax:
Email: jcbieber@alltel.net

Comment or Question:

The city street department has put speed bumps on Browning Stree between 32nd and 34th street. I can see no need for these as they are nothing more than an inconvenience for those of us who use this street. I assume the people who live along there were complaining about the traffic on this street or the speed of it. Well, hello, I have the same complaints for the area in which I live, but there are no speed bumps there. In fact I believe the street department should install speed bumps on all the streets in Lincoln as traffic in general moves to fast for the skill level of the drivers in this town. As I know this will not be done I request those speed bumps on Browning Street be removed.

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OCT 17 2007

CITY COUNCIL
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Bruce Drummond
1037 Harland St. Apt # 2
Lincoln, NE 68502-2233
402-438-0411 Oct 15-2007

Mr. Tom Hornum: & City Council of Lincoln
My name is Bruce Drummond & I live
in Lincoln since Sept. 1974

I, been listening to the City Council re-
garding a New Arena in the Haymarket Area
I maybe in the future for the City of Lincoln.
I heard recently that City Council stated
Capacity just 10,000. I totally disagree with
the Mayor-Council of Lincoln, NE.

You need to look at what are coming to a
end of 2007 in a few weeks & we will begin
2008 in 2 1/2 months, & Mayor-City Council are
just sitting & maybe you aren't.

Only you are looking at building a New Arena
& Convention Center for the future you will
need to build one at least Capacity of
21,000 seats. Why a Cap City of 10,000?
That unreal to here.

Look at the Quest Center, Omaha, 19,000
Dyson Event Center, Sioux City, IA 10,200 seats
Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, IA
Cap: 18,000⁴, & hey, you have the New

Sprint Center in K.C. Mo. opened Oct 5-07
to a sell-out of Elton John, & Oct 6-07
Elton John played the Guest Center, to
16,000 near capacity.

Myself I been very fortunate to go to other
venues for shows that Lincoln & Omaha
could not get. Physicians I know flew to
Chicago Ill. for concerts.

Some venues I like to mention to the
Mayor & City Council, members, such as
Kemper Arena, Guest, All State Arena, Rosemont,
Ill, Capacity 13,000, Baltimore Arena, United
Center, Chicago, MCI Center, D.C. Madison
Square Garden, New York City.

Arenas in Tampa, FL, St. Peter's to mention
a few arenas.

If you decide to build a New Arena
make enough leg room, plus serving
alcohol, you'll need to serve Beer & Hard
Liquor like the venues I mention do.

This will open many new jobs here
in Lincoln, NE plus benefit that someone
or individuals would shift or 12 hr
shifts around the clock.

Omaha is thinking about building
a New NCAA Stadium for the CWB North
of the Guest Center. Omaha's growing

\$Do is Lincoln & that's good

Why, don't Members Travel to these Venues, or out East, with the Mayor.

Lincoln, has the Potential To be a City that could draw in the Daymarket but if you want to build a 10,000 seating Arena, a real Big Mistake, look at the future for the City of Lincoln, a State of Nebraska.

Tom, at Rushing Center, & his Staff all of them do a fantastic job & they all give 100% To try to bring in the Events that will do good.

All, draws at Rushing Center, I have left happy.

Do keep the money in the City, it will take plenty of work & it won't be easy.

A Concert goes
to other Events
Bruce Grummett

10-15-07

To Council:

Do not appreciate route changes for the bus.

Some changes makes me use my scooter to travel a mile or 2 to my doctors + other appointments.

Current stops are correct ones.

Tag Jackson

Will have to use cat vouchers (only 10 per month)

moved to Lincoln
because of great
current bus routes.

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**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007**

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of October 20 through October 26, 2007 - Schedule subject to change.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Frontage Road Between 8th and 9th Streets North Of "O" Street To Close For Water Main Construction.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

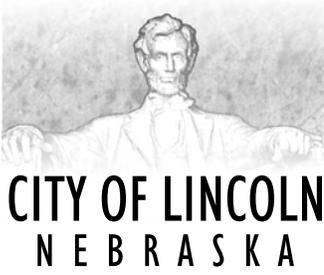
JONATHAN COOK -

1. E-Mail from Alison Stewart - RE: Proposed new bus routes.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. 2 E-Mail's from Pat Schreurs - RE: Proposed new bus routes.



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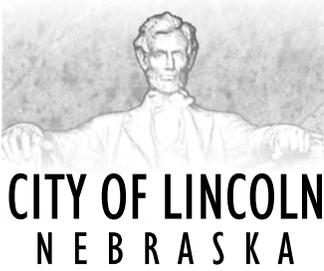
Date: October 19, 2007

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of October 20 through October 26, 2007
Schedule subject to change

Monday, October 22

- Mayor's Award of Excellence, presentation - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 19, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 441-7592

Larry Duensing, Engineering Services, 441-8401

Linda Beacham, The Schemmer Associates, 488-2500

FRONTAGE ROAD BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH STREETS NORTH OF "O" STREET TO CLOSE FOR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, October 22, the frontage road between 8th and 9th streets on the north side of "O" Street is scheduled to close for water main construction. The road is scheduled to remain closed until Friday, November 9. Adjacent parking lots and alleys north of the frontage road will have access from 8th Street during the closure period.

This water main construction is occurring as a result of and in advance of the Harris Overpass bridge project. The Harris Overpass project is scheduled to begin on November 12 and will close "O" Street between 2nd and 9th streets to traffic for about one year.



Alison Stewart
<astewart1@unl.edu>
10/21/2007 04:25 PM

To JCookCC@aol.com
cc council@lincoln.ne.gov
bcc
Subject Proposed new bus routes

History:

 This message has been forwarded.

Dear Jonathan,

attached and below please find my ideas on why the new proposed bus routes should be tabled, until there is further clarification.

Please note: I will be out of town this coming Wed.-Sunday.

Alison Stewart



- StarTran proposed new routes.doc

Dear Jonathan,

I write to encourage you to postpone voting on the proposed new bus routes for StarTran. I outline my reasons below. Please note I was out of town and out of the country from March through early July doing research while on sabbatical, thus the public meetings about the new bus routes were unavailable to me.

I attended the City Council meeting on October 8 and listened carefully to the testimony of the StarTran passengers who will be affected by the new routes. That both the Nebraska Federation for the Blind and the StarTran driver's union came out against the new routes made me pause and wonder what kind of process took place that did not appear to include these two groups. I was surprised that no one involved with the proposed routes announced what kind of fall-out of ridership there would be for such new routes. I then spoke to two bus drivers on my route and they both expressed concern that passengers in wheel chairs and those who are visually impaired would need to walk farther than with the present routes. One also mentioned that she did not believe the proposed new routes would be revenue neutral since they would take longer and need bus drivers to work over-time.

Discussion followed with other passengers and it became clear that the maps of the proposed routes on the StarTran website were not large enough and marked well enough for passengers to know where precisely the routes would go. We wondered together whether it was true that all passengers going downtown would be dropped off and need to transfer to another bus that would make a loop through downtown. We wondered also whether there would be bus stops only at the State Office Building and 11th and O, leaving the university bus riders without a bus stop. Finally, we wondered whether the consultants had a preconceived idea of what bus service in Lincoln should look like and turned that into the proposed plan. After looking once again at the Brown proposed route on the website (and enlarging it considerably) and then reading the report itself, it appears (and I stress appears) that the Brown route will actually go to the university. I

now wonder whether there will be several bus stops downtown, or whether that has been re-thought. What also became clear by looking at the website is how difficult it is to find the proposed new plan because of how it is labeled.

I clearly support StarTran and do not support budget cuts. I just wonder whether the benefits of the new system have been made clear enough and whether they will make up for the inconvenience of new routes for present riders.

If clarification to my questions above could be made by someone at StarTran, I would very much appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Alison Stewart

10-21-07

2127 Park Ave.

Lincoln, NE 68502

Bus routes #16 and 3

Tel: 476-1703



Pat Schreurs
<paschreurs@prodigy.net>
10/19/2007 01:11 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject bus

Dear Council Members:

I would appreciate that you leave buses the way they are for several reasons:

1. There are people who have a learning disability who only look for numbers of the bus that they need. If things change, it will make it harder for those people to get around as well as the rest of us who rely on buses to get around.
2. If we would go by color code only, that will make it difficult also for people who are color blind. People who oare visually impaired, will only be able to see the big numbers and not colors.
3. I hope that you will take this seriously and vote for NOT MAKING any changes to the curreht bus system as far as the way they are coded.

Thanks,
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Dear Council Members:

Some of the buses need to be changed and re-routed for the better of the city. Cutting back or eliminating some of the routes that you want will not benefit the city at all.

The 48th street shuttle will not benefit for the better if the route is shortened instead of lengthened like as in a compromise route that was stated in the last meeting on the buses. The extended route system for that bus will be good as there are getting to be a lot of businesses out that way.

Grocery stores, a shopping mall, doctors, the heart hospital, Nebraska Heart Institute and the such are moving out that way. They are needing more space, but, no where else to move or build. The same with the North side of the city. It is becoming a bustling part of the city as well.

The University Place needs to stay the same also, because of the East Campus part of the University.

Longer hours for the shuttle, Yippee!!! That will be welcomed for those people who are employed downtown or at the city campus of the University who work at night. They can go to work on the scooter and come home on the scooter.