

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents July award of excellence to Officer Cynthia Koenig-Warnke of the Lincoln Police Department.
- *2. NEWS RELEASE. Channel 21 kicks off fifth season of Nebraska Wesleyan high school football.
- *3. NEWS ADVISORY. Revisions to Mayor Chris Beutler's public schedule.
- *4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says traffic changes will greet state fair and Husker fans.
- *5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will release the City's 2006 Crash Study at a news conference on Thursday, August 21, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at Van Dorn park.
- *6. Letter from Mayor Chris Beutler to the Lincoln City Council regarding four items relating to the Lancaster County Agricultural Society/Lancaster County Event Center.
 - a) Proposed language for Section 10 of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- *7. Letter to City Council Members from Mayor Chris Beutler. Response to letter written by Councilwoman Robin Eschliman on the Antelope Valley Design Standards Process.
- *8. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's announcement of the City's 2006 Crash Study shows traffic safety program reduces crashes in City.
- *9. NEWS RELEASE. One-block section of Old Cheney to close beginning August 20, 2008.

Received Week of September 1, 2008

- 1. NEWS RELEASE. More Antelope Valley projects to open for traffic.
- 2. NEWS RELEASE. Families urged to recognize September as "National Preparedness Month".
- 3. NEWS RELEASE. Nominations sought for Human Rights Award.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET

- *1. Memo from Budget Officer Steve Hubka on year end budget items.
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with Refunds Added Back In, 2002-2003 through 2007-2008;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds, 2002-2003 through 2007-2008;
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections, 2002-2003 through 2007-2008; and
 - e) Tax Base 2008-2009.

FINANCE/TREASURER

- 1. Investment Report for the quarter ending May 31, 2008.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL

- *1. Response letter from Jim Weverka, Animal Control Chief, to Marcy Groves on dog waste issue and actions taken.

Received Week of September 1, 2008

1. Correspondence between James Weverka and Ms. Groves on dog waste and actions.
 - a) Letter from Marcy Groves sent to landlord, TLWLLC, on their tenants behavior while walking their dogs.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by Planning Commission, August 27, 2008.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

1. Special Permit No. 08037. Expansion of nonstandard building, 415 North 16th Street. Resolution No. PC-01139.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

- *1. Letter to Councilman Doug Emery on the proposed Chateau Stormwater Detention Project - Deadmans Run Master Plan.
- *2. ADVISORY. Alley Paving #700351, Havelock-Platte Avenue; 64th-65th Street. Alley Paving #700352, Havelock Avenue-Ballard Street; 63rd-64th Street.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION

1. Street and alley vacation, No. 08005. East/West alley between R & S Streets from 8th to 9th Streets.

III. CITY CLERK

- *1. Petition to keep Easterday Recreation Center open.

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

- *1. Email from H. Arnold Wassenberg. Being able to meet StarTran riders.
- *2. Email from Karl Kollmorgen. Priority to reduce the City retirement package.
- *3. Email from Mark A. Hoistad, Associate Dean, College of Architecture Director with comments and suggestions on the proposed design guidelines.
- *4. Email from H. Arnold Wassenberg. Best housing incentive would be to repeal the impact fees on new housing.
- *5. Email from James Peck. Object to stimulus program which benefits only a small proportion of Lincoln citizens.
- *6. Email from Milo D. Cress. Vote against any further taxpayer support of home builders.
- *7. Email from Mike James. Vote no on the housing stimulus package.
- *8. Email from Heath Clay. Property tax payers paying too much and need relief now rather than raising taxes again.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

- *1. Letter from Robin Eschliman to the Planning and Urban Development Departments on treatment to constituents during design standards process.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Email from Gregory Nielsen, Lincoln North Creek, LLC on City tree replacement along Fletcher Avenue.
- *2. Email from Sue Semke. LES needs to tighten their belts so increase would be more reasonable.
- *3. Email from Becky Ferguson. Please do not consider passing the homebuilder subsidy.
- *4. Email from Kim Sturzenegger. Enthusiastically support the concept of downtown design standards.
- *5. Email from Brian Nehe regarding the home buying incentive. Disagree with idea to use tax dollars to finance the purchase of new homes.
- *6. Email from Marcy Groves on dog waste issue.
 - a) Letter sent to Animal Control concerning dog waste requesting assistance from Animal Control.

Received Week of September 1, 2008

- 7. Email from Drag Tech Shannon. Thunder Jam is a family show.
- 8. Email from Steven Shipman. Opposed to StarTran's consideration of cancelling the Neighborhood South Bus.
- 9. Email from Coby Mach, LIBA Director. City Council jail questions.
- 10. Letter from Virginia Kirkland. State of disrepair of Lincoln sidewalks. (Council members received on 08/27/08)
- 11. Email from Georgene Millard regarding the horse, Peter Rabbit, residing in Hickman, NE.
 - 11b. Correspondence from Georgene through InterLinc regarding horse, Peter Rabbit.
 - 11c. Email from Georgene Millard including photo of horse, Peter Rabbit, and owner.
- 12. Letter from Wendy Birdsall, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce President, to Mayor Chris Beutler extending thanks to City Administration on 2008-2009 budget and the possible formation of dedicated fund to attract job growth and leverage private investment. (Council Members received letter on 08/28/08)
- 13. Correspondence via InterLinc from P. Matthews regarding the horse in Hickman, NE.
- 14. Email from Drag Tech Shannon. Regarding the Bakken Formation report with web address listed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*** Held Over from August 25, 2008.**



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 27, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Wayne Teten, Antelope Valley Project Manager, 441-8420

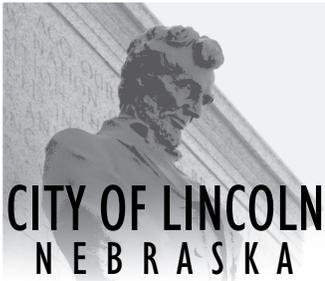
MORE ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECTS TO OPEN FOR TRAFFIC

Public invited to tour improvements in September

Another section of North Antelope Valley Parkway from “Y” to Vine streets will open to traffic about 2 p.m. Thursday, August 28. The “O” Street bridge from 21st to 22nd streets also is expected to be partially open September 5, with one lane of traffic open in each direction. All lanes of the bridge are expected to be open by the end of September.

The public is invited to tour the Antelope Valley Project improvements next month. A bus tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 18 with a presentation at Lincoln High School. On Saturday, September 20, a bike tour will be offered at 9 a.m. and bus tours will begin at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Saturday tours begin with presentations at the Auld Recreation Center in Antelope Park. Reservations are recommended and can be made online at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope) or by calling 458-5901.

Antelope Valley is a flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization project in the core of the City. The City Web site listed above has the most current information regarding the construction schedule and traffic accommodations.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov

LANCASTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
575 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7441, fax 441-7407

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 27, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management, 441-7441
Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

FAMILIES URGED TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER AS **“NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH”**

Citizens encouraged to assemble a kit and plan ahead

Lancaster County Emergency Management Director Doug Ahlberg today urged all citizens to acknowledge September as “National Preparedness Month” by assembling an emergency supply kit and developing a family emergency plan. National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s “Ready” Campaign to encourage Americans to be informed and take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

“Individuals and families who don’t already have specific plans to deal with severe weather or other natural or man-made emergencies, should establish one immediately,” said Ahlberg. “For those who already do, reinforcing the plan on an annual basis is very important.” Ahlberg said plans should include a location where all family members will report in the event of severe weather such as a tornado or flooding.

“A great gift for the entire family would be a NOAA all-hazards radio,” Ahlberg said. “It’s a great tool to alert family members of potential emergencies including severe weather. The all-hazards radio can give you a head start in taking the steps necessary to protect your family.”

A family preparedness kit should include a family-sized supply of water and food as well as essential medicines and first aid supplies, Ahlberg said. He said a family emergency response plan should be specific and should emphasize communication among family members as well as external sources of information such as media.

“The local media do an excellent job of keeping residents informed in emergency situations,” Ahlberg said. “The meteorologists, forecasters and news reporters have demonstrated a commitment to keeping Lincoln and Lancaster County informed, and they have a vital role in communicating with citizens in the event of a major disaster scenario.

- more -

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Ahlberg said local agencies have been working with Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), which is making preparedness information available through business newsletters, organizational flyers and other outlets. Additional information on emergency preparedness is available on the County-City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: emergency).

Ahlberg said local agencies involved in National Preparedness Month purposes include his agency, the City of Lincoln, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, the American Red Cross, the County Extension Office, Volunteer Partners/Volunteer Educators, the Nebraska Emergency Management Association, Lincoln Electric System, Region V Systems, Boy Scouts of America, Union Bank & Trust, McDonald's, the Salvation Army, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, Lutheran Disaster Response, Nebraska Interchurch Ministries, the UNL Office of Student Involvement and Union College.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Lincoln Comm. on Human Rights, 440 S. 8th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7625, fax 441-6937

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 28, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Williams, LCHR, 441-7624, TDD 441-8398

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Gerald Henderson Human Rights Award. The award was established in 2000 to recognize outstanding achievements in furthering human rights and relations in the City of Lincoln. In 2003, the award was renamed to honor and remember Mr. Henderson, first director of the LCHR and a long-time civil rights activist. The award will be presented in November.

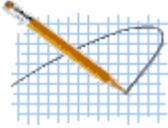
Nominations are due by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 22. Individuals can get the nomination forms four ways:

- Call the Commission at 441-7625 or 441-8398 (TDD).
- Send an e-mail to pvanslooten@lincoln.ne.gov.
- Print a form from the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rights).
- Visit LCHR during regular business hours at 440 S. 8th St.

Completed forms can be dropped off at LCHR, faxed to 441-6937 or mailed to LCHR, 440 S. 8th St., Lincoln, NE 68508. Those who submitted nominations in past years are encouraged to re-submit the entries.

Nominees will be judged on their achievements in improving human rights based on activities implemented, services performed or programs operated in the City of Lincoln. Previous winners have been Dan Williams; Cecilia Olivarez Huerta; José Soto and the Division of Affirmative Action, Equity and Diversity at Southeast Community College; Milo Mungaard and the Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Inc.; Judi M. gaiashkibos, Nebraska Indian Commission; Florine Joseph; and Beatty Brasch, the Center for People in Need.

The Human Rights Commission is the primary City agency responsible for the resolution of discrimination complaints brought by individuals. LCHR serves as the civil rights law enforcement agency for Lincoln. The Commission also provides community education and technical assistance in order for people to know and understand their rights and responsibilities under law.



James Weverka/Notes

08/22/2008 09:56 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc Bruce D Dart/Notes@Notes

bcc

Subject Fw: Dog Waste Issue

For your info. Jim

Jim Weverka
Animal Control Chief
3140 N Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
Phone 402-441-7900 Fax 402-441-8626

Animal Control - Protecting People and Animals

----- Forwarded by James Weverka/Notes on 08/22/2008 09:52 AM -----



<happy4@windstream.net>

08/21/2008 01:43 PM

To <JWeverka@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc

Subject Re: RE: Dog Waste Issue

I would like to say THANK YOU for this follow up information that is why she did not want to know what her address was because I told her that I was going to call Animal Control.

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> From: JWeverka@lincoln.ne.gov
> Date: 2008/08/21 Thu AM 10:37:39 CDT
> To: <happy4@windstream.net>
> CC: TBogenreif@ci.lincoln.ne.us,
> BDart@lincoln.ne.gov
> Subject: RE: Dog Waste Issue

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> Ms. Groves,
> Thanks for sending us a copy of your letter for our records. For your
> information, an Animal Control officer did make contact with the dog owner
> and warned the owner regarding the need to clean up after her dogs on
> August 20, 2008. She was also given a defect ticket for no license and
> rabies on her dogs.
> Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.
> Thanks. Jim

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> Jim Weverka
> Animal Control Chief
> 3140 N Street
> Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
> Phone 402-441-7900 Fax 402-441-8626

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> Animal Control - Protecting People and Animals

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> Hi Council Members
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> My name is Marcy Groves and I wanted to CC: a copy of a letter that I am
> sending to a Landlord in reference to a tenant who has dogs and is breaking
> the law and I am going to try my best to make sure that I can get pictures,
> so that Animal Control can do something about this problem.
> (See attached file: Dog Complaint Letter TLW LLC.doc)

> *****
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August 21, 2008

TLW LLC
P.O. Box 57312
Lincoln, NE 68505

Dear: Sir/Madam,

My name is Marcy Groves and I live at 2971 Dudley Street the reason that I am writing this letter is to inform you about your tenants that live at your property at 2900 Orchard St that has dogs, I am just letting you know that they are walking their dogs and letting them shit in my yard and other neighbor yards on Dudley Street and not picking it up, I caught them yesterday and they said that they were going to come back and pick it up, but that is not true because I surprise them, I was trying to video tape them but I could not get my camera to work for me. I stopped them walking on 29th St between Dudley & Orchard and confronted them and they said oh we were going to come back and pick it up we just did not have any bags with us, I said it is the law that you pick up right away after your dog, I told her that I needed her address so that I can give it the Animal Control and she asked why do I need to do that because we will come back around and pick it. I said all I want is your address so that Animal Control can come and talk with her because she was breaking the law with her dogs. She still refuse to let me know where she lived so I told her that I was going back and get my cell phone and call the police or animal control, so they started to walk down Orchard Street so I turned my car around and went home and got my cell phone and came back around off 30th Street heading west on Orchard and she was trying to run up the stairs at 2900 Orchard Street with her dogs and they guy just keep on walking and after she notice that I was back then she went into the house and came back out with some bags. This is how I found out were she lived so and at this time I was on the phone with Animal Control letting them know what the address was. The lady say's that she is on disability but I can see how she is claiming to be a person with a disability when she can walk 2 beagle dogs at a time.

I would really appreciate if you can talk with your tenant to respect other people's property and to pick up behind the dogs.

Signed,

Marcy Groves
2971 Dudley Street
Lincoln NE 68503
402-570-1141 cell

CC: Lincoln City Council Members
Animal Control

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

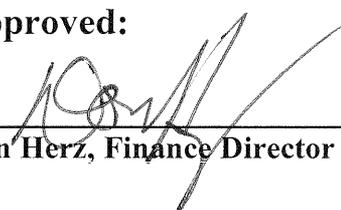
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of

Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the Investment Activity report and attached list of investments be confirmed and approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to hold said investments until maturity unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

INTRODUCED BY:

Approved:



Don Herz, Finance Director

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2008

Mayor

TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: FINANCE DIRECTOR
DATE: MAY 31, 2008
SUBJECT: CITY OF LINCOLN'S INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE
THIRD QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ending, May 31, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the status of the City's investment portfolio for the quarter ending, May 31, 2008. The City's investment policy requires that staff report quarterly to Council on the City's portfolio performance, description of securities, recent market conditions, investment strategies employed and other areas of policy concern warranting possible revisions to the current or planned investment strategies. This report excludes the Police and Fire Pension, the Community Health Endowment funds and other endowment or trust funds held by outside Trustees. Those funds have longer investment horizons and are governed by separate investment policies and the results are reported separately.

DISCUSSION

Investment Portfolio for the Quarter

The City's investment portfolio is listed and displayed in a graph in the Attachments. It is grouped by investment type and includes coupon rate, yield to maturity, purchase date, maturity date, the book and face (par) value, and the Investment Policy Composition as of May 31, 2008.

The par value of the City's portfolio is \$229.8 million yielding an average 3.5833%. In comparison, last quarter it was \$225.8 million yielding an average of 3.9950%. The portfolio consists of \$60.1 million in liquid accounts; \$155.8 million is U.S. government treasury and agency securities and \$13.9 million in Inter-Fund Investments. The \$155.8 million in U.S. government securities includes \$73.4 million in investments maturing in less than two years, comprising 47.16% of the City's investments in notes and securities. The average life to maturity of the investment portfolio is 2.52 years.

Investment Yields

During the quarter, the City's portfolio earned an average yield of 3.7428%. This compares to an average yield earned of 4.2148% for the previous quarter ending February 29, 2008.

As of May 31, 2008, the average yield to maturity of the City's Short-Term Idle Funds Pool, with a par value of \$54,906,358, was 2.1524%. This compares to a yield of 1.995% of a 28-day U.S. Treasury Bill with an issue date of May 29, 2008. The City's Medium-Term Idle Funds Pool, with a par value of \$153,932,921, average yield to maturity of 4.0345% compares to 2.64% yield for a 2-year U.S. Treasury Bond issued May 28, 2008.

Yield Trends

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) had lowered the federal funds overnight lending rate by 100 basis points to a rate of 2% during this quarter.

Taken from the April 30, 2008 Federal Reserve Press Release:

Recent information indicates that economic activity remains weak. Household and business spending has been subdued and labor markets have softened further. Financial markets remain under considerable stress, and tight credit conditions and the deepening housing contraction are likely to weigh on economic growth over the next few quarters.

Although readings on core inflation have improved somewhat, energy and other commodity prices have increased, and some indicators of inflation expectations have risen in recent months. The Committee expects inflation to moderate in coming quarters, reflecting a projected leveling-out of energy and other commodity prices and an easing of pressures on resource utilization. Still, uncertainty about the inflation outlook remains high. It will be necessary to continue to monitor inflation developments carefully.

The substantial easing of monetary policy to date, combined with ongoing measures to foster market liquidity, should help to promote moderate growth over time and to mitigate risks to economic activity. The Committee will continue to monitor economic and financial developments and will act as needed to promote sustainable economic growth and price stability.

Outlook*

The consolidation in the market is likely to continue for the next several months, with equities and intermediate-term bonds range-bound by the competing forces of a weak economy and problematic inflation. The initial effects of the credit and liquidity crisis are history, but it will take several years before the cycle of falling housing prices, rising mortgage foreclosures and stressed corporate balances sheets come to an end. For the next several months, investor sentiment and FOMC policy are likely to remain data-dependent and reactionary based on emerging economic data, making large swings in fixed-income rates and equity indices unlikely.

Funds Held by the City

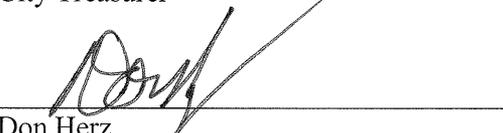
The Attachment is a consolidated report of all City investments. At May 31, 2008, the investments held in the City's pooled portfolio were in compliance with the investment policy that was approved in January 2005. The Finance Department holds investments until maturity unless the need for emergency funding warrants redeeming an investment prior to maturity.

Prepared By:



Melinda J. Jones,
City Treasurer

Department Head Approval:



Don Herz
Finance Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Investment Portfolio Composition and Investments Outstanding, as of May 31, 2008

* Provided by PFM Asset Management LLC, Monthly Market Update and Outlook, June 2008

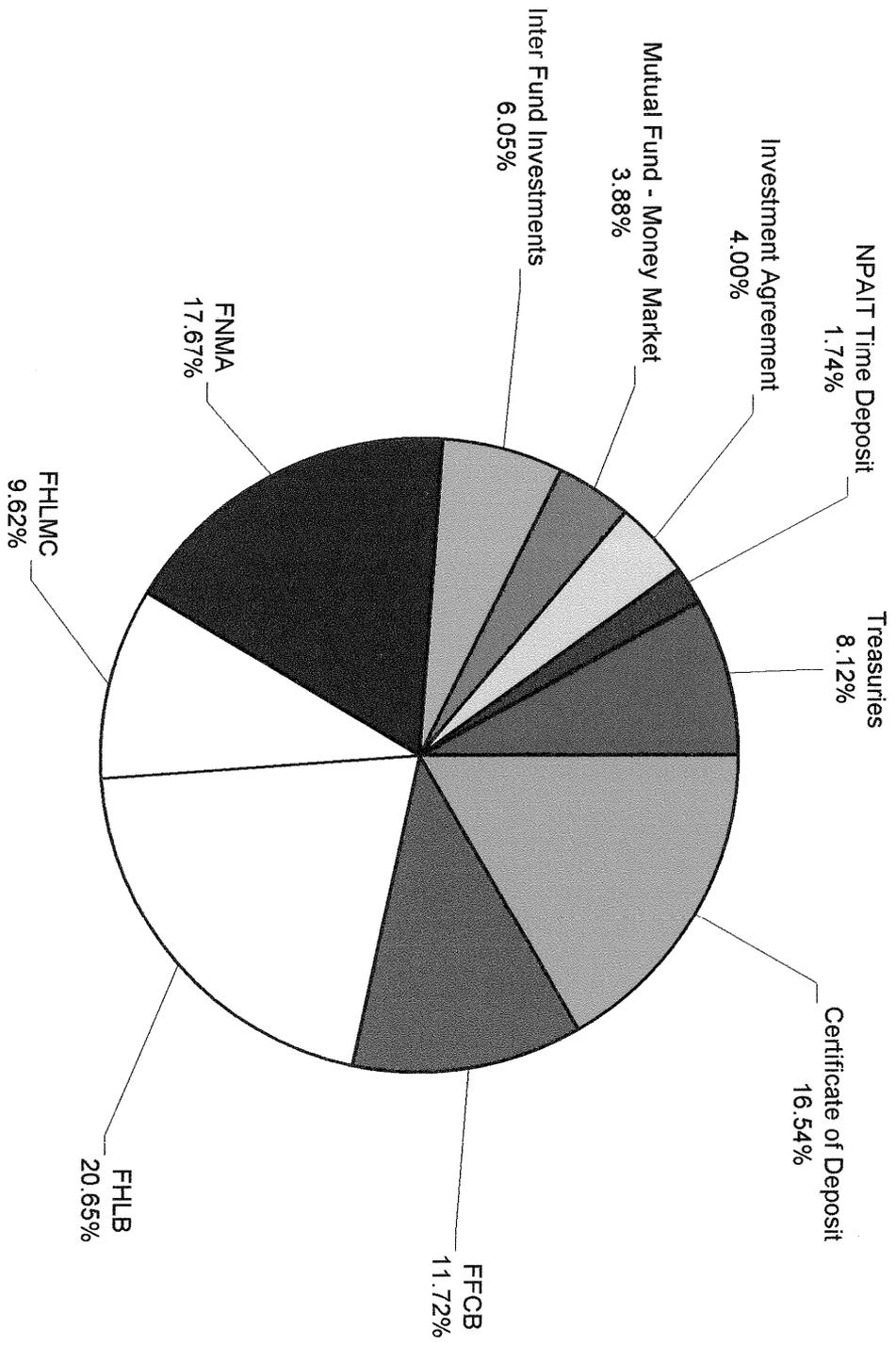
Investment Quarterly Report
City of Lincoln
As of May 31, 2008

	<i>Security Description</i>	<i>Coupon Rate</i>	<i>Yield to Maturity</i>	<i>Purchase Date</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Book Value</i>
Certificate of Deposit	Certificate of Deposit 2.40 06/12/08	2.400	2.4000	04/16/08	06/12/08	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
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	Certificate of Deposit 2.41 06/26/08	2.410	2.4100	04/16/08	06/26/08	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit 2.58 07/03/08	2.580	2.5800	04/18/08	07/03/08	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit 2.27 07/03/08	2.270	2.2700	05/08/08	07/03/08	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit 2.46 07/10/08	2.460	2.4600	04/30/08	07/10/08	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit 2.25 07/17/08	2.250	2.2500	05/16/08	07/17/08	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00
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	Certificate of Deposit 4.43 12/24/08	4.430	4.4300	12/24/07	12/24/08	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	Certificate of Deposit 2.25 03/26/09	2.250	2.2500	03/26/08	03/26/09	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
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	FFCB 5.08 12/02/09	5.080	4.8300	11/15/06	12/02/09	5,000,000.00	5,017,328.27
	FFCB 4.75 03/15/10	4.750	4.8150	04/20/07	03/15/10	5,000,000.00	4,994,498.05
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	FFCB 4.85 03/09/11	4.850	4.8400	04/02/07	03/09/11	5,000,000.00	5,001,134.95
	FFCB 3.75 04/07/11	3.750	2.9601	03/28/08	04/07/11	2,000,000.00	2,042,754.71
	FFCB 4.82 10/12/12	4.820	4.5903	10/29/07	10/12/12	2,000,000.00	2,017,710.10
		FFCB Total	4.585	4.4319			26,928,000.00
FHLB	FHLB 4.15 07/15/08	4.150	4.1436	05/10/05	07/15/08	315,000.00	315,002.54
	FHLB 3.375 07/21/08	3.375	3.3750	02/19/04	07/21/08	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
	FHLB 3.09 10/06/08	3.090	3.0900	04/06/04	10/06/08	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	FHLB 4.00 11/12/08	4.000	4.0000	11/12/03	11/12/08	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
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	FHLB 3.65 02/27/09	3.650	3.6500	02/27/04	02/27/09	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
	FHLB 5.25 08/05/09	5.250	2.7111	04/24/08	08/05/09	2,000,000.00	2,058,311.50
	FHLB 3.875 02/12/10	3.875	2.6903	02/19/08	02/12/10	2,000,000.00	2,038,905.19
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	FHLB 3.15 01/03/11	3.150	2.8111	04/17/08	01/03/11	2,000,000.00	2,016,730.16
	FHLB 2.625 03/11/11	2.625	2.9501	02/01/08	03/11/11	2,000,000.00	1,982,803.57
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	FHLB 5.60 06/28/11	5.600	5.2600	06/28/07	06/28/11	5,000,000.00	5,046,593.75
	FHLB 5.52 07/20/11	5.520	5.5200	07/20/07	07/20/11	1,180,000.00	1,180,000.00
	FHLB 5.00 07/29/11	5.000	2.9600	02/07/08	07/29/11	1,870,000.00	1,983,779.82
	FHLB 5.375 06/08/12	5.375	3.3651	01/22/08	06/08/12	3,585,000.00	3,852,077.00
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	FHLB Total	4.497	3.5111			41,450,000.00	42,484,671.01
FHLB Discount Note	FHLB Discount Note 0.00 06/13/08	0.000	2.0337	04/22/08	06/13/08	6,000,000.00	5,996,000.00
	FHLB Discount Note Total	0.000	2.0337			6,000,000.00	5,996,000.00
FHLMC	FHLMC 5.25 01/12/09	5.250	4.8660	08/27/07	01/12/09	5,000,000.00	5,011,137.19
	FHLMC 5.25 05/21/09	5.250	4.8600	05/02/07	05/21/09	1,324,000.00	1,328,704.80
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	FHLMC 5.00 10/27/10	5.000	2.4600	03/17/08	10/27/10	2,000,000.00	2,117,610.17
	FHLMC 5.75 01/15/12	5.750	3.8400	05/29/08	01/15/12	2,000,000.00	2,127,917.62
		FHLMC Total	4.524	4.2681			22,099,000.00
FNMA	FNMA 3.375 12/15/08	3.375	4.1550	05/10/05	12/15/08	557,000.00	554,843.71
	FNMA 5.30 07/16/09	5.300	5.3000	07/16/07	07/16/09	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	FNMA 5.00 02/09/10	5.000	4.5097	10/22/07	02/09/10	2,000,000.00	2,015,468.34
	FNMA 4.125 05/12/10	4.125	2.4501	03/11/08	05/12/10	2,050,000.00	2,114,676.45
	FNMA 4.70 07/28/10	4.700	2.6100	03/12/08	07/28/10	2,000,000.00	2,086,876.26
	FNMA 5.00 08/24/10	5.000	2.9727	02/27/08	08/24/10	5,000,000.00	5,216,371.35
	FNMA 6.00 05/15/11	6.000	4.8401	04/20/07	05/15/11	5,000,000.00	5,153,753.45
	FNMA 5.00 10/15/11	5.000	4.8250	04/20/07	10/15/11	5,000,000.00	5,026,219.32

Investment Quarterly Report
City of Lincoln
As of May 31, 2008

	<i>Security Description</i>	<i>Coupon Rate</i>	<i>Yield to Maturity</i>	<i>Purchase Date</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Book Value</i>
	FNMA 5.00 02/16/12	5.000	4.8410	04/02/07	02/16/12	5,000,000.00	5,025,759.33
	FNMA 5.50 08/22/12	5.500	5.5000	08/22/07	08/22/12	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	FNMA Total	5.108	4.2526			30,607,000.00	31,193,968.21
FNMA Discount Note	FNMA Discount Note 0.00 06/05/08	0.000	2.0348	04/04/08	06/05/08	5,000,000.00	4,998,888.89
	FNMA Discount Note 0.00 07/31/08	0.000	2.0970	05/22/08	07/31/08	5,000,000.00	4,982,833.33
	FNMA Discount Note Total	0.000	2.0658			10,000,000.00	9,981,722.22
Inter Fund Investments	General Fund Obligation	3.750	3.7500	09/01/04	05/31/10	10,064,625.10	10,064,625.10
	General Fund Obligation	3.900	3.9000	06/03/05	05/31/10	1,993,295.95	1,993,295.95
	N 48th Streetscape	5.400	5.4000	06/15/07	12/15/14	369,230.00	369,230.00
	Thunderstone TIF	5.100	5.1000	10/01/06	04/01/15	231,228.58	231,228.58
	Liberty Village TIF	4.750	4.7500	08/15/05	02/15/18	308,089.45	308,089.45
	48th & O Southside	5.240	5.2400	06/01/07	12/01/18	565,522.33	565,522.33
	NE Printers/LPS Station	5.240	5.2400	06/01/07	12/01/20	377,952.80	377,952.80
	Inter Fund investments Total	3.961	3.9609			13,909,944.21	13,909,944.21
Mutual Fund - Money Market	Money Market-USB Sweep	1.960	1.9600	09/01/01	Open	1,876,357.90	1,876,357.90
	Money Market-NPAIT	1.777	1.7770	09/01/01	Open	945,000.00	945,000.00
	Money Market-STFIT	1.816	1.8160	09/19/01	Open	500,000.00	500,000.00
	Money Market-Savings Account	1.220	1.2200	07/26/02	Open	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
	Money Market-WFB	2.218	2.2180	08/15/07	Open	585,000.00	585,000.00
	Mutual Fund - Money Market Total	1.534	1.5340			8,906,357.90	8,906,357.90
Investment Agreements	Investment Agreement 4.51 12/01/15	4.510	4.5100	03/23/05	12/01/15	1,120,000.00	1,120,000.00
	Investment Agreement 4.60 08/15/22	4.600	4.6000	03/23/05	08/15/22	1,540,000.00	1,540,000.00
	Investment Agreement 4.70 08/15/25	4.700	4.7000	03/23/05	08/15/25	3,390,000.00	3,390,000.00
	Investment Agreement 4.83 10/15/26	4.830	4.8300	12/01/05	10/15/26	1,910,000.00	1,910,000.00
	Investment Agreement 4.83 06/15/30	4.830	4.8300	12/01/05	06/15/30	1,229,980.83	1,229,980.83
	Investment Agreement Total	4.705	4.7045			9,189,980.83	9,189,980.83
Time Deposit	Time Deposit 5.15 06/21/08	5.150	5.1500	06/21/07	06/21/08	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	Time Deposit 4.40 01/12/09	4.400	4.4000	01/11/08	01/12/09	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	Time Deposit Total	4.775	4.7750			4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Treasury Note	Treasury Note 2.00 02/28/10	2.000	1.8960	02/29/08	02/28/10	2,000,000.00	2,003,544.95
	Treasury Note 4.625 10/31/11	4.625	4.5815	05/15/07	10/31/11	2,000,000.00	2,002,629.79
	Treasury Note 4.50 03/31/12	4.500	4.5423	04/05/07	03/31/12	5,000,000.00	4,992,801.52
	Treasury Note 4.50 04/30/12	4.500	4.5071	04/30/07	04/30/12	4,000,000.00	3,999,022.30
	Treasury Note 4.375 08/15/12	4.375	4.1749	05/19/03	08/15/12	3,167,000.00	3,188,846.04
	Treasury Note 3.125 04/30/13	3.125	3.1625	05/15/08	04/30/13	2,500,000.00	2,495,743.47
	Treasury Note Total	4.040	4.0081			18,667,000.00	18,682,588.07
Investment Total		3.796	3.5833			\$229,757,282.94	\$231,659,533.32

**City of Lincoln
Investment Portfolio Composition
May 31, 2008**



***** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION *****
August 27, 2008

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

**** PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2008

[All members present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 2008. ****APPROVED, 9-0****

1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Action):

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

- Page 01
- 1.1 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 08015, to amend the Community Facilities Chapter of the 2030 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to reflect the intent of Lancaster County to construct a new Adult Detention Facility.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public Hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is being requested.

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1.2 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 08022, to review a proposed amendment to the North 56th Street and Arbor Road Redevelopment Plan as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to add the “NCS Equipment Rental Project” for the development of a 23,147 square foot building. The Project Area is generally located at the northwest corner of North 56th Street and Alvo Road. The North 56th Street and Arbor Road Redevelopment Plan Area is generally bounded by North 70th Street on the east, North 40th Street on the west, on either side of Interstate 80, and between Bluff Road on the north and Salt Creek on the south, except the Bluff Road Landfill Facility.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

PERMITS:

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1.3 Special Permit No. 08037, for expansion of a non-standard building, by adding a third floor to the existing west wing, that will encroach into the rear yard setback no further than the existing building, on property located at 415 North 16th Street. *** **FINAL ACTION** ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval, as revised by staff.
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 14, 2008, and revised by staff on August 16, 2008, 9-0.
Resolution No. PC-01139.

MISCELLANEOUS WITH RELATED ITEMS:

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1.4a Annexation No. 08006, to annex approximately 4.9 acres, generally located at S. 70th Street and Pine Lake Road.

Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to an Annexation Agreement
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and called under Requests for Deferral.
Applicant’s request for two-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

- 1.4b Change of Zone No. 08041, Pine Woods Planned Unit Development Plan, for a change of zone from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at S. 70th Street and Pine Lake Road; for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning and Land Subdivision Ordinances to develop approximately 11 dwelling units and approximately 53,000 square feet of office, retail and/or commercial floor area in the underlying R-3 zoned area.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and called under Requests for Deferral.
Applicant's request for two-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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PENDING LIST:

1. *Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, "M" and "N" Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & "M" Street. (**Expires 01/28/09**)*
(3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)

2. *County Change of Zone No. 08038, from AG Agricultural District to AGR Agricultural Residential District, on property generally located north of the interchange of S. 162nd Street and Highway 2.*
(8-13-08: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on November 5, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)

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Brandon Garrett, Planner	441-6373	bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Brian Will, Planner	441-6362	bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner	441-6360	ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov

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**The Planning Commission meeting
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5.**

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**The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm>**

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning 

DATE : August 28, 2008

RE : **Special Permit No. 08037**
(Expansion of nonstandard building - 415 N. 16th Street)
Resolution No. PC-01139

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2008:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Larson, to approve **Special Permit No. 08037**, with conditions, as revised, requested by Gamma Phi Beta House Corporation of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, for authority to expand a nonstandard building into the required rear yard setback in order to allow for the construction of a third floor to the existing west wing, and a reduction in the required parking to zero, on property generally located at R Street and Vine Street (415 N. 16th Street).

Motion for conditional approval, as revised, carried 9-0: Cornelius, Esseks, Francis, Sunderman, Partington, Larson, Taylor, Gaylor Baird and Carroll voting 'yes'.

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.

The Letter of Acceptance will be mailed to the permittee by the City Clerk at the end of the 14-day appeal period.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Joan Kopf, 3910 S. 27th Street, 68502
Gamma Phi Beta Building Assn., 415 N. 16th Street, 68508

RESOLUTION NO. PC-01139

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 08037

1 WHEREAS, Gamma Phi Beta House Corporation of Gamma Phi Beta
2 Sorority has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 08037 for
3 authority to expand a nonstandard building into the required rear yard setback in order to
4 allow for the construction of a third floor to the existing west wing, and a reduction in the
5 required parking to zero on property generally located at R Street and Vine Street, and
6 legally described as:

7 The east 30 feet of the north 67 feet of the south 142 feet of
8 Lot C of the County Clerk's Subdivision of Lot 29 of S.W. Little
9 Subdivision, and the north 75 feet of the south 150 feet of Lot
10 30 of S.W. Little Subdivision, Lincoln, Lancaster County,
11 Nebraska;

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

14 WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and
15 the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this expansion of a
16 non-standard building will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

17 WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter
18 set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the

1 intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health,
2 safety, and general welfare.

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

5 That the application of Gamma Phi Beta House Corporation of Gamma Phi
6 Beta Sorority, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to expand a nonstandard building into
7 the required rear yard in order to allow for the construction of a third floor to the existing
8 west wing, and a reduction in the required parking to zero on the property described
9 above, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.280 of
10 the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said addition be in
11 substantial compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional
12 express terms, conditions, and requirements:

13 1. This permit approves the expansion of a nonstandard building
14 (sorority house) by adding a third floor in the required rear yard with a setback no less than
15 the setback of the existing building and a reduction in the required parking to zero.

16 2. Before receiving building permits the Permittee shall:

- 17 a. Provide documentation from the Register of Deeds that the
18 letter of acceptance as required by the approval of the special
19 permit has been recorded.
- 20 b. The expansion shall meet all other yard and height
21 requirements of the zoning district.

22 3. Before occupying the building all development and construction must
23 substantially comply with the approved plans.

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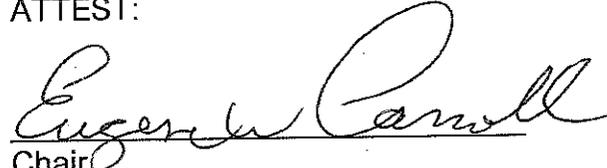
4. The physical location of all setbacks and yards, buildings, parking and circulation elements, and similar matters must be in substantial compliance with the location of said items as shown on the approved site plan.

5. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall run with the land and be binding upon the Permittee, her successors and assigns.

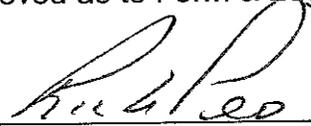
6. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the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

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 27 day of August, 2008.

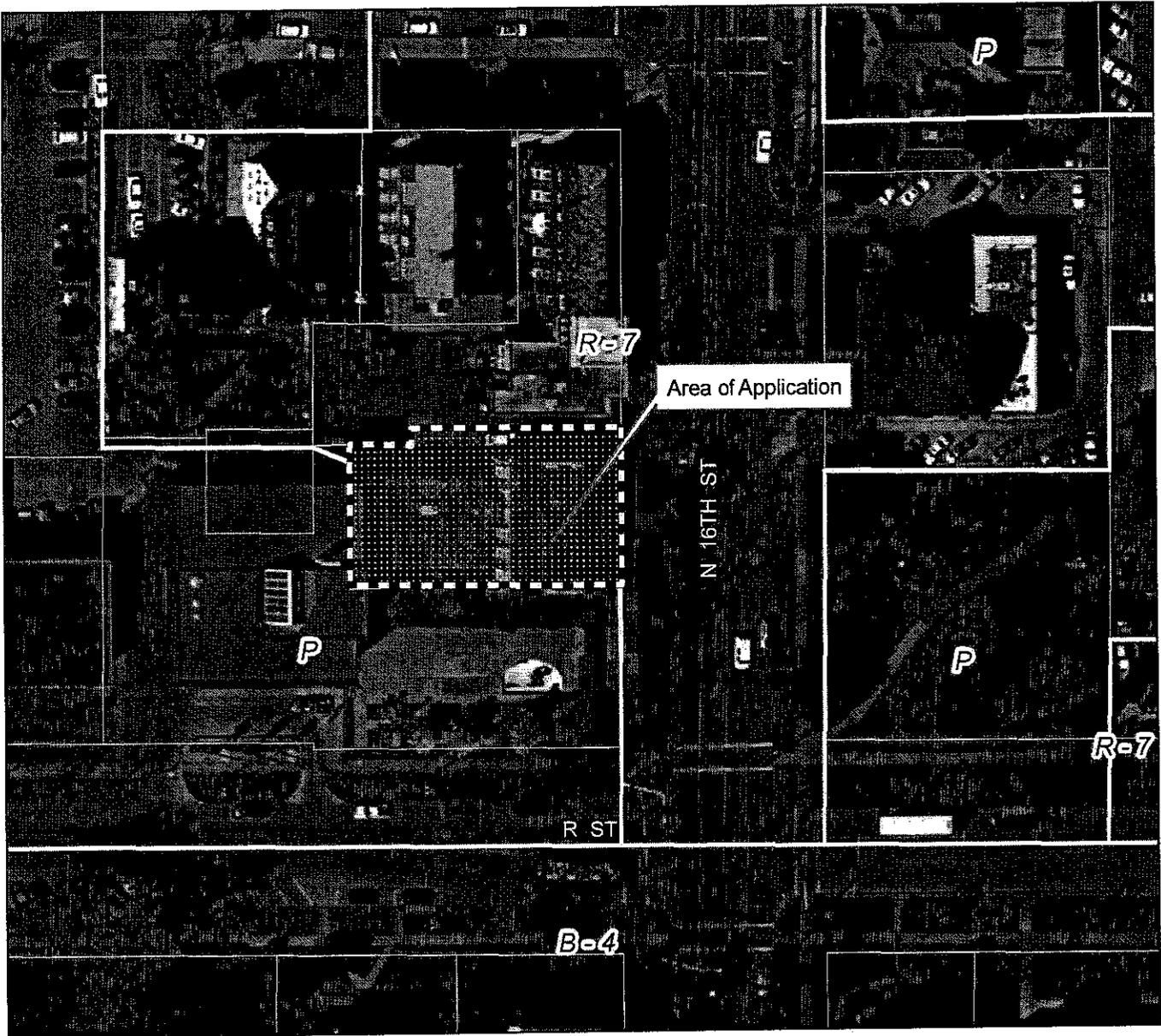
ATTEST:


Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:



Chief Assistant City Attorney



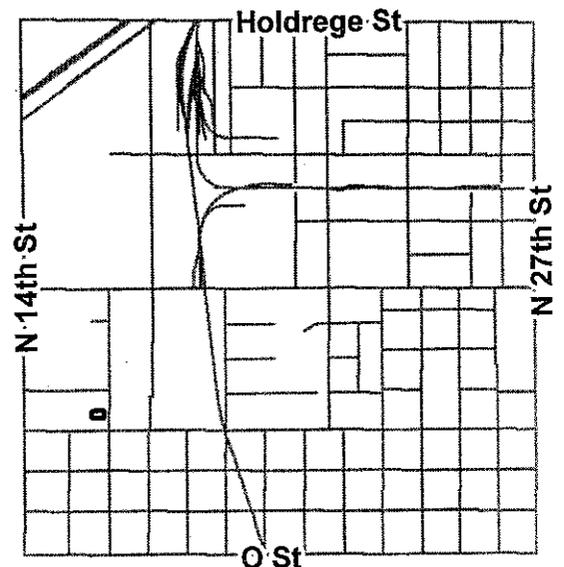
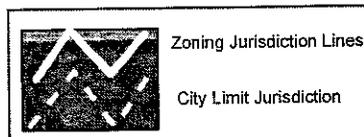
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Special Permit #08037
415 N 16th St

Zoning:

One Square Mile
 Sec. 24 T10N R06E

- 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



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
& City Council Members

FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office

DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION:

DATE: August 21, 2008

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
Marvin Krout
John Hendry
Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 08005
East/West Alley between R & S Streets
from 8th to 9th Streets

A request has been made to vacate the east/west alley between R and S Streets from 8th to 9th Streets. The alley was viewed and appeared as an unpaved alley with signs of deteriorated brick paving on the east half of the alley while the west half is surfaced with crushed rock. Overhead electric, telephone and cable lines were also observed running along the alley. While no other utilities were visible, Public Works has indicated the existence of a sanitary sewer within the alley and has asked that a utility easement for existing and future utilities be retained if the area is to be vacated. The existence of the alley returns was also noted at each end of the alley.

Long, narrow strips such as this rarely have any value, in and of themselves, but can take on the value of the abutting property once they are assembled. However, in this case, where the zoning allows for 100% building coverage, the retention of utility easements which preclude building over the area to be vacated would render the area of little value to the adjoining property owner. This is especially true if the entire area is not scheduled for redevelopment and the abutting buildings were to remain in place.

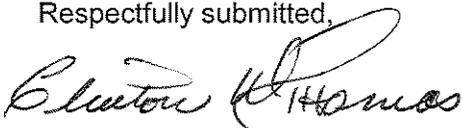
Therefore, the alley is considered to have only a nominal value of \$0.15 per square foot. The calculations are as follows:

$$4,800 \text{ sq. ft.} \times \$0.15/\text{sq. ft.} = \$720$$

Therefore, it is recommended, if the alley be vacated, it be sold to the abutting property owners for \$720. If the vacated alley is to be sold to more than one owner, their respective shares would be as follows:

South Side – Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska	\$360.00
East portion of North Side – NE Press Advertising Services	\$150.00
West portion of North Side – Sawmill Building Partnership	\$210.00

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023



Drag Tech Shannon
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Please respond to
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To <8@klkntv.com>, <carolserv@hotmail.com>,
<cm@liba.org>, <commish@lancaster.ne.gov>,
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Subject Thank you Lancaster County

With the current economic situation and fuel crunch, Marchyshyn wanted to let fans know the Thunder Jam is a fun, family-friendly, affordable evening of entertainment.

“The Thunder Jam is a family show,” he said. “We know the economy has been a challenge and recognize our customer works hard for their entertainment dollar. Tickets to the Thunder Jam are always specially priced at \$20 for adults and just \$5 for children 12 years old and younger. Each ticket comes with free parking and an all-access pit pass so you can meet the drivers up-close. It is our goal to provide a great show at a fair price.”

Living in Lancaster County is great. I get to sit back and watch other communities benefit from Drag racing events.

<http://www.thunderjam.com/article/3145.html>



Steven Shipman
<shipmanarts@gmail.com>
08/25/2008 05:11 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
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Subject Startran NEIGHBORHOOD SOUTH BUS change...

My bus driver informed me today that you are considering cancelling the Neighborhood South bus which I use daily to get to work in both the mornings and afternoons (I have no other way to get to work aside from walking).

For heavens sake, the new Startran bus schedules have been in operation for **only 3 months!**
How can you make a judgement on how many people are riding any of the new routes until they've been running for a reasonable amount of time?

It takes people time to figure out what works best for them, especially since the new routes are more complicated and confusing. It took me a month and a half just to figure out that the Neighborhood South route I am now taking is much more convenient than the route I was previously taking. I might add that I was taking the previous route at the instruction of a Startran employee, which indicates that even the bus company people are not yet fully aware of the new routes possibilities.

I get to work 45 minutes faster by taking the Neighborhood South bus. With your proposed changes, I will be forced to take a bus downtown and then wait 25 minutes to catch the Heart Hospital bus. I can walk to work in less time (it takes me 1 hour to walk, incidentally)

Making a change at this early stage in the game is just ridiculous! What in the world are you thinking? This is foolish and unprofessional. You need to give the new routes at least a full year to see how they're going to work out for Startran patrons...or had you completely forgotten about them?

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Subject: City Council Jail Questions

Dear Council Members,

Congratulations on bringing forward a budget that does not increase the property tax burden. Thank you for your hard work.

Now that the budget is behind you, the focus has turned to the new Lancaster County Jail. After visiting with the County (using round numbers) we understand:

- A. The city will stop paying the county \$1.4 Million per year
- B. The city will lend it's taxing authority to the county
- C. The JPA will levy approximately 2.5 cents for the jail bonds
- D. If the city continued to pay the County the \$1.4 Million per year, the JPA would only need to levy 1.5 cents

Here are our questions:

If the city no longer needs to pay the county \$1.4 Million per year, will you lower the city levy rate?

If you do not lower the city levy rate, do you see this as a city property tax increase?

If you do not lower the city levy rate, where do you intend to spend the \$1.4 Million?

If any of these points are in error, we welcome your corrections. Thank you for your time and attention on this matter! Coby

Pc. Lancaster County Commissioners
Mayor Chris Beutler

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August 25, 2008

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Dear Mayor Beutler:

I am writing in regard to the City of Lincoln sidewalks, in particular one on North 66th Street, just three squares north of the bike path and south of the car wash. The rise is in front of the electric box and is two inches covered with weeds. On August 11, 2008 at 9:10 a.m., I fell in that spot, skinned my face, chipped and twisted my glasses, bruised my left hand, tore a chunk from my right thumb, skinned my right knee and was shook up pretty good. In June, the lady I normally walk with fell at the same place.

When I called the sidewalk department I was told there were no funds for sidewalk repair. When it was the responsibility of the property owner, they had to repair and pay for it or the city billed them if it wasn't done.

Its too bad all of the money is going into the Antelope Valley project and the Haymarket Arena. Have you even considered the cost of removing not only the tracks, but also removing and replacing the contaminated dirt? All because a few developers think that it will be wonderful thing?

I should think taking care of sidewalks that are in disrepair would be less costly than lawsuits after the fact.

It seems like you would want to keep up existing sidewalks and streets before adding new projects such as the unneeded arena. Pershing Auditorium was never kept up; you add new yet can't maintain the old.

I think its time to look at what we have and take care of it first.

Sincerely,

Virginia Kirkland

CC: Councilman Doug Emery
Lincoln City Council



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Subject: PETER RABIT

[IMAGE]

DON'T EVICT PETER RABIT. WHAT HARM IS THIS OLD HORSE TO ANYONE? LET THE HORSE LIVE HIS LIFE OUT IN PEACE WITH THE MAN WHO HAS RAISED AND CARED FOR HIM ALL THESE YEARS. WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY COMPASSION FOR SPECIAL CERCOMSTANCES?

HARLEY SCOTT HAS SOLD MOST OF HIS FAMILIESLANDTO DEVELOPERS, THE LEAST EVERYONE CAN DO IS LET HIM AND HIS HORSE BE.



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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Phone:
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Comment or Question:

I am saddened that the city council will not allow Peter Rabbit to live out his days in a pasture he has lived in for 30 years. What harm is this beautiful creature to anyone. Doesn't any of you have compassion? Can't any of you be lenient in just this case? Why does everyone have to always follow the 'rules' when sometimes, it makes better sense to follow your heart and what is truly right.

Gone are the days of compassion for what is right. It is a shame you all are so caught up in your city council positions to see beyond your rules and look to what is just and fair for this poor old horse. Let Peter Rabbit be and give us citizens hope that there is truly good in people.



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Subject LET PETER RABIT BE

[IMAGE]

LET PETER RABIT BE. WHAT IS THE HARM IN LETTING THIS OLD HORSE LIVE OUT ITS DAYS IN THE PASTURE HE HAS LIVED HIS WHOLE LIFE IN.? HAVE SOME COMPASSION. HELP TO GIVE US HOPE THAT THERE IS TRUE COMPASSION IN THIS WORLD.

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The Community of Opportunity

Chamber of Commerce



August 28, 2008

Hon. Mayor Chris Beutler
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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Dear Mayor Beutler,

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce extends its thanks to your administration for the hard work on the City's 2008-2009 budget.

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce has long held the belief that we can quell any budget shortfall by expanding our tax base and growing our revenue stream. As a Chamber, we have identified road and infrastructure building as the key component to accomplishing this task. We know you recognize this as well through your introduction of your "New Roads to Goods Jobs" initiative and legislation proposing the creation of growth districts and bonding authority.

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce believes the time is right to create a fund dedicated to the creation of infrastructure to attract job growth and leverage private investment. We like the idea of naming the fund the "Lincoln Advantage Fund" because we believe it could truly give us an advantage in competing for high-quality economic job and investment projects. Our executive committee developed the attached statement that incorporates criteria any proposed project must meet before any money could be expended.

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce would like to actively pursue the creation of this additional fund and we ask for your support. Our growth is essential to our survival. You have been a positive force in this process and we look forward to successfully completing the task.

Sincerely,

Wendy Birdsall, CCE
President
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development

**LINCOLN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

(Unanimously adopted on July 25, 2008)

General Operations Budget Efficiency

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce reiterates and affirms principles of our standing Budget Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors in July of 2005. As we have consistently maintained, we believe each "local governmental body should have a general goal not to increase their property tax reliance more than the rate of inflation."

We commend the Mayor and the City Council for their efforts in keeping budgeted expenditures for Lincoln at a reasonable amount and not increasing their reliance on property tax more than the rate of inflation. We believe this reflects a good government model and is in keeping with the desires of the general public, as well as the business community, for efficient and effective government operations.

Economic Development and Infrastructure

In determining the use of potential surplus funding within the Special Assessment Revolving Fund, the Chamber endorses the following:

- 1) We support this money principally being utilized for long-term economic development infrastructure needs;
- 2) We support a "Trust Fund" concept being utilized as has been suggested by both the Mayor and City Council members to protect and purpose this funding;
- 3) With regard to criteria for expenditures from the Trust Fund, we support developing agreed upon pre-requisites which would include, but not necessarily be limited to: a) leveraging direct private investments; b) expanding and/or preserving local primary jobs, and; c) meeting the goals of the community's strategic plan for economic development.



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Comment or Question:

I cannot believe the heartless decision to evict a horse from it's home. Have you ever heard of a Grandfather Clause? We have a beautiful horse farm in our city limits that is under a Grandfather Clause due to the fact that the farm was there before the limits were expanded to include that area. This man only has 4 acres left, and a horse. All of you are some of the most selfish and heartless people I think I've heard of in quite a while. Let the man live out the rest of his life with his horse in peace. I guess, then again, with that hefty fine you would love for him to keep the horse. The Government is, after all, alllll about money. Every one of you should be ashamed of yourselves! You all are just heartless, hateful people! Yes, that's my opinion, and I know you don't care. I wish I had enough money to pay that fine for the next 30 years, because....I"D SEND IT TO HIM!!!



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Subject Ever heard of the Bakken Formation?

Ever heard of the Bakken Formation? GOOGLE it or follow this link.

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=1911>

The U.S. Geological Service issued a report in April ('08) that only scientists and oilmen knew was coming, but man was it big. It was a revised report (hadn't been updated since '95) on how much oil was in this area of the western 2/3 of North Dakota; western South Dakota; and extreme eastern Montana ... check THIS out:

Now, the idea of putting that refinery in S.D. is beginning to make sense....

The Bakken is the largest domestic oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, and has the potential to eliminate all American dependence on foreign oil. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates it at 503 billion barrels. Even if just 10% of the oil is recoverable... at \$107 a barrel, we're looking at a resource base worth more than \$5.3 trillion.

'When I first briefed legislators on this, you could practically see their jaws hit the floor. They had no idea.' says Terry Johnson, the Montana Legislature's financial analyst.

'This sizable find is now the highest-producing onshore oil field found in the past 56 years,' reports The Pittsburgh Post Gazette. It's a formation known as the Williston Basin, but is more commonly referred to as the 'Bakken.' And it stretches from Northern Montana, through North Dakota and into Canada. For years, U.S. oil exploration has been considered a dead end. Even the 'Big Oil' companies gave up searching for major oil wells decades ago. However, a recent technological breakthrough has opened up the Bakken's massive reserves... and we now have access of up to 500 billion barrels. And because this is light, sweet oil, those billions of barrels will cost Americans just \$16 PER BARREL!

That's enough crude to fully fuel the American economy for 41 years straight.

2. [And if THAT didn't throw you on the floor, then this next one should - because it's from TWO YEARS AGO, people!]

U.S. Oil Discovery- Largest Reserve in the World. Stansberry Report Online - 4/20/2006 Hidden 1,000 feet beneath the surface of the Rocky Mountains lies the largest untapped oil reserve in the world is more than 2 TRILLION barrels. On August 8, 2005 President Bush mandated its extraction.

They reported this stunning news: We have more oil inside our borders, than all the other proven reserves on earth. Here are the official estimates:

-8-times as much oil as Saudi Arabia

-18-times as much oil as Iraq

-21-times as much oil as Kuwait

-22-times as much oil as Iran

-500-times as much oil as Yemen- and it's all right here in the Western United States.

HOW can this BE? HOW can we NOT BE extracting this!? Because the democrats, environmentalists and left wing republicans have blocked all efforts to help America become independent of foreign oil.

James Bartis, lead researcher with the study says we've got more oil in this very compact area than the entire Middle East -more than 2 TRILLION barrels. Untapped. That's more than all the proven oil reserves of crude oil in the world today, reports The Denver Post.

Don't think 'OPEC' will drop its price - even with this find? Think again! It's all about the competitive marketplace, - it has to.

Got your attention/ire up yet? Hope so! Now, while you're thinking about it ... and hopefully P.O'd, do this:

3. Take 10 minutes and compose an e-mail; fax or good old-fashioned letter to all your friends and associates. Alert them to the fact that democrats and 'liberal' republicans have been and will continue to obstruct all plans to make America independent of foreign oil. The only solution is to vote all democrats and Marxist oriented republicans out of office.

If you don't take a little time to do this, then you should stifle yourself the next time you want to complain about gas prices .. because by doing NOTHING, you've forfeited your right to complain.

Glenn T Swindle

Now I just wonder what would happen in this country if every one of you sent this to every one in your address book.