

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MAY 25, 2015**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Deadline extended for Mayor's Arts Awards.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Parking Services and Young Professionals join forces for Give to Lincoln Day.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Fire Chief Huff to retire.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Water quality report available online.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Libraries' Summer Reading Program coming to County sites.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Library offers new online and mobile streaming service.
7. NEWS RELEASE. American Heart Association recognizes LFR for improvements in treating heart attacks.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Commission on Human Rights meeting agenda for May 28, 2015.

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. May sales tax reports reflecting March activity:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2010-2011 through 2014-2015;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2010-2011 through 2014-2015; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2010-2011 through 2014-2015.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 15029 approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 18, 2015.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Letter from Jim and Mary Fay regarding the maintenance of City parks.
 - a) Councilman Camp requesting Parks & Recreation look into the concerns listed in letter.
 - b) Reply from Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Amy Blomenberg regarding Lincoln's infrastructure, roads issues.
3. David Forsythe writing concerning K2 Construction using residential streets to park their machinery and discard various personal and work objects while working on sidewalks away from the street involved.
 - a) Councilman Camp acknowledging complaint and forwarding to Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities; Chad Blahak, Development Services Center; and Fire Chief John Huff to determine which departments would best address this problem.
 1. Reply from Miki Esposito, Director of Public Works and Utilities.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Correspondence from Kevin G. Wailes, Administrator and CEO of Lincoln Electric System, on the BNSF/Missouri Basin Power Project Rail Rate Case Settlement.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 19, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 402-434-2787

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS

The reservation deadline for the 2015 Mayor's Arts Awards Wednesday, June 10 has been extended to **Thursday, May 28**. The event at the Lied Center for Performing Arts is sponsored by the Lincoln Arts Council. The awards formally recognize artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. More information is available at artscene.org.

- The **Mayor's Choice Award** will be presented to educator, actress and director **Virginia Smith**, who recently retired as Artistic Director of the Nebraska Repertory Theatre. The award is sponsored by Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson and Oldfather, LLP.
- The **Richard Hay Arts Organization Award** will be presented to **Lincoln Midwest Ballet**, which recently presented its 30th production of "The Nutcracker." The award recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years. It is sponsored by Robert Hillestad in memory of the late Dr. Richard Hay.
- The **Outstanding Event Award** will be presented to the **Penguin Project** of the **Lincoln Community Playhouse**, which provided children with disabilities an opportunity to participate in the performing arts. The award recognizes a performance, exhibition or project in the previous year that will be notable in the community memory for years to come because of its content or cultural significance. It is sponsored by Black Hills Energy.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts** will be presented to painter **Wendy Jane Bantam**, who creates and implements public art projects locally and internationally. The award recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts, including theatre and film. It is sponsored by Jerry and Annette Hall.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts** will be presented to dancer, teacher and choreographer **Courtney Piccoli**. The award recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts, including film. It is sponsored by Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Literary Arts** will be presented UNL English Professor, author, Shakespeare scholar and dramaturg **Stephen Buhler**. The award recognizes excellence and accomplishment in writing and literature. It is sponsored by Woods Brothers Realty.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Youth** will be presented to **Rachele Merliss**, a Lincoln High School student, writer, director and actress who is active in the Nebraska Girls Shakespeare Company and the Illusion Theatre. The award recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger. It is sponsored by Joseph and Judith Ruffo.

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- The **Gladys Lux Education Award** will be presented to **Nancy Engen-Wedin**, who directs the Lied Center's arts in schools programs. The award recognizes special initiatives in or dedication to arts education and is endowed by the Gladys Lux Foundation.
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- The **Heart of the Arts Award** will be presented to art supporter **Carol Rustad**, for her work on local arts events and programs and her service on arts organization boards. The award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln. It is sponsored by Runza® Restaurants.
- The **Benefactor of the Arts Award** will be presented to the late **Mary Riepma Ross**, whose financial contributions created and support the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center. The award recognizes an individual, family, organization or business for making significant financial contributions to the arts. It is sponsored by Pinnacle Bank.
- The **Legacy of the Arts Award** will be presented to teacher, writer, jazz singer and actress **Annette Murrell**. The award recognizes a senior (age 55 and up) actively involved in creating, teaching, sharing or inspiring artistic expression in any discipline. The award is sponsored by Legacy Retirement Communities.
- The **Lincoln Community Foundation Arts for Kids Award** will be presented to **Mourning Hope**, which incorporates art projects into all its grief counseling programs for children. The award recognizes an individual or organization from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children. It is sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation.
- The **ArtScene Backstage Award** will be presented to **Richard Imig**, who designs and creates sets and props for many area theaters. The award recognizes extraordinary service to the arts through behind-the-scenes efforts and is sponsored by the Ghost Light Society, a new group of local arts supporters.
- The City Urban Design Committee has selected **Pinnacle Bank Arena and Associated West Haymarket Redevelopment** for the **Enersen Urban Design Award**, which is sponsored by Clark Enersen Partners.
- The **Kimmel Foundation Emerging Artist Awards** will be presented to Lincoln High teacher and playwright **Chris Maly** and visual artist **Sarah Berkeley**. The awards include \$1,000 stipends and residencies at the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts. The awards are sponsored by the Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation.

The Mayor's Arts Awards is co-sponsored by Premier Catering. Video Sponsors are Liberty First Credit Union, CHI Health-St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center and Steve Wake. Main Stage Sponsors are Abel Foundation, A to Z Printing, Husker Auto Group, Nebraska Heart Hospital and U.S. Properties and the Grand Manse. St. Thomas Aquinas Church/Newman Center is a Team Sponsor, and Project Supporters are Cornhusker Bank, Wayne Boles, Lincoln Industries and Ann Rawley. Banner Sponsors are Peace Studio Architects and Union Agency. Woods Brothers Realty is providing scholarship tickets.

The awards being presented to this year's winners are encaustic mixed media collages created by Lincoln artist Janet Eskridge. Names and photos of members of the Lincoln arts community who have died since 2014 can be sent to mayorsartsawards@artscene.org for memorial recognition at the event. .

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Parking Services, 850 "Q" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-PARK (7275)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 19, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Wayne Mixdorf, City Parking Manager, 402-441-7275

PARKING SERVICES AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
JOIN FORCES FOR GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY

The City Parking Services division and the Young Professionals Group (YPG) of Lincoln will work together to raise money for nonprofits as part of Give to Lincoln Day Thursday, May 28. Parking staff and YPG volunteers will install signs on parking meter posts Thursday, May 21 encouraging drivers to download the Passport Parking mobile payment app to pay for their parking. Parking Services will donate all funds generated through the use of the app on May 28, with a guaranteed minimum contribution of \$1,000.

"Lincoln's people make it a great city and they're going to once again make this a great day for the city," said Wayne Mixdorf, City Parking Manager. "We're very pleased to be able to work with our friends at YPG and play our part in helping Lincoln's nonprofit community continue to do its great work. If motorists haven't used our mobile parking app yet, I hope they see this as a good opportunity to start using it while helping support some outstanding organizations."

Passport Parking allows users to pay for parking with their phones and to receive reminders before the meter expires. Registration is free, and there is a 25-cent convenience fee added to each parking session. More information on Passport Parking is available at parkandgo.org.

Give to Lincoln Day, sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation, is a 24-hour day of giving when everyone is asked to make a donation and show support for Lincoln's local nonprofit organizations. Every donation made on May 28 will further help Lincoln's nonprofits through a proportional share of a \$300,000 challenge match fund. For more information, visit GiveToLincoln.com.

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(MEDIA NOTE: If you would like to cover the installation of the signs, contact Wayne Mixdorf at 402-441-7275.)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 19, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

FIRE CHIEF HUFF TO RETIRE

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Fire Chief John Huff will retire from Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR), effective Friday, June 12. Huff began his LFR career in 1974 as a firefighter. Mayor Beutler appointed him as Interim Fire Chief in April 2011 and Fire Chief in July 2012.

“John has been part of many changes in fire and rescue operations over his long career,” Beutler said. “Over four decades, he has played key roles in the national accreditation process, the addition of ambulance service and the creation and leadership of the Urban Search and Rescue team. As he worked to keep Lincoln safe, he also served our country in times of disaster. On behalf of a grateful community, I want to thank John for his outstanding service and wish him well in his retirement.”

“With Mayor Beutler’s vision and your efforts, we have accomplished a great deal in the City, and I am very proud of the many improvements we have been able to make,” Huff wrote in a note to other City Directors. “I have worked alongside excellent City colleagues during my more than 41 years. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Fire Chief these past few years.”

Huff has served LFR as company officer, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief. He coordinated LFR’s Hazardous Materials Program for more than 10 years, and represented LFR on the original Emergency Medical Services committee from 1991 to 1994.

Huff has been involved in the Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue Program based at LFR since its inception in 1991 and served as Task Force Leader for Nebraska Task Force 1. After the September 11, 2001 attacks, he spent 10 days directing search and rescue operations at the Pentagon. He also responded to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, the 2007 tornado in Greensburg, Kansas and many hurricanes, including Katrina in 2005.

Huff graduated from the Southeast Community College (SCC) Fire Protection Program and the National Fire Academy - Executive Fire Officer Program. He’s been an instructor for the Community College Fire Science program and is a member of the Fire Protection Advisory Committee at SCC. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Public Administration from Doane College in 1995.

Mayor Beutler said the process to select a new Fire Chief will be announced soon.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Lincoln Water System, 2021 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, 402-441-7571

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 19, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: John Keith, Lincoln Water System, 402-441-1622

WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2014 Water Quality Report for the City of Lincoln is now available online at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: water quality report). The annual report is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act and includes important information about the source and quality of Lincoln's drinking water. No drinking water violations occurred during 2014.

Lincoln Water System (LWS) placed first in the "Best Tasting Water in Nebraska" competition conducted by the Nebraska Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). LWS competed with six other Nebraska utilities for appearance, taste, scent and aftertaste. LWS is now eligible to participate in the national competition. Lincoln was also named "Best Tasting Water in Nebraska in 2009 and finished third in the national contest.

In previous years, about 123,000 reports were printed and mailed to LWS customers, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency now allows electronic distribution. LWS will print a limited number of copies for those who request a paper version. Donna Garden, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities, says the change allows for a much more cost-effective and efficient way to communicate with customers about Lincoln's high-quality drinking water. Those who have questions or who want a paper copy may call LWS at 402-441-7571 or stop by the LWS office at 2021 N. 27th St.

Non-English speaking customers who need help reading the report will find assistance at these locations:

- Asian Community and Cultural Center, 2615 "O" St., Suite A
- El Centro de las Americas, 210 West "O" St
- MENA Hope/Good Neighbor Community Center (Arabic and Middle Eastern social programs), 2617 "Y" St.

The purpose of the report is to provide information about drinking water quality and increase awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. The report provides an overview of water quality data collected from January 1 through December 31, 2014, including details about the source of water, what the water contains and how it compares to state and federal standards.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 20, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8565

LINCOLN LIBRARIES' SUMMER READING PROGRAM
COMING TO COUNTY SITES

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) will provide summer reading activities for all ages at select sites in Lancaster County beginning Tuesday, June 2. All sessions are free and open to the public, and no preregistration is required. Programs will be presented through Thursday, July 23 at these sites:

- Bennet Community Church - 2:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays
- Denton Community Center - 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays
- Firth Village Hall - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays
- Hallam Village Hall - 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays
- Hickman Shepherd of the Hills Church - 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays
- Holland Reformed Church, Hickman - 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays
- Malcolm United Methodist Church - 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays
- Panama Presbyterian Church - 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays
- Raymond Women's Club Building - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays

At Waverly Elementary School, programs will be presented from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday, June 9.

Summer reading program materials will be available for children, teens and adults. Library staff will provide a storytime, a craft activity and books for children to check out. Incentives include free food from Runza and TCBY, a free pass to the Children's Museum and discounts at the Nebraska State Fair.

"Our Summer Reading Program encourages children and their families to read, learn and explore topics of interest during the summer months," said Vicki Wood, LCL Youth Services Supervisor. "One hundred years of research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer than they do at the beginning. So it's important for them to engage in educational activities during the summer to prevent any learning losses."

More information on the Summer Reading Program and other library events is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

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136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 20, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8510

**LIBRARY OFFERS NEW ONLINE AND MOBILE
STREAMING SERVICE**

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) today announced a partnership with hoopla digital that will give the public free mobile and online access to thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, audiobooks, eBooks and comics. Lincoln library card holders can download the free hoopla digital mobile app or visit hoopladigital.com.

“We are thrilled to expand our offerings by the thousands thanks to our new partnership with hoopla digital,” said Pat Leach, Library Director. “To keep up with the mobile needs of our patrons and this digital shift, we’re adopting new services that keep them connected on-the-go. Because it’s digital, there is no waiting period for popular titles, and hoopla’s automatic return means no late fees.”

Leach said loan periods are determined by the content provider. For television shows and movies, it’s three days; for music, it’s seven days; and for audiobooks, eBooks and comics, it’s 21 days. At this time, users are limited to four checkouts per month, and limits are reset on the first of each month. The television shows and movies do not include new releases, but do include older shows and movies as well as documentaries, independent films and a wide selection of children's programming. The audiobooks do not duplicate the downloadable titles received from Overdrive.

Lincoln is the second Nebraska city to partner with hoopla digital after Hastings. hoopla digital is a category-creating service of Midwest Tape, which has worked with public libraries for over 25 years.

“With hoopla digital, it is our mission to empower the evolution of public libraries while helping them to meet the needs of the mobile generation,” said Jeff Jankowski founder and owner of hoopla digital. “We’ve worked for years to create a best-in-breed service that is fun, fast and reliable. And we continue to secure content deals to expand our offering of popular and niche movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks and comics.”

More information about Lincoln City Libraries is available at lincolnlibraries.org,

LINCOLN FIRE AND RESCUE
1801 "Q" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7363

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 20, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Division Chief Roger Bonin, 402-441-8355

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES
LFR FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN TREATING HEART ATTACKS

Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline[®] EMS Silver Award for implementing improvements in for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

When responding to heart attacks, LFR uses EKG machines with 12 leads (connections to the patient) to determine if the patient is experiencing the blockage of blood flow to the heart. To keep a patient alive, blood flow must be restored as quickly as possible. Every year, more than 250,000 people experience this type of heart attack called a STEMI, or ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction.

Using the 12-lead EKG speeds treatment because EKG information is sent by cellular modem to the emergency room. Doctors can review the results and share them with a cardiologist by cell phone. When patients arrive at the hospital, they often do not need to stop in the emergency room, but can go directly to the catheterization lab for a balloon angioplasty to open the blocked artery.

"EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks," said Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they can shave precious minutes of life-saving treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals. We applaud Lincoln Fire and Rescue for achieving this award that shows it meets evidence-based guidelines in the treatment of people who have severe heart attacks."

LFR has been obtaining 12-lead EKGs for use in the field since 2005. Since 2010, the front line medic units have had the capability to transmit the 12-lead EKGs from the patient's side to the emergency room using the Physio LifePak 15, which includes a monitor and defibrillator. The cellular modems transmit the EKGs through the LifeNet system directly to the hospital. In 2014, LFR transmitted 2,152 12-lead EKGs to Bryan Health East, CHI Health St. Elizabeth and the Nebraska Heart Hospital. In the first four months of this year, 864 have been transmitted. More information on LFR is available at fire.lincoln.ne.gov.

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline[®] program helps hospitals and emergency medical services develop systems of care that follow proven standards and procedures for STEMI patients. For more information, visit heart.org/missionlifeline and heart.org/quality.

CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, May 28, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
City County Building, 555 South 10th Street
1st Floor, City Council Chambers

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2015, Commission Meeting
- III. Approval of Agenda for May 28, 2015, Commission Meeting
- IV. Case Dispositions
 - A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
 - 1. LCHR NO.: 14-0924-022-E-R
 - 2. LCHR NO.: 15-0114-001-E-R
 - 3. LCHR NO.: 15-0213-002-E-R
 - 4. LCHR NO.: 15-0213-003-E-R
 - 5. LCHR NO.: 15-0331-005-H
- V. Administrative Closures
 - A. Withdrawal
 - 1. LCHR NO.: 15-0303-007-E
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Annual Civil Rights Conference – 2015/2016
 - B. Outreach Activities
- VII. New Business
 - A. HUD Onsite Review
 - B. Training Schedule
 - C. New Partnerships
 - D. Intern Project
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2014-15 PROJECTED	2014-15 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 13-14	% CHANGE FR. 13-14
SEPTEMBER	\$5,620,935	\$5,697,172	\$76,237	\$346,277	6.47%
OCTOBER	\$5,902,112	\$5,657,888	(\$244,224)	\$13,529	0.24%
NOVEMBER	\$5,892,423	\$5,721,474	(\$170,949)	\$6,865	0.12%
DECEMBER	\$5,538,616	\$5,713,868	\$175,252	\$331,264	6.15%
JANUARY	\$5,602,743	\$5,248,031	(\$354,712)	\$288,798	5.82%
FEBRUARY	\$7,054,302	\$6,421,242	(\$633,060)	(\$91,003)	-1.40%
MARCH	\$5,263,080	\$5,326,954	\$63,874	\$192,870	3.76%
APRIL	\$5,036,869	\$5,109,130	\$72,261	(\$23,992)	-0.47%
MAY	\$5,922,674	\$6,275,635	\$352,961	\$677,272	12.10%
JUNE	\$5,707,848				
JULY	\$5,723,735				
AUGUST	\$6,091,314				
TOTAL	\$69,356,651	\$51,171,394	(\$662,360)	\$1,741,880	3.52%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 1.278% under projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2010-2011 THROUGH 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-12	ACTUAL 2012-13	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2013-14	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2014-15	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,822,814	\$4,805,254	\$5,189,424	7.99%	\$5,431,071	4.66%	\$5,741,404	5.71%
OCTOBER	\$4,987,584	\$5,206,659	\$5,568,892	6.96%	\$5,740,406	3.08%	\$5,848,947	1.89%
NOVEMBER	\$4,938,240	\$5,219,952	\$5,194,649	-0.48%	\$5,729,609	10.30%	\$5,873,441	2.51%
DECEMBER	\$4,708,180	\$4,901,748	\$5,250,751	7.12%	\$5,401,140	2.86%	\$5,737,783	6.23%
JANUARY	\$4,777,606	\$5,076,013	\$5,180,028	2.05%	\$5,562,529	7.38%	\$5,525,231	-0.67%
FEBRUARY	\$5,920,886	\$6,327,532	\$6,223,991	-1.64%	\$6,570,418	5.57%	\$6,802,647	3.53%
MARCH	\$4,418,795	\$4,782,783	\$5,077,914	6.17%	\$5,304,048	4.45%	\$5,396,268	1.74%
APRIL	\$4,421,797	\$4,572,281	\$4,681,796	2.40%	\$5,214,537	11.38%	\$5,188,877	-0.49%
MAY	\$5,374,035	\$5,675,978	\$5,655,098	-0.37%	\$5,642,139	-0.23%	\$6,348,190	12.51%
JUNE	\$4,995,388	\$5,241,574	\$5,458,626	4.14%	\$5,635,827	3.25%		
JULY	\$4,865,530	\$5,196,447	\$5,439,682	4.68%	\$5,654,660	3.95%		
AUGUST	\$5,245,798	\$5,453,052	\$5,696,527	4.46%	\$5,921,577	3.95%		
TOTAL	\$59,476,653	\$62,459,273	\$64,617,378	3.46%	\$67,807,961	4.94%	\$52,462,788	3.69%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2010-2011 THROUGH 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-2012	ACTUAL 2012-2013	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2013-2014	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2014-2015	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$55,500)	(\$263,004)	(\$119,857)	-54.43%	(\$80,176)	-33.11%	(\$44,232)	-44.83%
OCTOBER	(\$121,738)	(\$79,193)	(\$52,533)	-33.66%	(\$96,046)	82.83%	(\$191,059)	98.92%
NOVEMBER	(\$48,320)	(\$73,585)	(\$168,241)	128.63%	(\$15,001)	-91.08%	(\$151,968)	913.05%
DECEMBER	(\$12,388)	(\$5,982)	(\$187,607)	3036.19%	(\$18,536)	-90.12%	(\$23,916)	29.02%
JANUARY	(\$363,009)	(\$49,785)	(\$145,767)	192.79%	(\$603,295)	313.88%	(\$277,201)	-54.05%
FEBRUARY	(\$70,579)	(\$45,283)	(\$131,438)	190.26%	(\$58,173)	-55.74%	(\$381,405)	555.64%
MARCH	(\$485,268)	(\$59,857)	(\$385,142)	543.44%	(\$169,963)	-55.87%	(\$69,314)	-59.22%
APRIL	(\$10,063)	(\$44,038)	(\$68,049)	54.52%	(\$81,416)	19.64%	(\$79,747)	-2.05%
MAY	(\$168,421)	(\$126,962)	(\$42,699)	-66.37%	(\$43,775)	2.52%	(\$72,554)	65.74%
JUNE	(\$104,492)	(\$75,618)	(\$57,679)	-23.72%	(\$81,809)	41.83%	(\$26,219)	-67.95%
JULY	(\$73,768)	(\$52,331)	(\$95,902)	83.26%	(\$116,801)	21.79%		
AUGUST	(\$3,563)	(\$111,293)	(\$27,656)	-75.15%	(\$49,577)	79.26%		
TOTAL	(\$1,517,108)	(\$986,931)	(\$1,482,570)	50.22%	(\$1,414,568)	-4.59%	(\$1,317,615)	5.56%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2010-2011 THROUGH 2014-2015**

	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-2012	ACTUAL 2012-2013	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2013-14	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2014-15	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,767,314	\$4,542,250	\$5,069,566	11.61%	\$5,350,895	5.55%	\$5,697,172	6.47%
OCTOBER	\$4,865,846	\$5,127,466	\$5,516,359	7.58%	\$5,644,359	2.32%	\$5,657,888	0.24%
NOVEMBER	\$4,889,920	\$5,146,367	\$5,026,408	-2.33%	\$5,714,609	13.69%	\$5,721,474	0.12%
DECEMBER	\$4,695,792	\$4,895,766	\$5,063,144	3.42%	\$5,382,604	6.31%	\$5,713,868	6.15%
JANUARY	\$4,414,597	\$5,026,227	\$5,034,261	0.16%	\$4,959,233	-1.49%	\$5,248,031	5.82%
FEBRUARY	\$5,850,307	\$6,282,249	\$6,092,554	-3.02%	\$6,512,245	6.89%	\$6,421,242	-1.40%
MARCH	\$3,933,528	\$4,722,926	\$4,692,772	-0.64%	\$5,134,084	9.40%	\$5,326,954	3.76%
APRIL	\$4,411,735	\$4,528,243	\$4,613,747	1.89%	\$5,133,122	11.26%	\$5,109,130	-0.47%
MAY	\$5,205,614	\$5,549,016	\$5,612,398	1.14%	\$5,598,363	-0.25%	\$6,275,635	12.10%
JUNE	\$4,890,896	\$5,165,956	\$5,400,947	4.55%	\$5,554,017	2.83%		
JULY	\$4,791,762	\$5,144,116	\$5,343,780	3.88%	\$5,537,859	3.63%		
AUGUST	\$5,242,236	\$5,341,759	\$5,668,871	6.12%	\$5,872,000	3.58%		
TOTAL	\$57,959,545	\$61,472,341	\$63,134,807	2.70%	\$66,393,390	5.16%	\$51,171,394	3.52%

Year to date vs.
previous year



Memorandum

Date: ♦ May 19, 2015
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Mayor Chris Beutler
Planning Commission
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from May 12, 2015 through May 18, 2015:

Administrative Amendment No. 15029 for a waiver to extend the time for two years to install sidewalks, paving, street trees, water mains and storm sewer for Las Brisas Heights, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 18, 2015, requested by Las Brisas Land Development Co., on property generally located at NW 12th Street and Cornhusker Highway.

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May 11, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Chris Beutler
555 South 10th St., Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508

City Councilman Jon Camp
2220 South 66th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

Dear Mayor Beutler and Councilman Camp,

Congratulations to both of you on your re-election. We appreciate your public service to the City of Lincoln.

We are fortunate to live in such a wonderful city in this country. In order for the City of Lincoln to continue to prosper, the community has made wise decisions to vote for the Pinnacle Bank Arena, various Lincoln Public School bond issues, and sales tax increases for vital safety equipment like police radios. Mary and I supported all these issues because we believe it was good for the Lincoln Community.

With that said, our correspondence is predicated on our continued disappointment in the way the City cares for our parks. For proximal reference, our back yard abuts the Williamsburg Park at Browning and 34th Street, which is mowed very infrequently and is of disrepair most of the time, making use both unenjoyable and almost impossible. In surveying several other City parks, it was unfortunate to find similar conditions. Our hope would be that warranted resources should be prioritized to properly care for our City parks on a weekly and on-going basis. Lincoln's park system should provide a sense of community pride to which it is currently been found wanting. As Lincoln continues to grow, caring for our parks will not only engage and empower our current populace, but also help attract new families. It only seems right that if there is money for schools, arenas, safety equipment and other good causes, there should at least be enough money to have our parks well maintained.

We hope you receive this letter in the spirit in which it was written. We are very appreciative of your service, but hope you will consider giving just and necessary attention to such a visible asset to our City, which is our public parks.

Respectfully,



Jim Fay

Mary Fay

3220 Browning Street
Lincoln, NE 68516

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 8:57 AM
To: Lynn Johnson
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; Mayor
Subject: Jim and Mary Fay letter on Williamsburg Park
Attachments: 2015-05-11--letter from Jim and Mary F ay on Williamsburg Park.pdf

Importance: High

Lynn:

Please see the attached letter of concern regarding maintenance of Williamsburg Park.

I would appreciate your response to the Fays with a copy to me.

Jon

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Subject: Jim and Mary Fay letter on Williamsburg Park

From: Lynn Johnson [<mailto:ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 5:17 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: RE: Jim and Mary Fay letter on Williamsburg Park

Jon: Thanks for your message. Mayor Beutler also received a copy of the letter. He has asked that I prepare a response letter for his review and signature. I will see that you are copied on the response letter. Again, thanks, Lynn

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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 11:27 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name: Amy Blomenberg
Address: 5801 Markhorn Ct
City: Lincoln, NE 68526

Phone: 402.261.8951
Fax:
Email: Asedivy1@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

Lincoln's infrastructure has been at the center of much discussion recently, and rightfully so. This city has some major roads issues that deserve attention. You and other city council members have identified this as an important priority for the city and for that I thank you. I would however urge you to examine how the problems are getting fixed and what contractors we're partnering with before ripping up and shutting down what few thru roads we do. Case in point, the Old Cheney 70th-84th widening project. From the continued delays, short lived opening only to be partially shut down again, to days passing with no work at all completed should be unacceptable standards. They certainly would be for any project I would hire done or one my employer hires me to execute. If my standards were as low as they appear to be on this project I would likely be out of a job and rightfully so. My clients deserve better and so do the citizens of Lincoln. With that I would ask you and the entire council to evaluate this project and figure out what went wrong and find ways to make it better next time. And if the answer is "we can't because of Nebraska weather" I'd encourage you to go back and evaluate again because all of Lincoln's road issues are going to have to be fixed in Nebraska weather. This needs to be a factor at the beginning of every road project not a feeble excuse every time a project is delayed or a cop out for taking 16 months to widen 14 blocks.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 1:12 PM
To: Miki Esposito
Cc: David Forsythe (dforsythe@unl.edu); Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Fwd: K2 Construction--street damage

Miki

Would you please have someone review the street condition described in David's email

Thanks

Jon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Forsythe <dforsythe1@unl.edu>
Date: May 19, 2015, 12:43:15 PM CDT
To: Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>
Cc: "'mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov'" <mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov>, "'cblahak@lincoln.ne.gov'" <cblahak@lincoln.ne.gov>, "Roger A. Figard" <rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov>, "David P. Forsythe" <dforsythe@unl.edu>
Subject: RE: K2 Construction

Jon,

Thanks for your rapid attention to my previous email. We were all pleased that K2 Construction moved their work station elsewhere. We were all disappointed they left such a mess behind.

At 73 years of age, I spent the morning cleaning up mud, concrete, sand, gravel, and garbage. I noticed their machinery had dug holes in the street surface.

If I were I in your shoes or a city manager, I would be reluctant to award further contracts to this company unless they did a better job cleaning up their mess. I imagine I will be dead and gone before the city fixes the holes in the street or cleans up the remaining ground-in mud. The street will be a mess the first time we get a hard rain.

Thanks again for paying attention to our concerns, Dave

PS On a completely unrelated topic, there is a fire hydrant in this dead end area that is so overgrown with vegetation I doubt fire fighters would even know it was there. I have tried many times to get the city to clean up this property, which is definitely not private property. At my own expense and labor I have stopped the run-off of dirt into the street and cut back the ever expanding vegetation. I would hate to see the city undo my efforts. But I do think the city should clear the area around the fire hydrant. Otherwise, it seems to me the city could be hit for negligence in an emergency.

Now I will quit pestering you and let you focus on more interesting and important things.

From: Jon Camp [<mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2015 5:02 PM
To: David Forsythe
Cc: 'mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov'; cblahak@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: RE: K2 Construction

David:

Thank you for your email. I am responding with a copy to Public Works Director Miki Esposito and to Building and Safety/Development Services Center Director Chad Blahak. I am asking that they determine who is most likely the best individual to oversee and address this matter.

Best regards,

Jon

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From: David Forsythe [<mailto:dforsythe1@unl.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Jon Camp
Cc: 'David P. Forsythe'
Subject: K2 Construction

Dear Councilman Camp,

Congratulations on your re-election.

I write to ask you to contact K2 Construction, which apparently has a contract with the city for sidewalk repair, and get them to stop using our street (7300 block Otoe Street) as a garbage dump, depot, and garage.

In front of our houses are discarded drink and food containers, traffic cones, sand bags, broken sprinkler heads, chunks of concrete, etc. Piles of dirt make the street muddy when it rains. Machinery is parked there. There is noise and congestion.

It is one thing to tolerate all this, which we have, when work is being done in our neighborhood. This is no longer the case. Their work is elsewhere, yet they bring in bigger trucks to haul material elsewhere. They continue to bring in large amounts of dirt for work elsewhere.

As taxpayers, we are entitled to equal treatment. Using our non-through street as their long term work area is not equal treatment.

We look forward to your reply and news that K2 Construction will move out and clean up in the very near future.

Sincerely, David Forsythe
7340 Otoe Street

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: K2 Construction--street damage

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I sure will. Thank you for bringing these issues to our attention David!

Miki

Miki Esposito, Director
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Mary M. Meyer

From: Kevin Wailes <kwailles@les.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 9:51 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Cc: Admin. Board
Subject: BNSF/Missouri Basin Power Project Rail Rate Case Settlement

I am pleased to report that Basin Electric Power Cooperative and the Western Fuels Association have reached a settlement with BNSF Railway on a long-contested case involving freight rates to ship coal to the Laramie River Station. The Laramie River Station is a three-unit, 1,700 megawatt coal-fired generating station owned by the Missouri Basin Power Project (MBPP) partners that includes Lincoln Electric System and five other regional electric utilities. The plant is operated by Basin Electric.

After a contract expired in 2004, BNSF set new rates to ship coal to the Laramie River Station in Wyoming. In October 2004, Basin Electric and Western Fuels Association filed a complaint with the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) asserting that the new rates imposed by BNSF were unreasonably high under federal regulatory standards.

In 2009, the STB determined the rates BNSF was charging for shipping coal to the Laramie River Station were unreasonable and issued an order that prescribed the freight rate to be charged through 2024 and ordered a refund of nearly \$120 million for excess rates paid between 2004 and 2009. BNSF has successfully appealed certain aspects of the 2009 STB decision and the matter has been pending at the STB for further proceedings. LES has held approximately \$15 million in escrow pending a final disposition of the case, which included amounts associated with contractual customer obligations from the Laramie River Station project. While the settlement agreement is confidential due to the fact that it includes competitive pricing terms, we estimate that we will retain approximately 85% of our proportionate share of the overall value of the original award, including approximately \$10 million in the escrow fund.

The LES Administrative Board will determine how the proceeds from the settlement will be utilized as part of its 2016 budget process. However, based on previous discussions by the Board Budget & Rates Committee, it is likely that a significant portion of the proceeds will be used to fully fund the Rate Stabilization Fund to its target level.

If you have questions, let Shelley or me know.

Kevin

Kevin G. Wailes | Administrator & CEO

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