

Exhibit "A"

September 16, 2004

Mayor & City Council
County-City Building
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

RE: Report of Claims Against the City of Lincoln for September 1 through September 15, 2004

Dear Mayor & Council:

The following is a report of claims against the City of Lincoln which have been disposed of, or are pending, for the period of September 1 through September 15, 2004. This report will describe the claims and the dispositions or status of these claims.

ALLOWED/SETTLED CLAIMS:

Randy Brinkman filed a claim during the month of July, 2004, in the amount of \$2,899.53 for damages incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **settled** in the amount of \$2,800.00.

Mindy Curtis filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$1,312.56 for damage incurred to her vehicle when it was struck by a City-owned vehicle. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$1,312.56.

DENIED CLAIMS:

Carie Seaberg filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$1,751.00 for alleged injury incurred when claimant fell at the South Branch Library parking lot. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Lisa Fitzgerald filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$58.00 for reimbursement of parking fine and tow fees. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Donna Lilly and Michael Lilly filed a claim during the month of September, 2004, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of injuries Donna Lilly sustained when she allegedly slipped and fell on the steps of the County/City Building, which claimant alleges were ice and snow-covered. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

LITIGATION DISPOSITION:

GE Capital Information Technology v. City of Lincoln - This involved a lease agreement for a copier which was signed by one of the Fire Department personnel without authorization. The lease was a five-year agreement that the Fire Department had been engaged in paying for over two years. At the time Purchasing became aware of the existence of the agreement, we notified the Fire Department and the lessor of the copier

that the agreement was being terminated immediately due to being unauthorized by the Mayor or Council. The lessor filed a claim with the City which was denied. The lessor then filed suit. The remaining balance on the lease was approximately \$36,000. The settlement is for \$4,000.

PENDING CLAIMS:

County of Lancaster filed a claim during the month of October, 2001, for medical expenses incurred as the result of an arrest by Lincoln police of an individual who was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries allegedly incurred during his arrest. The County alleges that they inadvertently paid for part of the medical expenses. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Inspro Insurance filed a claim on behalf of **Darrin Brittenham** during the month of February, 2003, in the amount of \$1,900.98 for damage incurred to vehicle when it was struck by a Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Carl Campbell, President of Campbell Properties Corporation filed a claim during the month of April, 2003, in the amount of \$306,500 alleging that the City failed to remove obstructions consisting of trees, limbs, debris, and rubbish in the watercourse running through Beal Slough allegedly causing water flowing through Beal Slough to erode the property of the claimant. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Linda Voss filed a claim during the month of May, 2003, for damages and injuries incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Liberty Mutual Insurance (Richard Rung/United Parcel Service , Insured) filed a claim during the month of December, 2003, in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred to Richard Rung when he, while delivering a package, stepped into an 18-inch hole between the sidewalk and the street, which was allegedly covered by leaves. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Awards Unlimited filed a claim during the month of December, 2003, in the amount of \$23,939.63 for alleged damages incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Scott Cather filed a claim during the month of December, 2003, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred to mailbox when it was struck by a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

State Farm Insurance Company (Richard D. Scholl, Insured) filed a subrogation claim during the month of January, 2004, for expenses incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a vehicle driven by Tammy Scholl and a Lincoln police vehicle. **Tammy J. Scholl** filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in an unspecified amount for injuries incurred as the result of the accident with the police vehicle. These claims are under review and **pending**.

Randall Heiliger filed a claim during the month of February, 2004, in the amount of \$1,200.79 for damage incurred to his vehicle as the result of an accident involving a City snowplow. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Deanna Zaffke filed a claim during the month of March, 2004, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred to the windshield of her vehicle as the result of debris from a City mower. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Allied/AMCO Insurance (Claim No. 26E29478/Allan Albers, Insured) filed a claim during the month of March, 2004, in the amount of \$1,685.50 for damage incurred to insured's vehicle as the result of an accident involving a City street sweeper. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Underground Systems Construction, Inc. filed a claim during the month of April, 2004, in the amount of \$10,119.98 for work stoppage and lost billable footage due to shutdown and repairs. Claimant was replacing a 4" gas main for Aquila at Fallbrook Road. Claimant alleges that City Water Department locator did not mark or flag the water main, but indicated where claimant's crew were to dig to miss the water main. Claimant alleges that location was 5' off which caused claimant's crew to hit water main. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Homes by Hart filed a claim during the month of May, 2004, in the amount of \$3,328.78 for damage incurred to basement floor at their construction site which they claim was due to an improperly located water service line. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Roberto Mancilla, Rubia Menendez, and David Mancilla Menendez filed a claim during the month of May, 2004, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Sorenson Construction filed a claim during the month of May, 2004, in the amount of \$4,408.15 for damage incurred as the result of a broken water main. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Cynthia C. Siems filed a claim during the month of June, 2004, in the amount of \$15,000 for damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Ewonubari Erekere filed a claim during the month of June, 2004, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

James P. Ihrig filed a claim during the month of June, 2004, in an unspecified amount for injury incurred when claimant fell as the result of an alleged defect in the street. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Raymond Phillips filed a claim during the month of June, 2004, in the amount of \$30,000 for damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a vehicle driven by a Health Department employee. The property damage portion of this claim has been settled by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$1,680.00. The personal injury portion of this claim remains **pending**. **American Family Insurance Group** filed a subrogation claim during the month of August, 2004, in an unspecified amount for medical expenses paid on behalf of its insured, Raymond Phillips. The subrogation claim is **pending**.

Andrea Helmkamp filed a claim during the month of July, 2004, in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger in a vehicle that was involved in an accident with a police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

John Kentopp filed a claim during the month of July, 2004, in an unspecified amount. Claimant alleges that his bicycle was stolen after he was arrested at a City park by a Lincoln police officer. Claimant alleges that police officer did not allow him to secure his bicycle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Albert Scheffert filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$1,070.00 for repair of water service which claimant alleges was damaged by a City tree. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Stanley Shaw filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$1,556.99 for damage incurred to his vehicle when it was struck by a City-owned vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Nicholas Starr Becker filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$100,000 for alleged injury incurred during claimant's arrest by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

John and Jolene Walker filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a City-owned vehicle. The property damage portion of this claim has been settled by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$23,000. The personal injury portion of the claim is **pending**.

Ashley Farringer filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$2,285.70 for damage incurred to her vehicle as the result of an accident involving a Public Works vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Bill Hilton filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$3,876.23 for damage incurred as the result of a broken washing machine hose, which allegedly broke due to a change in water pressure. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Chris A. Kelley filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$4,110.36 for damages incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Dan Sell filed a claim during the month of August, 2004, in the amount of \$2,660.10 for repair of sewer service which was allegedly damaged during street construction. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Farmers Insurance Group (Claim No. 099 SUB 1005177481-1/Dewey & Joy Simmons, Insured) filed a subrogation claim during the month of September, 2004, in the amount of \$1,000 for medical payments made for the treatment of an injury incurred to a Linda Duitsman who allegedly fell on a sidewalk adjacent to insured's property. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Jason Goetsch filed a claim during the month of September, 2004, in the amount of \$1,225.83 for damage incurred to his vehicle when it was struck by a Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

State Farm Insurance Company (Claim No. 27-7478-271/Bruce R. Hull, Insured) filed a subrogation claim during the month of September, 2004, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred to insured's vehicle as the result of road debris in the area of a street construction project. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

Joshua D. Lahm filed a claim during the month of September, 2004, in the amount of \$1,044.68 for damage incurred to his vehicle as the result of a low-hanging tree branch. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

PENDING TORT LITIGATION:

Cindy Schumacher filed a claim during the month of December, 2000, in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was allegedly struck by a water bottle that was thrown into the stands by a cheerleader at a Lincoln Lightning football game at Pershing Auditorium. Counsel for claimant withdrew his client's claim on August 13, 2001, and filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on August 15, 2001. Litigation is **pending**.

Sharon Mitchell filed a claim during the month of March, 2001, in an unspecified amount for damages allegedly incurred as the result of a pothole in an alley. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on June 4, 2001. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County Court on September 24, 2001. Plaintiff prays for special damages in the amount of \$4,014.13, general damages, interest, and costs of action. Litigation is **pending**.

Jason Blair filed a claim during the month of December, 2000, for injuries incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident which was allegedly related to a police chase. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on September 17, 2001. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on September 26, 2001. Plaintiff prays for judgment in the amount of \$10,875.23, general damages, and costs of action. Litigation is **pending**.

Robert Blankenship filed a claim during the month of December, 2000, for injuries incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident which was allegedly related to a police chase. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on September 17, 2001. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on December 20, 2001. Litigation is **pending**.

Sue and Bill Wilson filed a claim during the month of April, 2002, in an unspecified amount for alleged damages incurred when Sue Wilson tripped on a mat at the Ager Play Center. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on April 29, 2002. Litigation was filed in the Lancaster County District Court and is **pending**.

Patricia and James Dodson filed a claim during the month of March, 2002, on behalf of their minor daughter, Jean Dodson, who was playing keyboard with her high school pep band at State basketball tournaments at Pershing Auditorium, when she allegedly received an electrical shock while adjusting an amplifier which was connected to an extension cord supplied by Pershing Auditorium. Claimants alleged that the extension cord was faulty. This claim was referred to the insurer for Pershing Auditorium. Claimants withdrew their claim on January 21, 2003. A petition was filed in the Lancaster County District Court on January 30, 2003. Plaintiffs are praying for special damages in the amount of \$29,478.26 for medical expenses incurred to date, future medical expenses, temporary and permanent disability, pain and suffering to date and likely to be suffered in the future and loss of future earning capacity. Litigation is **pending**.

Steven Shelor filed a claim during the month of August, 2002, for alleged injury incurred when claimant was playing catch with a softball in the vicinity of a culvert. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on September 16, 2002. Counsel for Steven Shelor filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on February 3, 2003, naming the Lincoln Airport Authority and the City of Lincoln as defendants. Plaintiff is praying for special damages in the amount of \$1,270.00 and general damages. Litigation is **pending**.

Sandra Mueller filed a claim during the month of January, 2003, in the amount of \$650,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of an alleged incident involving a vehicle operated by a Lincoln Electric System employee. Sandra Mueller's husband, **Duane Mueller**, has filed a claim in the amount of \$250,000 for alleged damages incurred as a result of the alleged incident. These claims were referred to counsel for Lincoln Electric System. Counsel for the Muellers filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on August 5, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

Ella Banks Barbee filed a claim during the month of May, 2002, in the amount of \$75,000. Claimant alleges that she was wrongfully arrested. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on June 17, 2002. Counsel for claimant filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court on September 8, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

James Blake filed a claim during the month of March, 2002, in the amount of \$10,139.77 for injury incurred when claimant fell into a water meter pit. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on April 29, 2002. Counsel for claimant has filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court naming Kwik Shop, Inc., Lincoln Lease Partners, and the City of Lincoln as Defendants. Litigation is **pending**.

Elizabeth Tufts filed a claim during the month of October, 2002, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages incurred when claimant was a passenger in a police vehicle that was involved in an accident. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on November 25, 2002. Counsel for claimant filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on September 26, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

Leo M. Weiler filed a claim during the month of July, 2003, in the amount of \$150,000. Claimant alleged that Lincoln police officers violated his rights under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 20-152 and the Americans With Disabilities Act. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved the City Council on September 15, 2003. Claimant filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on October 15, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

Nancy K. Carpenter filed a claim during the month of October, 2002, in an unspecified amount for injury allegedly incurred while a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on November 25, 2002. Counsel for claimant filed suit in the Lancaster County Court on October 23, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

Leonard Hernoud d/b/a Century Towing filed a claim during the month of December, 1998, in the amount of \$4,590.00 for alleged damages resulting from an incident wherein claimant alleges he was instructed by Lincoln police to release a vehicle to an individual without payment of towing and storage charges. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of the claim was approved by the City Council on July 12, 1999. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County Court on July 27, 1999. The case was dismissed by the County Court for lack of prosecution on April 5, 2000. Counsel for claimant refiled a petition in the Lancaster County Court on March 25, 2002, captioned Leonard Hernoud II v. Officer Kocian #940. Pursuant to Defendant's motion for summary judgment, the County Court found that the Defendant in this case (Officer Kocian) is immune from being sued for damages and that the statute of limitations has run. Counsel for Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal to the District Court on July 1, 2003. On November 20, 2003, the District Court affirmed the judgment of the County Court in favor of Defendant, Officer Kocian. The case has now been appealed to the Nebraska Court of Appeals. Litigation is **pending**.

Jeffrey Meyers filed a claim during the month of July, 2003, in the amount of \$113,121.20 for damages incurred when the tire of the bicycle he was riding fell into a crevice in the street ejecting him from the bicycle. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on October 27, 2003. Counsel for claimant filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on January 27, 2004. Litigation is **pending**.

Suzanne Cain filed a claim during the month of July, 2003, in the amount of \$500,000 for injury allegedly incurred as the result of a trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on February 2, 2004. **American International Recovery, Inc. (Omni Behavioral Health, Insured)** filed a subrogation claim during the month of April, 2003, for workers compensation benefits paid on behalf of the insured's employee, Suzanne Cain, as a result of her trip and fall accident. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on February 23, 2004. Counsel for Suzanne Cain filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on March 10, 2004, naming Gold's Limited Partnership and City of Lincoln, Nebraska as Defendants and Omni Behavioral Health, Inc. and American International Recovery, Inc. as Third-Party Defendants. Litigation is **pending**.

Neil and April Kringle and Neil and April Kringle on behalf of their minor child, Blake Kringle, filed a claim during the month of May, 2002, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages allegedly incurred when Blake Kringle fell off of his bicycle and into a culvert. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on May 12, 2003. Counsel for the Kringles filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on March 12, 2004. Litigation is **pending**.

Melissa Pavlish, Norman Pavlish and Janet Pavlish filed a claim during the month of August, 2003, in the amount of \$251,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a Lincoln police vehicle. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on March 1, 2004. Counsel for the Pavlishes filed suit in the Lancaster County Court on March 26, 2004. Litigation is **pending**.

Thomas L. Lannin filed a claim during the month of March, 2004, in the amount of \$5,300.62 for damage incurred to his vehicle as the result of an accident involving a Public Works vehicle. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on March 29, 2004. Counsel for Mr. Lannin filed suit in the Lancaster County Court on May 17, 2004. Litigation is **pending**.

Jeremy Tumbleson filed a claim during the month of March, 2003, in the amount of \$849.30 for damage incurred to his vehicle as the result of an accident involving a City snow plow. This claim was reviewed by the Risk Management Office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on April 21, 2003. Counsel for Mr. Tumbleson filed suit in the Lancaster County Court on May 21, 2004. Litigation is **pending**.

Rafael Torres and Pratt Pest Control filed a claim during the month of April, 2004, as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a StarTran bus. The claim alleges damage incurred to the vehicle owned by Pratt Pest Control in the amount of \$7,827.73 and medical expenses for injury incurred to Rafael Torres in the amount of \$1,274.00. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on May 3, 2004. Counsel for Rafael Torres and Pratt Pest Control filed suit in the Lancaster County Court on June 1, 2004. Litigation is **pending**.

Ricky Austin filed a claim during the month of December, 2003, in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was in police custody in the back seat of a police vehicle when it was rear-ended by another police vehicle. This claim was withdrawn by counsel for the claimant on June 8, 2004, and suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court on June 11, 2004. Litigation is **pending**.

Anthony Waadah filed a tort claim against the City of Lincoln on May 10, 2004. Waadah was involved in an accident on July 22, 2000, which resulted in the death of Connie McCullough. Waadah was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to prison. Waadah alleges that the City failed to require the proper permits for the Americruise event that took place in the City of Lincoln on July 22, 2000. Waadah also alleges that the City failed to supervise the event by providing adequate police traffic control. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on June 7, 2004. Waadah filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on July 7, 2004, naming, in addition to the City of Lincoln, Americruise and the owner of the property where the accident occurred. Plaintiff is seeking compensatory and punitive damages in the amount of \$5,000,000 for each Defendant and exemplary and special damages in an unspecified amount. Litigation is **pending**.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Risk Management