IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006
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I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. News conference with Mayor Seng on proposed local ban of concealed weapons.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Domestic violence agencies support Mayor's efforts to ban concealed weapons in Lincoln.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Coleen Seng's schedule to include:
   a) Friday, June 23 - Media briefing on recommended City budget; and
   b) Monday, June 26 - State of the City address.
4. Washington Report, June 16, 2006.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/ TREASURERS DEPARTMENT

1. Monthly City Cash Report closing May 31, 2006.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Community Health Endowment announces recipients of annual awards.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES ADVISORY. Water Capital Improvement Project No. 700275, "L" Street 6th to 9th. NOTE**:** Has been put on hold until further notice. Questions contact Steve Faust at 441.8413.
2. Memo from Dennis Bartels, Engineering Services, in answer to Eschliman's questions on cost-benefit numbers for two proposed annexations and developments.
3. Highland View Annexation Agreement, 06R-114. Street construction estimates.
4. Master Planning Open House on the Deadmans Run Watershed.

WEED CONTROL

1. Combined Weed Program, May 2006 Monthly Report.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Article on "Supreme Court Rules Against Excessive Regulation" for affordable housing in two wetlands cases.

PATTE NEWMAN

1. Response from Randy Hoskins, Public Works City Traffic Engineer, on traffic light at 33rd and Holdrege Streets.
2. Request to Dana Roper, City Attorney/Karl Fredrickson & Marc Rosso, Public Works - RE: Graffiti - (RFI#39 - 06/22/06)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Email from Norman Stimbert re: Citizens paying high taxes and has suggestions on the City, Mayor, and County members being more fiscal problem solvers.
2. Email from Mike Washington re: Supports Planning Commission's approval of Greg Sanford's permit for soil mining.
3. Email from Stephen J. and Jeanne L. Nazario re: Opposed to sidewalks in the Edenton South Neighborhood.
4. Email from Beatty Brasch re: Pitfalls of the "Stop Overspending in Nebraska" petition.
5. Email from Susan Merrill re: Status of an animal shelter for the city.
6. Email from Mary Emmons re: Developer fees.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: June 21, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of domestic violence agencies will discuss the proposed local ban on concealed weapons in the City at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, June 22** in the **Mayor's Conference Room, second floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.**

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES SUPPORT MAYOR'S EFFORTS TO BAN CONCEALED WEAPONS IN LINCOLN

Representatives of domestic violence groups today announced their support for prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons within Lincoln's city limits. Mayor Coleen J. Seng plans to introduce the local ban on concealed weapons on Monday, June 26.

Last spring, the State Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law a bill that will allow people to carry concealed weapons in Nebraska beginning January 1, 2007. A separate State law (15-255) gives cities, including Lincoln, the power to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons. The proposed local ban on carrying concealed weapons does not violate the constitutional right to bear arms.

"I want to thank these organizations for coming forward to support my proposed ban on concealed weapons in our community," said Mayor Seng. "Those who work with victims of domestic violence every day know the very real threat that firearms pose to the safety and security of many women and children."

Under the new State law, Nebraskans will be able to obtain a permit for a fee of $100 after they complete firearms training and are cleared by a background check. Amy Evans, Executive Director of the Friendship Home, said the intended safety net created by the law "is full of holes." She said those convicted of serious misdemeanors, including stalking and violating a protection order, are eligible for permits. During the first quarter of this year, 40 percent of the women seeking shelter at the Friendship Home said their abusers had weapons.

"Studies show that the presence of a gun dramatically increases the chances that a domestic violence incident will end in murder," said Evans. "That could be the murder of the woman, her children, other family members or those trying to protect them like shelter staff and police officers."

Bob Moyer, Executive Director of the Family Violence Council, said more than 800 protection orders were granted in 2005 in Lancaster County.

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"Without this local ban, there are hundreds of people in Lincoln that a judge thought were enough of a threat to commit a violent crime that a protection order was granted against them," said Moyer. "These still potentially dangerous and violent people can get a permit and carry a concealed weapon."

Marcee Metzger, Executive Director of the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center (RSACC), said batterers have shown up at the agency with concealed weapons, and her staff sees many victims with gun and knife injuries.

"At RSACC, we regularly hear stories from battered women and stalking victims of how guns are used to control, frighten and intimate them," said Metzger. "Children often witness these threats and suffer long-term effects."

Seng said she supports the constitutional right of citizens to own weapons, but the concealed weapons law unnecessarily puts Lincoln at risk for increased confrontations and violence involving guns. Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said the new State law is not needed because Nebraskans already possess an affirmative defense against criminal charges in the event that someone's occupation or actions would justify the need for a concealed weapon.

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Mayor Coleen J. Seng's schedule includes the following events:

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- **8:30 a.m.** - Media briefing on the Mayor's recommended City budget for 2006-2007 in the Mayor's Conference Room, second floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street. ***Those attending must agree to delay reporting the information until Sunday, June 25.***

MONDAY, JUNE 26

- **3 p.m.** - State of the City address by Mayor Seng in the City Council Chambers. The Mayor's budget presentation to the City Council will follow the address. Following the presentation, a public reception is planned outside the Mayor's office. The City Council will begin its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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SENATE PANEL TO CONSIDER TELECOM REFORM

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Stevens unveils revised telecommunications bill. Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) released a new version of comprehensive telecommunications legislation (S 2686) this week.

Testifying on behalf of local government organizations at a Commerce Committee hearing this week, Arvada (CO) Mayor Kenneth Fellman told that the Committee that the revised bill goes a long way towards addressing the five concerns locals outlined regarding Stevens' original draft.

Specifically, Fellman told the Committee that local governments appreciate the time increase, from 30 days to 90 days, during which a local government would have to grant a franchise agreement to video service providers. However, Fellman told the Committee that no deadline would be preferable and that any deadline should accommodate the public notice and hearing requirements of state and local law.

Fellman praised the discussion draft for including new language that would confirm the police powers of local governments and would require video services providers to comply with all public rights-of-way regulations. Fellman also praised the revision for making the courts, rather than the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the arbiter of right-of-way disputes and for removing language that would have required local governments to pay all attorney fees if they lost such a dispute.

However, Fellman said that the revised bill's right-of-way language would still put too many burdens on local governments. Fellman urged the Committee to move towards language similar to Section 253 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which simply requires that local governments manage rights-of-way in a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory manner.

Fellman thanked the Committee for its willingness to consider a broad definition of "gross revenue" on which local franchise fees would be calculated. The original version of S 2686 would have created many loopholes and would have significantly reduced local government revenue. The Committee also included language in the revised bill that would protect state and local taxes collected from video services providers that are not related to right-of-way use or management.

Only on the fifth issue, the build out of services to all neighborhoods in a local franchise area, did Fellman criticize the revised bill, saying that its expanded anti-redlining language was welcome but that it still falls far short of local government preference for explicit build out language. However, the Committee is not likely to address that concern.

Local government organizations continue to negotiate with Committee staff to refine the bill. Stevens is expected to release another revision early next week. The Commerce Committee is scheduled to mark up that revision next Thursday. Although Stevens would like to bring it to the floor quickly, the same network neutrality issues in the Judiciary Committee that delayed action in the House last month and a packed Senate schedule may combine to disappoint him.

BUDGET

Minimum wage amendment puts a wrench in House appropriations schedule. During debate on the FY 2007 spending bill funding the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (HHS), the House Appropriations Committee approved, 32-27,

an amendment that would raise the minimum wage by $2.10 by 2009. (See last week's report for detailed information on funding levels for individual programs.)

The amendment immediately created a dilemma for the House leadership. They remain committed to their goal of passing all of the FY 2007 appropriations bills by July 4. However, they now are now hesitant to bring the Labor, HHS and Education measure to the House floor because they fear that they may not have the votes to strike the amendment, especially in an election year in which moderate Republicans from the Northeast and Midwest face potentially tough elections.

Despite the minimum wage wrinkle, the House continued to make progress on FY 2007 appropriations this week, passing the measure (HR 5576) funding the Departments of the Treasury, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. To date, the House has passed eight of the 11 annual appropriations bills. The House Appropriations Committee has cleared two of the remaining three bills and is scheduled to clear the final one next week.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has yet to act on any of the FY 2007 appropriations bills.

Congress also completed action on the FY 2006 supplemental appropriations bill for military operations and hurricane assistance. The President quickly signed the bill into law once he received it. Much of the final debate over the measure revolved around whether ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan should be classified as "emergency" spending, rather than part of the annual appropriations process. The Senate overwhelmingly approved a resolution in favor of removing the emergency tag from future war expenses, but it remains to be seen what effect it will have.

Our FY 2007 Funding Chart (www.capitaledge.com/funding.pdf) has been updated to reflect House action this week and we will continue to update as the House and Senate pass each bill.

PUBLIC SAFETY

House cuts funding for state and local law enforcement, but does not meet the President's request. The FY 2007 Science, State, Justice and Commerce Departments Appropriations bill was approved on the subcommittee level this week. The bill allocates $2.6 billion, $163 million less than allocated for FY 2006, for crime fighting initiatives of state and local law enforcement. However, the funding is $1.1 billion above the President's request.

The following programs of interest to cities will be funded (comparison to FY 2006 in parenthesis).

- $405 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (same as FY06)
- $390 million for Violence Against Women Act programs (+$3m)
- $558 million to the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program (-$50m)
- $281 million for juvenile delinquency prevention programs (-$62m)
- $176 million for eliminating DNA analysis backlogs (+$67m)
- $100 million for law enforcement technologies and interoperability (+$100M)

The measure is expected to be considered in the House Appropriations Committee next week. More details on the individual programs will be reported when information becomes available.

TRANSPORTATION

House increases funds for Amtrak. On June 14, the House of Representatives passed a $139.6 billion appropriations bill for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and HUD. The legislation passed by a 406-22 vote, after the House adopted an amendment to provide an additional $214 million for Amtrak.

The Amtrak amendment, offered by Rep. Steven LaTourette (R-OH), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Railroads and Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN), ranking member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, brings Amtrak's total FY 2007 funding to about $1.1 billion in the House bill. The additional funds were offset by cutting the General Services Administration's federal building fund and various administrative accounts in the Transportation Department.

Before the amendment, the appropriations bill contained only $900 million for Amtrak, $412 less than the FY 2005 enacted level and $698 less than Amtrak requested this year to continue operations and invest in capital. LaTourette said without the amendment, Amtrak could have faced bankruptcy or route eliminations.

No other significant changes to Transportation Department funding were made to the bill during floor debate, and the measure now moves to the Senate, which is not likely to consider the bill until mid-July. See the June 9 *Washington Report* for additional details about the House bill.

HUD BUDGET

House approves FY 2007 HUD budget. The House approved the FY 2007 appropriations bill with jurisdiction over the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) this week, after approving a handful of amendments that would make relatively minor additions to some HUD programs.

Among the approved amendments was a proposal to fund the HUD Brownfields program at $15 million. The House Appropriations Committee did not recommend funds for the program, which was funded at $10 million in FY 2006. The House also restored $30 million to the HOPE VI program for severely distressed public housing, which had been zeroed-out by the Appropriations Committee and received $99 million in FY 2006.

Other successful amendments to the HUD portion of the bill included adding:

- $30 million to the Public Housing Capital Fund, bringing its total to $2.2 billion, $231 million less than FY 2006;

- $12 million to the Section 202 elderly housing program, bringing its total to $747 million, $12 million more than FY 2006, and

- $3 million to the Section 811 disabled housing program, bringing its total to $240 million, $3 million more than FY 2006.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula program would be funded at $3.873 billion in the bill, an increase of $162 million over FY 2006 and the HOME program formula grants would receive $1.828 billion, an increase of $138 million over the current year funding. The legislation also includes language that instructs HUD to distribute FY 2007 CDBG funding using the existing formula. The provision was in response to a recent HUD proposal to alter the current formula (see May 26 *Washington Report* for additional details).

The Senate Appropriations Committee is not expected to consider its version of the FY 2007 HUD budget until after the Independence Day congressional recess.

HOUSING

House committee votes to move disaster housing from FEMA to HUD. The "Natural Disaster Housing Reform Act of 2006" (HR 5393) was approved by voice vote in the House Financial Services Committee this week.

Sponsored by Rep. Richard Baker (R-LA), the legislation would charge the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with managing long-term Federal housing assistance for victims of disasters displaced for more than thirty days. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) currently handles disaster housing, but its performance in the area since the Gulf Coast hurricanes has been soundly criticized. However, FEMA would continue to manage housing needs for victims of Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, as the legislation is not retroactive.

The bill has also been referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, although the committee has not scheduled time to consider the bill.

The Financial Services Committee also approved bipartisan legislation (HR 5443) to reform the Section 8 program, making no significant changes to the measure approved at the subcommittee level last week (see the June 9 *Washington Report*).

DRINKING WATER

Senate panel approves chemical security measure. The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee approved legislation (S 2145) this week that would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to set federal security standards for facilities that process or store hazardous chemicals.

The American Water Works Association and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies are concerned that because local water systems usually store large quantities of chlorine, the legislation subjects them to duplicative federal security requirements. Bioterrorism legislation approved shortly after the September 11, 2001 attacks mandated that water agencies submit vulnerability assessments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). S 2145 would require water systems to conduct similar assessments at their own cost and submit them to DHS.

In order to avoid the administrative and financial burdens of having to conduct multiple assessments for multiple federal agencies, AWWA and AMWA are supportive of language included in House legislation (HR 1562) that would exempt local water agencies from being designated as a chemical source.

The legislation has not been scheduled for debate on the Senate floor. In recent years the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has exercised jurisdiction over the issue, so that panel may attempt to weigh in prior to a floor vote.

GOV'T OPERATIONS

House and Senate looking at line item veto, sunset of federal agencies and programs. Legislation is moving in both the House and Senate that would resurrect the idea of the line-item veto, which would allow the President to propose rescissions of specific items in bills that are signed into law. In addition, both chambers are seriously considering measures that would create a process similar to the base closure commission that would recommend sunset dates for federal agencies and programs.

Next week, the House is scheduled to take up legislation (HR 4890) that would give the President 45 days once he receives a bill from Congress to make line-item veto requests, and then Congress must act on those rescission packages before they are finalized. The number of rescission packages the President could propose would be limited to five per bill, or 10 for omnibus appropriations bills. A similar bill (S 2381) in the Senate is expected to be considered in the Budget Committee next week.

The "sunset" legislation (S 3521) in the Senate is expected to be attached to the line-item veto measure next week in the Budget Committee. It would establish a "Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies," that would conduct a two-year survey and report to Congress with recommendations on whether to realign or eliminate any federal agencies or programs. Like the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), the suggestions would have to be approved by Congress, but no amendments would be allowed.

House leadership is currently in the process of considering competing sunset bills, one (HR 2470) that would mirror the Senate approach, and another (HR 3276) that would have the sunset commission evaluate agencies and programs every 10 years and abolish those that are not reauthorized by Congress within two years.

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JUNE 19, 2006

TO: **MAYOR COLEEN SENG & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

FROM: **FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER**

SUBJECT: **MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT**

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business May 31, 2006:

Balance Forward	$	$204,236,823.73
Plus Total Debits May 1-31, 2006	$	$30,127,257.89
Less Total Credits May 1-31, 2006	$	($27,825,449.47)
Cash Balance on May 31, 2006	**$**	**$206,538,632.15**

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

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	$	$1,661,261.01
Wells Fargo Bank	$	($17,243.76)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	$	($14,577.33)
Cornhusker Bank	$	$35,595.89
Pinnacle Bank	$	$27,762.30
Union Bank & Trust Company	$	$127,315.21
West Gate Bank	$	$17,965.57
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	$	$45,235,606.56
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	$	$158,751,372.47
Cash, Checks and Warrants	$	$713,574.23
Total Cash on Hand May 31, 2006	$	**$206,538,632.15**

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

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $24,928,603.94 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Joan E. Ross, City Clerk

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Melinda Jones, City Treasurer

CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
MAY 2006

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7UU6	12/01/2009	$1,191,991.00	$67,281.28	1.04	$70,066.73
FHLMC GOLD POOL B13665	312966CA0	04/01/2019	$10,000,000.00	$8,066,938.90	0.93	$7,484,305.04
FHLMC FGTW C90689	31335HXS7	07/01/2023	$11,150,000.00	$8,436,875.96	0.93	$7,864,347.87
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/2033	$500,000.00	$324,362.53	0.95	$306,721.85
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/2032	$3,100,000.00	$1,735,988.90	0.95	$1,642,051.07
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/2025	$1,600,000.00	$41,613.28	1.02	$42,427.69
FNMA FNCL 538363	31385AB89	04/01/2030	$550,000.00	$29,713.96	1.06	$31,565.55
FNMA FNCI 682970	31400BW77	02/01/2018	$7,100,000.00	$3,724,625.71	0.95	$3,546,317.07
FNMA FNCL 703944	31401CBM4	05/01/2033	$8,365,000.00	$5,013,813.11	0.95	$4,741,133.38
FNMA POOL 725772	31402DJR2	09/01/2034	$8,500,000.00	$6,837,301.40	0.94	$6,457,025.74
FNMA FNARM 764364	31404CFD7	06/01/2034	$9,943,084.00	$7,985,229.61	0.95	$7,625,318.54
FNMA FNARM 768922	31404HG78	06/01/2034	$4,400,000.00	$3,742,087.58	0.96	$3,576,750.92
FNMA FNCL 805211	31406BR85	01/01/2035	$3,520,000.00	$3,271,500.88	0.92	$2,996,331.02
GNMA-2 G2JO 3156	36202DQH7	11/20/2016	$2,550,000.00	$679,288.15	0.99	$673,269.86
GNMA-2 G2JO 3194	36202DRP8	02/20/2017	$4,130,000.00	$1,292,934.12	0.99	$1,281,556.43
USBANK NE		**TOTAL PLEDGED**	**$76,600,075.00**	**$51,249,555.37**		**$48,339,188.76**
FNCL 256023 6.00%	31371MLC9	12/01/2035	$11,300,000.00	$10,459,879.80		$10,339,556.98
FNCL 759855 5.50%	31403WE45	02/01/2034	$1,250,000.00	$824,933.40		$797,537.46
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	08/20/2032	$30,800,000.00	$3,189,961.85		$3,234,017.90
GNSF 781210 6.50%	36225BKX5	09/15/2029	$8,700,000.00	$702,936.51		$717,612.35
WELLS FARGO BANK NE		**TOTAL PLEDGED**	**$52,050,000.00**	**$15,177,711.56**		**$15,088,724.69**
FHLB 4.00	3133XAT56	03/10/2008	$250,000.00	$250,000.00		
FHLB 4.30%	3133XBNR2	04/18/2008	$100,000.00	$100,000.00		
UNION BANK		**TOTAL PLEDGED**	**$350,000.00**	**$350,000.00**		
FHLB 2.665 %	31339YVL3	02/14/2007	$3,000,000.00	$3,000,000.00		
CORNHUSKER BANK		**TOTAL PLEDGED**	**$3,000,000.00**	**$3,000,000.00**		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/2009	$2,000,000.00			
FHLB TOPEKA LOC	LOC #9004	04/10/2007	$2,000,000.00			
WEST GATE BANK		**TOTAL PLEDGED**	**$4,000,000.00**			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #8862	03/23/2007	$2,000,000.00			
TIER ONE BANK		**TOTAL PLEDGED**	**$2,000,000.00**			

Community Health Endowment of Lincoln

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JUN 21 2006
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Media Release

To: Media

CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council

From: Lori Seibel, Executive Director, 436-5516
Community Health Endowment

Date: June 21, 2006

Re: Award Recipients

Community Health Endowment Announces

Recipients of Annual Awards

The Community Health Endowment (CHE) of Lincoln has selected the recipients of their annual COMMUNITY HORIZON AWARD and CLOSING THE GAP AWARD. These prestigious awards were presented at the Endowment's Annual Meeting with the Community this week.

Receiving the COMMUNITY HORIZON AWARDS this year were SENATOR CHRIS BEUTLER and JOAN ANDERSON.

SENATOR CHRIS BEUTLER was recognized for his efforts in the passage of LB 75, a bill that proposed an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution. This bill, ultimately passed by the Nebraska Unicameral with a vote of 42-0, authorizes Amendment 2 to be placed on the statewide ballot in November 2006. Amendment 2 would allow public endowments, like the Community Health Endowment (CHE) of Lincoln, to invest in a full array of asset classes. Amendment 2, if passed, provides the opportunity for millions of additional dollars in returns to CHE and, ultimately, to Lincoln and Lancaster County.

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A COMMUNITY HORIZON AWARD was also presented to **JOAN ANDERSON**, Executive Director of the Lancaster County Medical Society. Joan was recognized for her work to create a better and more cost-effective way to provide prescription medications to adults and children in need, leadership to the community's emergency medical services system, contributions to the creation of an effective network of physician volunteers, and coordination of forums to provide information to elders about the new Medicare Part D Program. Joan was also recognized as a strong advocate for the community's physicians, their office staff, and the patients they serve.

Receiving the CLOSING THE GAP AWARD this year was DR. MARTY RAMIREZ.

The CLOSING THE GAP AWARD was presented to **DR. MARTY RAMIREZ** for his stamina, courage, and persistence in diversity education and healthcare equality. Recognizing that the inequalities in healthcare that affect some racial/ethnic populations in our community ultimately affect us all, Dr. Ramirez has been the driving force behind CHE's internal diversity plan, a strong supporter of funding for programs and services that address health disparities, and a constant advocate for doing more about the inequalities that exist in Lincoln's healthcare system.

For more information or for print-ready pictures of the Horizon Award winners, contact CHE at 402/436-5516.

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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June 19, 2006

Water Capital Improvement Project No. 700275
"L" Street 6th to 9th

The City of Lincoln, Public Works Department Engineering Services Division would like to advise you that a bid for the utility construction has been awarded to K2 Construction. This private contractor plans to start on "L" Street. Monday, June 26, 2006.

The installation of the replacement water main is going to be installed on the north side of "L" Street. There will be times while the main is being installed that you will not be able to access your driveway. After the installation is complete the new main has to be tested and chlorinated before the services are transferred. The area will then be cleaned up, the pavement, driveways, and sidewalks replaced. "L" Street from 6th to 7th will be entirely overlaid with new asphalt.

The length of the construction period is a concern to most people. Unfortunately, Nebraska's uncertain weather, combined with the complexity of the construction work will dictate the amount of time the work will take. However, the Sunday Journal-Star does run a list of street closings, along with a probable opening date for the street.

While the City has contracted with a private firm to do the work, a City of Lincoln Project Manager will be overseeing the project to insure that the work is done properly and as quickly as possible. Should you have any questions, you may contact Steven Faust with the City of Lincoln, Engineering Services Division at (402) 441-8413 or Tom Rogge with K2 Construction at (402) 467-2355.

Steve Faust, Project Manager
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Maggie Kellner/Notes
06/20/2006 09:31 AM

To Advisories, CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes, Michelle L Zuhlke/Notes@Notes
cc
bcc
Subject Fw: Advisory - 700275 Water Capitol Imp BPWe060619 - ON HOLD

Please note this has been put on hold until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Faust @ 441-8413. Thanks

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----- Forwarded by Maggie Kellner/Notes on 06/20/2006 09:29 AM -----

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06/19/2006 01:37 PM

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M e m o r a n d u m

To: City Council

From: Dennis Bartels, Engineering Services

Subject: Robin Eschliman Inquiries

Date: June 21, 2006

cc: Mayor Seng, Roger Figard, Karl Fredrickson, Randy Hoskins, Marc Rosso, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Marvin Krout

In response to Robin Eschliman's questions concerning cost-benefit numbers for the two proposed annexations and developments presently for owner consideration at City Council, I have the following comments:

1. In preparation for presenting impact fee legislation to the City Council, Duncan Associates performed analysis on the capital cost of growth in Lincoln. Rather than focusing on the minimum improvements in the vicinity of a development (i.e. paving the immediately adjacent arterial), the analysis determined the cost to replace that capacity used by various land uses and the road revenue that would be generated by the land use. A net cost to replace that capacity was calculated. These net costs were updated by Public Works using the methodology used by Duncan Associates. The net cost for a single-family detached housing unit was calculated to be $3066. The present impact fee for a single-family detached building permit is $2197. The net cost for water and wastewater per single-family equivalent is $6239. The present water and wastewater impact fee for a single-family detached home with a ¾" water service is $1527. Based on this methodology, Public Works and Utilities does not recover the costs of replacing the capacity for arterial streets, water and wastewater consumed when new single-family homes are built.

2. Change of Zone #06033 for property in the vicinity of 27th and Whispering Winds was previously annexed. This is in an area where arterial paving, water and wastewater exist to enable the platting of homes. The larger plat of Wilderness Hills, which this is a part of, is bounded by South 27th Street, Yankee Hill Road, 40th Street and Rokeby Road. Rokeby Road is unpaved. Yankee Hill urban arterial street paving is under construction. A portion of 27th Street is paved with curb and gutter and a portion is rural paving. 40th Street is a rural paved asphalt street. Wastewater and water to serve the area being re-zoned is under construction or already exists. Future annexations and changes of zone in Wilderness Hills will need to address wastewater capital improvements, water mains and paving of Rokeby Road and potential urban concrete repaving of 27th Street and 40th Street adjacent to this development.

3. The capital improvements identified in the Highland View Conditional Annexation and Zoning Agreement are for minimum improvements necessary to provide water and wastewater service and paved access to this subdivision. They do not represent all the capital improvements adjacent to this site. The comprehensive plan calls for 4-lane and center turn lane arterial street paving in NW 12th Street with a bridge over Highway 34. The agreement requires approximately 1000 feet of 2-lane paving for the ½ mile frontage for this plat. The agreement calls for paving 2-lanes and turn lanes for the ½ miles frontage of Alvo Road. In addition, Alvo Road needs to be paved for the mile between this plat from NW 12th Street to N 1st Street. The plat requires construction of an off site 8", 10" and 12" sanitary sewer from the west side of this plat west to NW 27th Street and Highway 34. The agreement requires the City to subsidize the cost of this sewer from impact fees for the difference in cost of a minimum size 8" sewer and the required 10" sewer. In addition, the City needs to "upsize" a downstream sewer before more than 115 lots can be developed in this plat.

   The preliminary costs for the minimum improvements identified in the agreement are as follows:

2-Lane NW 12th Street and 2-Lane Alvo Road	$1,400,000
16" Main	130,000
Sewer Subsidy	16,000

No determination has been made concerning how Alvo Road from NW 12th Street to N 1st Street through Fallbrook Addition will be paved and funded. The Fallbrook agreement anticipated the Fallbrook developer and the City sharing the cost of the future 4-lane arterial. No negotiations have occurred concerning potentially building only 2-lanes of the future 4-lane street.

"Robin Eschliman "
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06/18/2006 11:05 PM

To <KFredrickson@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc
Subject Whispering Wind 06-100

Karl, I am looking for the costs to the city for this project, too; not things that the developer will pay for or reimburse the City for, but expenditures the City will have to make with only the hopes that someday there will be construction and future tax revenue.
Robin Eschliman

"Peter Katt"
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06/19/2006 08:46 AM

To "Robin Eschliman" <robine@neb.rr.com>
cc <KFredrickson@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Subject RE: Highland View 06R-114

Robin:

I will have economic impact numbers for this project to present to the council.

As to City 'cost' numbers, the numbers you give below from the Annexation Agreement have nothing to do with City costs, they simply reflect the dollar amount of impact fees that will be paid by the project based upon the 2006 impact fee rate schedule. To my knowledge the City does not prepare any estimate of its 'costs' to bring on the project.

Based upon my client's cost estimates for constructing off site impact fee facility improvements, this project should make money for the City on its impact fees. The big unknown in the cost estimates is who pays when for the paving of Alvo Road to the new round-a-bout connection near the new LPS middle school, park and recreation site in the northwest corner of Fallbrook. My client is hopeful that it will be built before he needs to tie into but one never knows for sure.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Peter

Peter W. Katt
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From: Robin Eschliman [mailto:robine@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2006 10:52 PM
To: Peter Katt; KFredrickson@ci.lincoln.ne.us

Subject: Highland View 06R-114

Peter and Karl, I am interested in obtaining the cost-benefit numbers for this project. It would appear the City has to invest $218,246 for Water distribution, $281,726 for wastewater, $1,049,426 for Streets. I wanted to make sure, are these costs that are not paid or partially paid by the developer, but in fact costs to the City? Peter, can you calculate the following:

* increase in property tax
* value of construction on the 400 homes (material + labor)
* sales tax on the construction
* sales tax if there is any retail (I don't think there is)
* permanent jobs created, if any, and the annual amount of wages if there are any

Robin Eschliman

Karen K Sieckmeyer/Notes
06/22/2006 08:16 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
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Subject TRIM: Fw: 06R-114 Highland View Annexation Agreement

This email is to provide some additional information regarding Highland View street construction estimates to more directly answer the questions raised by Dan Marvin at the public hearing for this item.

Paving NW 12th Street and Alvo Rd with 2 lanes of permanent concrete per the agreement is estimated to cost $1,400,000.

9" concrete carries the same amount of traffic for the same time period as 12" of Asphalt

The Concrete portion of the $1.4 million project is approximately $360,000
If paved with Asphalt instead of concrete the material portion of the project is approximately $360,000

Material type is irrelevant at this time, provided that each pavement structure can carry the same amount of traffic for the same time period (see calculations below for more detail.)

Items that differ between the a rural type section without curb and gutter and an urban type section that has curb and gutter is such things as:

- the amount of pipe need to carry storm water drainage under the urban section
- the amount of grading need to create ditches to carry storm water drainage along side the rural section
- the need for pedestrian facilities and how they are accommodated
- Each location and area varies widely and greatly in the amount of grading, need for storm drainage accommodation, and pedestrian needs and should be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Per the agreement, it is anticipated that development in this benefit district will allow the City to reimburse the developer for costs for the concrete paving in excess of the directed arterial street impact fee amount ($1,049,426) from other arterial street impact fees collected in this district.

In the past Public Works and Utilities has stated it is critical that the City's new arterial streets be paved with concrete to an urban standard. The RUTS standard applies to county roads outside the City limits within the 3-mile jurisdiction. It is intended to provide for a more useful life for the public investment in county roads, and to accommodate future growth from rural to urban standards. Rural paving is not intended for urban traffic volumes. As the administrative policy on directed impact fees states, paving new asphalt streets in the City is short sighted and Lincoln will fall farther behind in the long run in obtaining permanent paving if this approach is taken - we should not be creating new asphalt roads in the City.

<u>Detailed Concrete Calculations:</u>
3600 feet long x 26 feet wide x 9 inches deep

3600 x 26 = 93,600 square feet
93,600 square feet divided by 9 square feet per square yard = 10,400 square yards
Concrete is roughly $34.50 per square yard.
10,400 square yard x $34.50 = $358,800

<u>Detailed Asphalt Calculations:</u>
3600 feet long x 26 feet wide x 12 inches deep
3600 x 26 = 93,600 square feet

93,600 square feet divided by 9 square feet per square yard = 10,400 square yards
10,400 square yards x 115 lbs per square yard per inch = 1,196,000 lbs per inch of depth
1,196,000 lbs x 12 inches of depth = 14,352,000 lbs
14,352,000 lbs divided by 2,000 lbs per ton = 7,176 tons
Asphalt is roughly $50 per ton
7,176 tons x $50 per ton = $358,800

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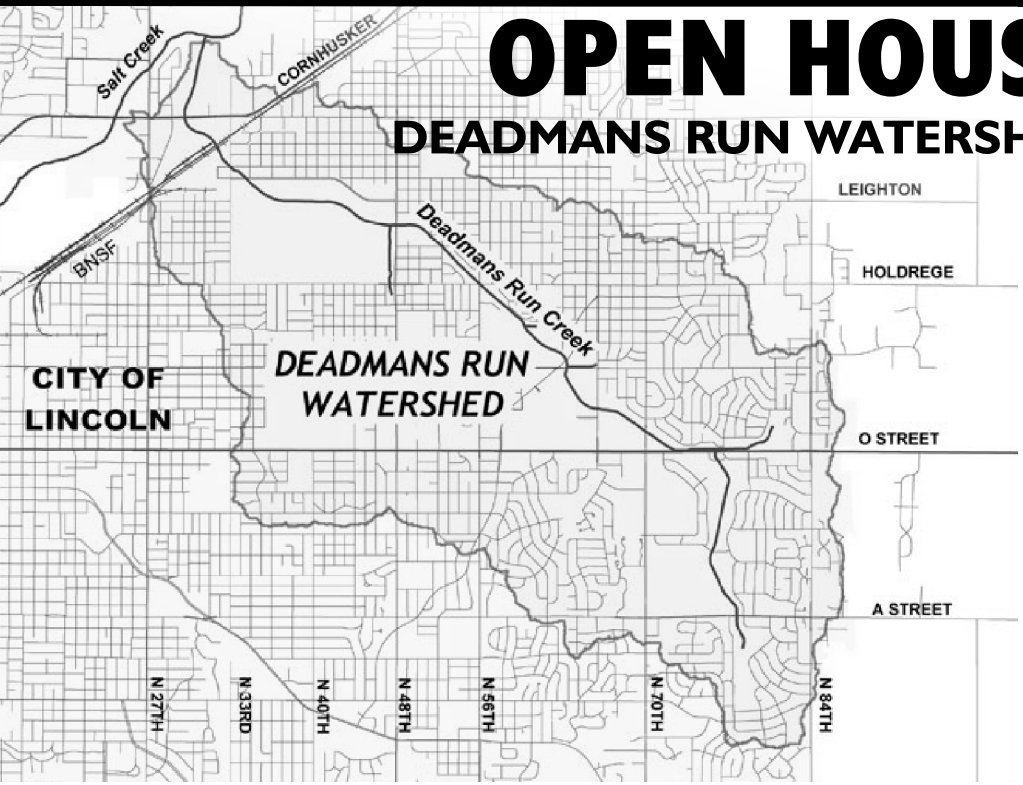

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Combined Weed Program
City of Lincoln
May 2006 Monthly Report

Inspection Activity

1,239 inspections on 755 sites were made during the month.
1,478 inspections on 994 sites have been made this year.

Noxious Weeds

- Made 413 inspections on 303 sites on 2,027 acres.
- Found 245 violations on 422 acres.
  - 221 musk thistle
  - 24 leafy spurge
- Found no violations on 58 sites.
- Sent 13 notices, 147 letters, 40 trace cards and made 33 personal contacts.
- 81 control plans have been received.
- 218 sites cut by landowners.
- Control is pending on 200 sites.

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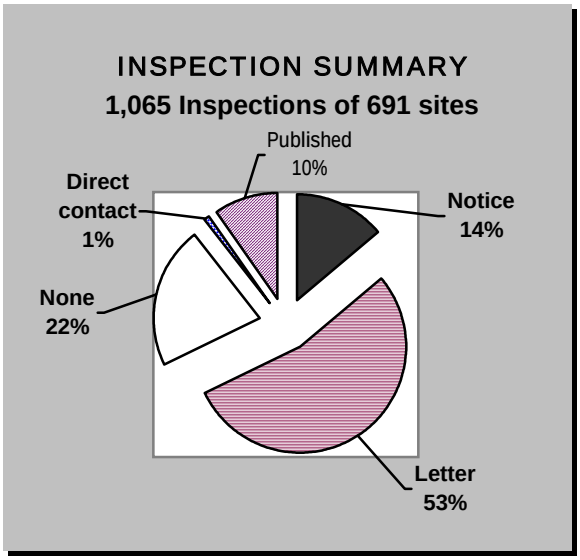
Weed Abatement



- Made 1,065 inspections on 691 sites on 407 acres.
- Found 549 violations on 275 acres.
- Found no violations on 141 sites.
- 533 complaints received on 434 sites.
- Sent 90 notices, 352 letters, published 63 notifications and made 5 personal contacts.
- 218 sites cut by landowners.
- Cutting is pending on 340 sites.

May Activities

2	County Commissioners' Meeting
3	Begin City Weed Abatement inspections
11	Mgt Team Mtg
16	Press Conference Jordan cemetery
16	LPWMA Mtng 10:00 AM
17	Threat to River Conf Planning
16	LPWMA meeting

JUNE Planned Activities

6	Budget hearing 9:30 Rm 113
30	Monthly activity report
14	Threat to River Conf Planning
15	LPWMA Meeting

Weed Abatement Violation

Weed Control Authority
Lancaster County

From: Robin Eschliman

NBN Online for the week of June 19, 2006

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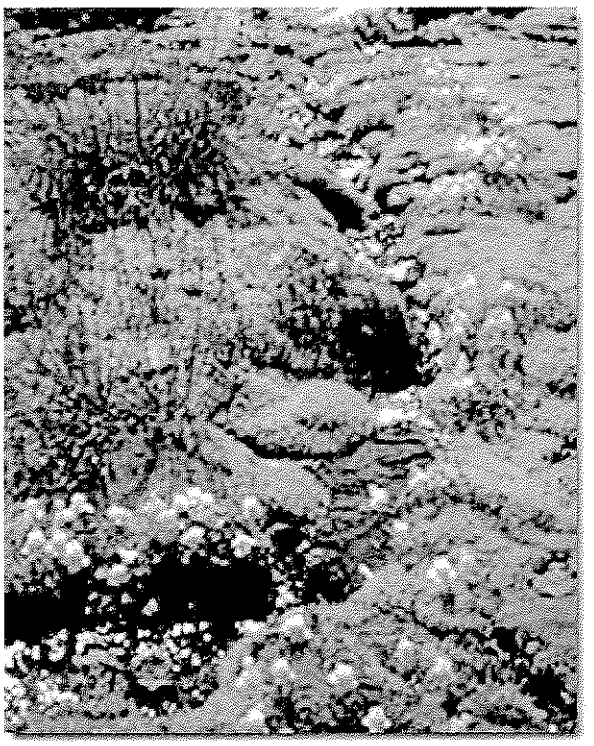

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Monday against excessive regulation and for affordable housing in two wetlands cases.

In a step forward for affordable housing and the battle against excessive regulation, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday remanded to the lower courts a decision on whether wetlands connected to actual navigable waters by ditches or drains should be regulated as navigable waters of the United States.

In a plurality decision, the court reversed and remanded *Rapanos v. United States*, No. 04-1034, and *Carabell v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, No. 04-1384, back to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, holding that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' often broad interpretation of "waters of the United States" was not based on a permissible construction of the statute.

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Building Quality

"To ensure that our nation's waterways are preserved, the federal government must protect non-navigable rivers and streams with a significant connection to traditionally navigable waters," said NAHB President David Pressly. "But Congress did not authorize the agencies to control activities in every remote creek, brook or drainage ditch, especially if those features do not support commerce. The court today correctly recognized that there must be limits to how far the federal government can reach upstream."

NAHB filed a brief of *amicus curiae* on behalf of the petitioners in the two wetlands cases in December of 2005, prompted by member pleas to help fight the expensive, time consuming and often duplicative regulatory morass they must slog through to get the appropriate permits to build homes. The regulatory morass resulted in higher prices for home buyers and have never been the laudable goal of the Clean Water Act, Pressly noted.

"When Congress first passed the Clean Water Act in 1972, the Cuyahoga River was on fire. Our nation's waterways were coated with oil and became flammable, and Congress passed the act with those dire circumstances in mind," Pressly said. "The cases addressed today go far beyond the intent.

"Wetlands are an important part of our natural heritage," added Pressly. "The Florida Everglades and Chesapeake Bay marshlands are just a few of the aquatic resources that must be preserved for future generations. But not every swamp, puddle or roadside ditch rises to that level. We should focus our resources and budget to conserve those wetlands that truly warrant protection."

Maggie Kellner/Notes
06/21/2006 11:15 AM

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Subject Fw: traffic light at 33rd and Holdrege

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cc Roger A Figard/Notes@Notes, Karl A Fredrickson/Notes@Notes, jowens@nebraska.edu, Ken R Svoboda/Notes@Notes
Subject Fw: traffic light at 33rd and Holdrege

Engineering Services performs an annual check of signalized intersections to determine the need for left turn phases. We look at traffic counts and the number of traffic crashes that have occurred to determine whether or not the installation of left turn phasing will make intersection operations safer and more efficient.

We have been working with a number of different people from UNL since the fall of 2004 looking at the issue of left turn phases at 33rd & Holdrege. We started out with some minor changes that moved time around within each cycle of the signal. That helped somewhat, but not significantly. We then radically changed the signal timing, going from a 120 second cycle (a cycle being the amount of time from when Holdrege gets a green light until Holdrege gets the green light again) to a 60 second cycle. Since most of the adjacent intersections are still on 120 second cycles, this meant that every other green light would have no arriving traffic, allowing for more left turns to get through the intersection. Our observations at the intersection showed that this has been very successful in reducing the need for left turn signals. While the left turns occasionally do not clear out every time, they generally do clear out every other green period.

The reason we have not added left turn phasing at this intersection is that traffic modeling shows that traffic would back up much more severely with the left turns in place than without it. The left turn phases would help reduce the delay for the left turning traffic, but the time given to that movement is taken away from moving through traffic. In the PM peak period, we have seven times as much through traffic using the intersection as we do left turning traffic in the same number of lanes, so we naturally try to move the higher volume of traffic. Since an average of two left turning vehicles typically "sneak" through the intersection in each direction when the signal changes to yellow and all red, this allows 120 cars to clear through the intersection in an hour. The highest left turning volume in one hour at 33rd & Holdrege is the westbound to southbound movement with 116 vehicles. We would expect that traffic to generally be able to be handled without the need for left turn phasing, even if there are no other gaps in traffic for vehicles to turn left. This is not to say that occasional surges in left turn volumes won't result in vehicles backing up and being delayed, but with left turn arrows installed, the through traffic would be backed up for many blocks during the peak times.

Left turn signals are in place for eastbound and westbound traffic at 56th St and Vine. The north and south approaches to the intersection have less than one-third of the volume that we would normally

require before we installed left turn phasing, based on older counts. We have just recounted the intersection and will be re-evaluating the numbers to see if the volumes have changed significantly.

As with all of our intersections, we will continue to analyze and observe these to determine if changes in operation are necessary.

Randy Hoskins, P.E.
City Traffic Engineer

----- Forwarded by Randy W Hoskins/Notes on 06/19/2006 01:25 PM -----

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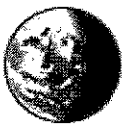

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06/15/2006 01:34 PM

To <kfredrickson@lincoln.ne.gov>, <RFigard@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
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Subject Fw: traffic light at 33rd and Holdrege,

Karl or Roger
Can one of you please answer this for Linda and copy the rest of us? When was the last time this intersection was monitored for left turn movements? I would note the other I see is 56th & Vine which backs up. What is the magic number? Where is 33rd and Holdrege? etc.

Is there anything we can do to make it happen?
Patte
----- Original Message -----
From: Linda Wilson
To: newman2003@neb.rr.com ; Ken Svoboda
Cc: jowens@nebraska.edu
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 9:27 AM
Subject: traffic light at 33rd and Holdrege,

Patte and Ken,

I'm hoping you two can help with a traffic problem. Was visiting with John Owens, Vice-Chancellor of IANR on East Campus, last night at a University dinner. He was wondering what he could do to get a left turn signal in the traffic light at 33rd and Holdrege. Maybe both ways, but for sure, east-west. There is so much traffic in that area and many University people just avoid that intersection.

Does the City still have a process for examining intersections and then reporting to the Council if a light or a change is needed? That used to be the process, but then I've been gone for seven years, so it might have changed. I'm also aware that when you change traffic lights, you might hurt the flow of traffic.

Anyway, I would really appreciate it if you would look into this for John Owens. If you need more information, you can reach John at 9011 Whispering Wind Road, Lincoln 68512. Phone # is 423-8036. I don't know if his district representative is Jon or Jonathan, but the issue is about East Campus.

Thanks for your help!

Linda Wilson

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

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
Mayor Seng, City Council and County Board Members,

Any of you who are considering increasing taxes, fees, or other assessments must be out of you minds. If the mill levy remains at the current level, the recent increases in county property valuations will automatically generate additional taxes for all local governmental entities. Don't you understand the local taxpayers can only endure so much?

The citizens of Lincoln are paying more for home and transportation energy, food, clothing, and most other basic services (telephone, cable, insurance, etc.). And the way the public school district sneaked their "no tax increase" bond issue through is going to cost all local taxpayers more. We are required to live within our budgetary constraints and the time has come for local governments to do the same.

Perhaps you, as elected officials, need to look at ways to spend our money more wisely. If you need suggestions, clean up the city-run ambulance mess, stop moving forward on multi-million dollar projects (Antelope Valley) until the city has the money to spend, constrict growth that does not require large expenditures for new infrastructure, and stop using tax dollars to subsidize land (48th and "O" Street) for businesses who are for-profit.

It is sad how the citizens have very little confidence in their elected officials to do the right thing. The time has come for some of you to step forward and say enough! Take a leadership role, listen to what the electorate is telling you, and be a fiscal problem solver. You might find there are political gains that come with doing what got you elected to office in the first place.

Norman Stimbert

"Mike Washington"
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06/22/2006 09:06 AM

To mkrout@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Thank you

I would like to say thanks to the planning commission for approving Greg Sanford's permit for soil mining. I think we all know and realize that he probably wants to build a race track in that area and we also know that racing facilities haven't received the best support from the city and county government. Its may or may not happen but thank you for letting the first steps happen.

Bringing a track to Lancaster county is a good positive revenue building thing. Here are a couple of examples of what happens on the weekends. Granted this has been happening for tens of years but since there is no track anymore the volume of this has increased 20 fold. The night in this particular video there were over 300 people and at least 120 cars racing inside city limits. Last year at this time you would be lucky to find 10-20 cars and maybe 40-50 spectators.

http://www.1320video.com/vids/SR6.9.wmv

http://www.1320video.com/vids/5.06Lincoln.wmv

Thank you
Mike

Steve Nazario
<snazario@inebraska.com>
06/22/2006 09:46 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject City council meeting

Due to short notice we will be out of town during the city council meeting on Monday, June 26. However, we would like to add our voices to others in attendance from Edenton South Neighborhood. We are loudly opposed to the choice to force sidewalks into the neighborhood and then tell us that we are paying for them.

It is very disappointing to know that the city council and mayors office so blatantly ignores what the voters of this city have said with their votes.

"Quit raising taxes and stay within your budget!"

If you think the city is having trouble meeting its budget, why would you think the people of the city are in any better shape?

Sincerely,
Stephen J Nazario and Jeanne L Nazario
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06/21/2006 02:30 PM

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Subject Problems With the "Stop Overspending in Nebraska" Petition

[IMAGE]

Pitfalls of the "Stop Overspending in Nebraska" Petition

ADVISORY

The Center for People in Need is concerned about a petition being circulated which would amend our State Constitution

to put a lid on government spending in Nebraska; the **"Stop Overspending in Nebraska" (or SOS)**

Had the proposed spending lid been in place for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 legislative sessions, the state budget, under the best scenario,

would have been impacted as follows:

- K-12 schools would have received **$87 million fewer state aid dollars**
- The University of Nebraska's budget would have been slashed by **$52 million**
- Aid to Community Colleges would have been cut by **$1.9 million**
- K-12 Special Education funding would have lost **$5.3 million** in funds
- The lid would likely result in higher property taxes, cuts in government services, and ineffective schools

You Should Know...

--Nebraska's Attorney General Jon Bruning is investigating the petition effort for possible misconduct. For more information, visit the Lincoln Journal Star by clicking this link:

http://www.journalstar.com/articles/2006/06/20/top_story/doc4498199c61eee313370182.txt

--Coloradopassed a similar spending lid in 1992 and since then:

- State and local per pupil funding of public schools fell from $299 above the national average in 1991 to $697 below the national average in 2000

- Its high school drop-out rate skyrocketed

- Its number of citizens without health insurance has swelled

--Such a lid will take away essential flexibility in meeting obligations and critical needs

--This petition is being funded by **out-of-state special interest groups** who claim to knowwhat is best for the future of Nebraska

--The circulators of this petition may tell you anything to get you to sign; they are beingpaid more than $2 per signature by out-of-state groups

--115,000 signatures are needed by July 7th to get the referendum on the ballot

--If you have already signed the petition, there are steps you can take to remove your name

--Groups of Educators, Librarians, Firemen, and Retirees have formed an organization, *Nebraskans for the Good Life,* which is opposed to the petition.

For more information and to join the opposition, visit **www.nebraskansforthegoodlife.com**

Or contact:

Sarah Ann Lewis – slewis@voicesforchildren.com or

John Jasnoch –intern@voicesforchildren.com

You are receiving this message on behalf of the Center for People in Need.

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

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City: Lincoln, NE 68510

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Email: susan.merrill@ndeq.state.ne.us

Comment or Question:
I was wondering what is the status of an animal shelter for our city? I believe the deadline the Humane Society gave for picking up strays was June 1, 2006. Has the deadline been extended? Are cats still going to be excluded in the budget for another service? Has any consideration been given to Trap, Neuter & Release (TNR) for cats? I can get you materials to review on the subject if you like. I do this on my own at present with the help of a no-kill shelter called The Cat House located here in Lincoln (19th & Q). I am anxious to know what is being done to establish a shelter for the stray dogs and cats in our city. Thank you.

"Mary Emmons"
<maryemmons6310@msn.com>
06/22/2006 12:31 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject developer fees

Just heard on the radio that will be considering raising impact fees again. We are in the real estate business, specializing in new construction. The fee is not paid by the developer or the builder! It is paid by the new home owner. New construction is down, lot prices are high! This means that a number of industries and small business owners in Lincoln suffer and therefore our city economy suffers. Those who excavate, frame homes, brick layers, concrete contractors, trim carpenters, painters, roofers, landscapers, plumbers, electricians, carpet layers, other floor technicians...the list goes on. And then there are the vendors who sell these contractors their supplies. Not to mention the new appliances needed for the new homes. This is not a class war fare issue! And yes, the sacred city coffers also suffer. When will this issue be discussed by the council. Thank You, Mary Emmons

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MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of June 24 through 30, 2006 -Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Part Of East "O" To Close Overnight Next Week.

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Seng Cuts Spending To Balance City Budget.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: June 23, 2006
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of June 24 - 30, 2006
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, June 24

- Volunteer at Food Share - 7:30 a.m., Fourth Presbyterian Church, 5200 Francis
- Square D Family Day, remarks and proclamation - noon, 1717 Center Park Road

Sunday, June 25

- Old Cheney Road Farmers Market opening - 10 a.m., shopping center south of Old Cheney and west of 56th Street
- Clark Jeary Chapel dedication - 1:30 p.m., 8401 South 33rd Street (due to Yankee Hill Road closure, access via 27th Street, 40th Street or Granger Parkway)

Monday, June 26

- State of the City Address and Budget Presentation - 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, 5555 South 10th Street
- State of the City Reception - immediately following budget presentation at about 4 p.m., lobby outside Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, June 27

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m., 4343 "O" Street
- Affirmative Action - Equal Opportunity Training - 1:30 p.m., County Extension, 444 Cherrycreek Road

Thursday, June 29

- Breakfast for "Star City Treasures," Parks and Recreation oral history project, present certificates - 8 a.m., "F" Street Recreation Center, 1225 "F" Street
- KFOR - 12:30 a.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway
- Open House on Deadman's Run Master Plan - 5 p.m., Riley Elementary School, 5021 Orchard

Friday, June 30

- Pinewood Bowl musical, "Cats," welcome - 7:45 p.m., Pioneers Park

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 23, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Duensing, Engineering Services, 441-8401

PART OF EAST "O" TO CLOSE OVERNIGHT NEXT WEEK

East "O" Street from 33rd to 40th streets is scheduled to close to traffic from 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 until 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 28 to complete water main work. The exact time of the closure is dependent on weather and construction progress.

Traffic will be detoured using 33rd, Randolph and 40th streets. The intersection of 33rd and "O" streets will be opened to the south, but closed to the north. Northbound traffic on 33rd will be detoured west to 27th Street.

For more information on street repair and construction, see the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov. For specific information on the street and water main project in the 48th and "O" Street area use the keyword "ostreet."

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

INFORMATION EMBARGOED UNTIL JUNE 25, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer, 441-7698

SENG CUTS SPENDING TO BALANCE CITY BUDGET

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today released the fiscal year 2006-07 City Budget that cuts more than $8 million in spending requests and limits spending to less than a one percent change in actual dollars spent from the current year.

Seng said the City will be on a "low calorie diet for the coming year" and stressed there are no new spending programs or new employees in the budget. "This no-frills budget meets the minimum daily needs but won't satisfy anyone's appetite for full services," Seng said.

The City tax-supported operating budget would change less than one percent in dollars spent. Even when the cost of the additional pay period incurred this year is excluded, the cost of next year's City budget will increase only 2.2 percent, which is less than the rate of inflation and less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index. The proposed fiscal year 2006-07 General Fund operating budget will be $131,654,357. The current year fiscal year 2005-06 budget is $131,564,552.

"The City has become reliant on sales tax revenue, and we have lowered the property tax regularly over the last decade. The result is that property tax revenue does not now even cover the annual cost of police, fire and 911 in Lincoln," Seng said. "So when sales tax revenue drops, spending cuts are mandatory because sales tax revenue is the largest source of revenue for the City of Lincoln." Seng complimented City department directors for their fiscal management, but said, "even after cutting spending, the last resort was to rely more on property tax to help cover the cost of public safety services."

Sales tax revenue funds about 42 percent of the City General Fund budget. Property tax funds only 28 percent of the City budget. The drop in sales tax revenue is attributed to a combination of increasing Internet sales that do not pay sales tax, more discretionary income going to pay for the higher cost of gasoline, and changes in State law that have exempted remodeling and large business equipment sales. The State law changes have reduced local sales tax revenue by an estimated $1 million annually. In addition, federal budget cuts in the Community Development Block Grant program have reduced City funding and unfunded federal mandates continue to increase City costs.

The City faces nearly $1 million in higher fuel costs to pay for the 1.2 million miles driven by the police, public works and other City vehicles during the year. "Higher fuel costs have hit the City budget just as hard as they hurt family budgets. City vehicles are under guidelines to not let vehicles idle, avoid quick starts and follow other fuel saving practices that have improved mileage, but we can't control the cost of fuel," Seng said.

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The City made changes to its health insurance by converting to a self-insured plan and increasing deductibles and prescription co-pays. That lowered the increase to 5 percent, which saved about $795,000 in tax funds and nearly $1.27 million across all funds.

Seng cut $640,000 in personnel costs and is directing City Departments to examine ways to reorganize to reduce costs. The cut will require Departments to review every vacancy and determine if it needs to be filled or can be downgraded. In addition, Seng said she will ask the City Council to consider approving retirement incentives to further reduce personnel expenses.

More than $824,000 in requested funding was cut from the Antelope Valley Project. Funding for the project was limited only to what is necessary to keep pace with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers construction of the flood control channel.

The budget proposes eliminating the equivalent of eight positions, saving about $163,000 in tax funds. No uniformed police, fire or 911 personnel would be reduced, although a vacant deputy police chief position will remain vacant for next year. Travel and training budgets were reduced by $257,288. The Public Works and Utilities Department overtime and supplies budget was cut by $67,140 and Police Department overtime was trimmed by $75,338.

Sidewalk repair funds are limited to $175,000, and minor storm drainage repairs will rely on carry-over funds. Overall park maintenance will be reduced. Aging division support services will be reduced by $26,000.

The Mayor's budget proposes to increase the City's commitment to economic development by earmarking $250,000 in land acquisition funds for Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) related job creation projects. "This additional economic incentive for job creation could go toward the purchase of right of way for the sewer, water or roads needed to make a project feasible and to make new jobs happen," Seng said. It could also be used to acquire land for an industrial park if needed to help attract a major employer creating jobs. "Earmarking these funds is one more way the City can meet its obligation to infrastructure, which is the key to private sector job creation," she added.

Seng said she ensured that the Police and Fire Pension Fund normal cost would be fully funded for the first time in many years. Popular family-oriented services such as pool and library hours are preserved in the budget.

The majority of the City Council had earlier expressed support for investing the estimated 10.7 percent of the property tax attributed to the recent reassessment in preserving core City services. If the majority of Council members changes their intention, up to $3 million more would need to be cut from City services.

"We started this budget process facing a funding gap of more than $6.8 million. After a lot of cutting this proposed balanced budget protects taxpayers, funds essential public safety services and continues to move the community forward," Seng concluded.