IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR

1. Letter to Hugh Bullock re: Update between Public Works Department and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on drainage ditch near Bullock home.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Seng and City Council representatives new conference on conceal carry law, Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 2:30 p.m.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Council Members and Mayor Collaborate on Proposals Related to Concealed Weapons.
4. Washington Report, July 21, 2006.

II. DIRECTORS

CITY ATTORNEY

1. Letter to Joe Karas re: repair of sidewalk abutting property.

BUILDING AND SAFETY

1. Email from Chuck Zimmerman as response to July 24, 2006 Council testimony on Planning Department fees.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. Email to, and response from, Commissioner Workman re: 44th Street and Cornhusker Property. (Distributed to Council Members in packets of 07/27/06)

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. July Sales Tax Reports:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections.
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collection (With Refunds Added Back In) 2000-2001 Through 2005-2006.
   c) Sales Tax Refunds. 2000-2001 Through 2005-2006.
   d) Net Sales Tax Collections. 2000-2001 Through 2005-2006.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

1. Letter from Community Health Endowment of Lincoln Executive Director regarding Board of Trustees with terms expiring on August 31, 2006.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Change of Zone:

1) Change of Zone No. 06021.

Permits:

1) Special Permit No. 04020A.
2) County Special Permit No. 05058.

Requests for Deferral:

1) Change of Zone No. 06042.
2) Change of Zone No. 06043.

Public Hearing and Action, Miscellaneous:

1) Street & Alley Vacation No. 06004.
2) Street & Alley Vacation No. 06005.

Other Items:

1) Change of Zone No. 06040.

Pending List:

1) Change of Zone No. 3321.
2) Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 03009.
3) Street & Alley Vacation No. 04013.
4) Change of Zone no. 06040.
5) County Preliminary Plat No. 06008.
6) County Special Permit No. 06038.

2. Change of Zone No. 06040 - Downzone. (40th to 48th Streets, Randolph to "A" Streets)
3. Memo from Marvin Krout regarding fee increases. (Bill No's 113, 06-114, 06-115 and 06R-146)
4. Annexation by Ordinance No.18735 map.
5. Annexation by Ordinance No.18755 map.
6. Annexation by Ordinance No.18737 map.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

1. Special Permit No. 04020A (Limited Landfill - S.W. 28th Street and West "O" Street) Resolution No. PC-01006.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

1. ADVISORY. Water Distribution Main at Fletcher and Highway 34; 14th to Northwest 12th. Project #803202, 803203, 803204.

III. CITY CLERK

1. Hand out, Single Family Permits, January - June 2006, at formal Council meeting on 07/24/06 relating to Items:
   11) 06-113 Change of Zone 06023 -
   12) 06-114 Misc. 06005 -
   13) 06-115
   14) 06R-146

2. Motion to Amend No. 1. Move to amend Bill No. 06-122.

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

Constituent Email/Correspondence Against Proposal to Ban Conceal Carry

1. Email from Darren and Bonita Kinney**.**
2. Email from Joseph L. Behringer.
3. Email from Roger Tracy.
4. Email from Dean E. Taylor.
5. Email from Neal Bloomquist.
6. Email from Stan Litty.

Other Constituent Email/Correspondence to Councilman Camp

1. Email from Gerhardt L. Jacobs supporting vote on concealed carry.
2. Email, and response to Susan Larson Rodenburg re: bike lanes and traffic engineer.
3. Email from Keith McGill re: Congratulations on upholding state law on conceal carry.
4. Email from Daniel Walz re: Thanks for defeating conceal carry ban.
5. Email from Tom Spann re: Thanks for leadership on LB 454, conceal carry.
6. Email from Andrew Lighthall re: Thanks for not banning RTC in Lincoln.
7. Email from, and response to, Tom McCormick re: Council should provide public hearing on conceal carry.
8. Email from Ellen Dubas re: Against not having public hearing on concealed weapons.
9. Email from Dennis LaPage re: Glad Council stood up for citizens of Lincoln.
10. Email from Ron Moore re: Appreciation for job and killing the concealed carry ban and statements on budget.
11. Email from Janis Strautkalns re: Thank you for actions regarding concealed weapons.
12. Email from Martin Grgurich re: Thank you for voting down concealed weapons ban.
13. Email from Fritz Grothe re: Thank you for upholding state law.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Memorandum from Chief of Police Tom Casady re: Cuts to Police Budget.

DAN MARVIN

1. Letter from Mr. Hasselberger re: Against eliminating position at the Bennett Martin Library.

PATTE NEWMAN

1. Response to RFI #39 - Graffiti and Use of Video Tape Equipment from Dana W. Roper, City Attorney.

KEN SVOBODA

1. Email from Scott Voichoskie with comments from Anne Boyle re: Public transit system.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Email from Betty Bates re: Opposed to cuts in Urban Development and Human Rights Commission.
2. Email from Peggi Ammon re: Disappointed with budget cuts not accomplished.
3. Email from Mary A. Kuhlmann re: Opposed to cuts in Urban Development or the Human Rights Commission.
4. Letter from David A. Riley re: Tax cuts in the Lincoln City budget. (Letter distributed to Council members on July 21, 2006)
5. Email from Jason Albers re: Support of downtown bike lanes.
6. Email from Kasey Rigg re: Staffing cuts, tightening belts.
7. Email from Laura Barton re: Animal control needs more employees, not fewer.
8. Email from Terese re: City cannot cut jobs from Animal Control or the City.
9. Email from Paul Haith re: Budget process.
10. Email from LaDonna VanArsdall and Christina Chambers re: Cannot cut jobs and staff from the Animal Control existing staff.
11. Email from Heather Critchfield re: Do not cut funding for Animal Control Officers.
12. Email from Joyce Hasselbalch re: Rethink position on cuts regarding Animal Control.
13. Email from Sian Maxwell re: Budget disappointment.
14. Email from Nancy Johnson re: Disgusted with process on conceal carry.
15. Email from David Schoenmaker re: Reconsider public speaking on conceal carry.
16. Email from Bill Boyd re: Motorsports facility in Lancaster County.
17. Email from Don Kohtz re: Retention of Randy Hoskins.
18. Email from Stanley Oswald re: Appalled at decision of no public speaking on conceal carry.
19. Email from Darren and Bonita Kinney, re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
20. Email from Larry Mitchell re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
21. Email from Steve Shoff re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
22. Email from Ed Utterback re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
23. Email from Jim Shook re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
24. Email from Adams re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
25. Email from Gould re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
26. Email from Alan Britton re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
27. Email from Bergerac re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
28. Email from William and Louise Stone re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
29. Email from William T. Brockley re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
30. Email from John Rohan re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
31. Email from Rick Kunze re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
32. Email from David A. Crandall re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
33. Email from Neil Bickley re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.

34. Email from Jerry B. Hutchison re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
35. Letter from Richard Meyer. (Letter delivered to Council in packet on 07/27/06) re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
36. Email from R. Scott Sandquist re: Thanks for leadership on conceal carry.
37. Email from David Oenbring re: True leadership on conceal carry.
38. Three (3) phone messages received from Mike McConnell, Don Patton, and Phil Cox.
39. Email from Sharon Eilers re: Not happy with conceal gun approval.
40. Email from Larry Sims re: Bicycles downtown should be required to pay fee.
41. Letter from John Bussey, Capital Rentals, re: South Central Lincoln neighborhood and police budget cuts. (Letter distributed to Council Members in packet of 07/27/06)
42. Message from Gary N. Powell re: Compliment on handling the conceal carry issue.
43. Email from Marva Wasser re: Response to concealed weapons action.
44. Email from William R. Stone, Jr. re: Budget and tax request, and testimony.
45. Email from Paul Hughes re: No problems with concealed carry permits.
46. Email from Tom Hardesty re: Tax cuts suggestions and 'great job' on concealed carry issue.
47. Email from David Hansen re: Thank you on concealed carry vote.
48. Email from Mary Lemon re: Find cuts in budget so 2006 taxes will not increase dramatically.
49. Letter received from Lela Shanks re: Disappointed with vote on concealed weapons.
50. Letter received from Anne Vidaver re: Does not support Nebraska law allowing carrying of concealed weapons.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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July 17, 2006

Hugh Bullock
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Dear ~~Mr. Bullock~~: Hugh,

I want to provide an update for you about the ongoing discussions between the Public Works Department and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln regarding the drainage ditch near your home.

Conversations continue as to the best way to keep the grass down in this difficult area to reach. While a final resolution as to who will do what and what exactly that will be has not been reached, it has not been forgotten.

In the future, I suggest you contact Ted Weidner at UNL. His number is 472-4801.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

Coleen

Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln

cc: Patte Newman, City Council
Bob Workman, County Board of Commissioners
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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: July 26, 2006
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of the City Council will discuss potential local legislation related to the State's concealed weapons law at a news conference at 2:30 p.m. TODAY, July 26 in the Mayor's Conference Room, South 10th Street.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR COLLABORATE ON PROPOSALS RELATED TO CONCEALED WEAPONS

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and City Council members Dan Marvin and Jonathan Cook today released a proposal that they and Council member Ken Svoboda have each been discussing regarding local ordinances related to the State concealed weapons law that takes effect January 1, 2007. Earlier this week, the City Council removed from its agenda a proposal to ban the carrying of concealed weapons in the City of Lincoln.

Mayor Seng said she has had the Police and Law Departments preparing a companion proposal that would have been presented to the City Council next week prior to the previously scheduled public hearing on concealed weapons. The companion proposal addressed the types of crimes that would prevent a person from receiving a permit to possess a weapon or a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

"The State law on concealed weapons specified that those convicted of crimes of violence would not be eligible to receive a concealed carry permit, but it did not identify the specific crimes," said Mayor Seng. "This proposal is intended to clarify what types of violent crimes would prevent a person from being eligible. With the removal of the concealed weapons ban from the Council agenda, this companion legislation could now be viewed as an alternative by Council members. I am pleased that Council members Marvin, Cook, and Svoboda all are interested in this type of proposal."

In 2003. the City Council approved an ordinance that made it unlawful for anyone convicted of serious misdemeanor crimes to possess a firearm. The current ordinance prevents possession of a firearm in the City limits by persons convicted within the last ten years of any of the listed violent and serious misdemeanors. The 2003 ordinance was approved on a seven-to-zero vote by the City Council. Seng was one of the Council members voting for the measure. Current Council members who voted for the measure are Cook, Svoboda, Annette McRoy and Jon Camp.

The new proposal would expand the list of serious crimes the City Council approved in 2003.

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Police Chief Tom Casady supports the proposal. "I've been opposed to concealed handguns, but this ordinance addresses my most significant concern," he said. "It solves my most serious problem with the State's new concealed carry law – the loopholes for people convicted of some rather serious misdemeanor crimes. Compromise seems to be called for, and I hope the entire Council can support this."

The proposed additions to the list of serious crimes would include third-degree assault; domestic assault; assault and battery; menacing threats; violation of custody; contributing to the delinquency of a child; unlawful intrusion; first-degree criminal trespassing; public indecency; using a motor vehicle to avoid arrest; indecent exposure; violation of the State controlled substance act; unlawful use of toxic compounds; and second offense driving under the influence.

The ordinance adopted in 2003 included stalking; violation of a protection order; second-degree false imprisonment; impersonating a peace officer; third-degree sexual assault; first-degree criminal trespass; debauching a minor; resisting arrest; obstructing a peace officer; carrying a concealed weapon; criminal child enticement; unlawful discharge of firearms; introducing contraband or escape implements; obstructing government operations; unlawful possession of explosives, second degree; use of explosives without a permit; concealing the death of another person; criminal attempt when the crime attempted is a felony or any of the listed misdemeanors; and furnishing minors with firearms, ammunition or weapons.

"One of the major factors in our high quality of life is the low crime rate in our City, and keeping our community safe is always a high priority," said Mayor Seng.

Casady said adding the additional list of violent and serious offenses to the existing ordinance on firearm possession is needed because many people with serious criminal records have never been convicted of a felony and are lawfully able to possess a weapon. As of January 1, these same individuals would be able to legally carry concealed weapons if no action is taken.

"These are serious misdemeanors crimes, and I believe the community would agree a person convicted of domestic assault, other assaults, indecent exposure and drug possession should not be allowed to possess a gun in the City," Seng said.

Seng said she and the Council members would continue work on a joint proposal to introduce in the near future.

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

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SENATE PANEL COMPLETES FY07 SPENDING BILLS

HOUSING & CD

Senate panel clears HUD spending measure. The Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously approved the FY 2007 spending bill (HR 5576) for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Given the tight budget caps constraining appropriators, programs of interest to local government generally fared well in the bill.

The bill would fund the core Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula grant program at $3.9 billion, slightly above the House level of $3.87 billion and $125 million more than FY 2006. While the recommended increases in both the House and Senate are small, it represents a reversal of a trend in recent years of significant cuts to the CDG program. The other major local government grant program, HOME, would also see a small increase from FY 2006, growing $185 million to $1.9 billion, the same level included in the House bill.

Senate appropriators rejected the Administration's proposal to eliminate the HOPE VI program, providing it with $100 million, the same as last year and $70 million more than the House bill. In addition, they included language in the bill that would reauthorize the program, which provides funding for the replacement of severely distressed public housing with mixed-income neighborhoods. Funding levels in the bill for other programs of interest (with comparisons to last year and the House level) include:

- $21.6 billion for Section 8 (+$279 House, +$755 million FY06)
- $2.5 billion for Public Housing Capital (+$322 million House , +$61 million FY06)
- $3.66 billion for Public Housing Operating (+$96 million House, +$96 million FY06)
- $1.5 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants (-$36 million House, +$173 million FY06)
- $295 million for Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (-$5 million House, +$9 million FY06)
- $750 million for Section 202 Elderly Housing (same as House, +$15 million FY06)
- $240 million for Section 811 Disabled Housing (+$3 million House, +$3 million FY06)
- $152 million for Lead Hazard Control (same as House and FY06)

The bill now heads to the Senate floor, where it will compete for time with other FY 2007 appropriations bills and with a wide variety of unfinished business.

JOB TRAINING

Senate panel approves FY 2007 Labor Department budget. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2007 spending bill for the Departments of Labor, HHS, and Education this week, recommending $11.6 billion for the agency, a $371 million increase from FY 2006 levels and $800 million more than recommended by the House.

According to a committee press release, selected programs at the Employment and Training Administration, (ETA) would receive the following, with comparison to House FY 2007 recommendations and FY 2006 in parentheses:

- $800 million for adult training programs (-$54m House, -$64m FY06)
- $935.5 million for youth training programs (same as House, -$5m FY06)
- $1.476 billion for dislocated worker programs (same as House, -$121m FY06)
- $1.629 billion for Job Corps (+$106m House, +$36m FY06)
- $32 million for Community service employment for seniors (+$12m House, same as FY06)

The House version of the Labor Department spending bill has yet to be approved by the House, since it contains language to increase the minimum wage and the Republican leadership refuses to bring it up for a vote. That, combined with the fact that there are several Senate spending bills in line for floor action with limited time left in the legislative year, make it this particular bill an excellent candidate to be included in an "omnibus" spending measure approved after the November elections.

HUMAN SERVICES

FY 2007 HHS funding approved by Senate panel. Also part of the package of spending bills approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee this week was the measure with jurisdiction over programs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

While the bill was approved unanimously, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Arlen Specter (R-PA) and his colleagues on the committee were openly critical of the overall funding level they were given with which to work. Specter went so far as to suggest that he would oppose the bill, but since the White House would reject any additional spending, that "there's no where else to go." Particularly painful to Specter, a cancer survivor, are cuts to programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The following are proposed funding levels of selected HHS programs, with comparison to the House FY 2007 recommendation and FY 2006 levels in parentheses:

- $6.78 billion for Head Start (same as House, -$90m FY06)
- $2.16 billion for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (+$50m House, same as FY06)
- $2.139 billion for the Ryan White AIDS program (same as House, +$70m FY06)
- $2.06 billion for the Child Care Block Grant (same as House and FY06)
- $1.93 billion for Community Health Centers (-$61m House, +145m FY06)
- $1.7 billion for the Substance Abuse Block Grant (-$45m House, +$31m FY06)
- $1.7 billion for the Social Services Block Grant (same as House and FY06)
- $1.578 billion for bio-terrorism preparedness (-$27m House, -$53m FY06)
- $1.38 billion for Aging Administration programs (-$10m House, +$18m FY06)
- $693 million for the Maternal and Child Health Care Block Grant (-$7m House, same as FY06)
- $600 million for refugee assistance programs (-$4m House +$30m FY06)
- $630 million for the Community Services Block Grant (-$181m House, same as FY06)
- $406 million for the Mental Health Block Grant (same as House and FY06)
- $276 million for environmental health programs (-$1m House, -$11m FY06)
- $101.5 million for Healthy Start (same as House and FY06)

As mentioned above, it is likely that this bill will be one of the last of the FY 2007 spending bills to be approved, likely combined with other bills in an omnibus package.

TRANSPORTATION

Senate Appropriators approve FY 2007 DOT spending. The FY 2007 spending bill for the Department of Transportation was approved in the Senate this week on both the subcommittee and full committee levels.

As expected, the bill would provide $39.1 billion for highway programs, which is the same as the President's request, the House proposal and the same amount authorized in the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law. This is an increase of $3.4 billion, or 9.6 percent, over the current year. Programs at the Federal Transit Administration would receive $8.8 billion, equal to the House bill, and $342 million more than enacted last year.

The measure would block the Administration's proposed cut to the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and the Essential Air Services Program (EAS). AIP would receive $3.52 billion, nearly $820 million more than the President's request and $180 million less than the House proposal. The Senate funds the EAS at $117 million, while the House and the Administration recommended the elimination of funding for the program.

Amtrak would receive $1.4 billion, which is $500 million more than the President's request and $300 million more than the House proposal.

While the measure has not been cleared for Senate floor consideration, a backlog of FY 2007 spending bills awaiting floor action may result in the legislation being combined with other appropriations bills in an "omnibus" package, possibly after the November elections.

HOMELAND SECURITY

House committee boosts security for public transit. On Wednesday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved legislation (HR 5808) that would authorize grants to public transportation agencies and over-the-road bus operations for capital and operational activities that improve security.

The bill is designed to address concerns that the nation's bus and passenger rail systems have received a fraction of federal anti-terrorism funding that has been devoted to aviation security since Sept. 11. The measure would authorize $2.48 billion annually from FY 2007 through FY 2009 for capital grants and $900 million for operational security assistance for public transportation, and a total of $150 million for private operators of over-the-road buses.

The bill would require that each transit agency develop a prioritized plan of needed capital and operational security improvements based on the results of its security assessment. The Department of Transportation would administer the grants, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, and distribute the funds based on the required assessments.

There is no Senate companion to HR 5808 at this time.

BUDGET

House poised to consider "sunset commission" bills. The House Government Reform Committee approved competing bills (HR 3282 and HR 5766) designed to force regular review of all federal programs and agencies with the goal of eliminating those that are wasteful or ineffective. The bills are widely supported by conservatives but opposed by most Democrats, as well as most appropriators and a number of moderate Republicans.

HR 3282 would automatically terminate any agency or program unless Congress authorized them every 12 years. It would create a commission to make recommendations to Congress on which programs or agencies to reauthorize.

HR 5766 would create a commission that would operate in a manner similar to base closure commissions. The commission would be charged with compiling a list of programs and agencies to be eliminated that the President would then submit to Congress for an up or down vote with no amendments.

Opponents of the bills argue that their passage would be an abdication of Congress's duty to monitor federal programs and agencies. They also point out that under the approach outlined by the HR 3282, all the President would need to kill a program or agency would be one-third plus one member of each House; if the President vetoed a reauthorization bill and Congress failed to override the veto with a two-thirds vote, a program or agency that had the support of a majority of Congress would die.

The Government Reform Committee was unable to broker a compromise between the supporters of the two bills so they voted to send the competing measures to the floor simultaneously and let the full House decide how to proceed.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg (R-NH) included a "sunset commission" provision similar to HR 5766 in his broad budget overhaul legislation (S 3521) that the Senate Budget Committee approved last month.

WATER RESOURCES

Senate clears water infrastructure bill. The Senate passed legislation (S 728) that would authorize $12 billion in Army Corps of Engineers flood control, navigation, beach erosion and environmental restoration projects along the nation's waterways and coasts. The Senate action comes more than a year after the House passed similar legislation (HR 2864).

Action in the Senate was held up over a wide variety of issues ranging from disagreements over specific projects to a broader debate over the Corps' management practices and the environmental impact of their projects.

Although in theory Congress is supposed to pass a water resources development act every two years, they have failed to enact such a bill since 2000, creating a large backlog of projects while the Corps waits for projects to be authorized. Critics of the Corps say that many of their projects are too costly, damage the environment and are justified only through the use of creative accounting by the Corps and local project sponsors.

The Senate approved, 54-46, only one amendment offered by two of those critics, Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Russ Feingold (D-WI). Their amendment would require external review of all Corps projects costing more than $40 million. It would also allow a governor or federal agency to request a review of any Corps project.

The bill now goes to a Conference Committee with the House, where some believe pressure to clear the bill in an election year may be enough to overcome continuing disagreements over Corps management, overall funding levels, and specific projects.

BROWNFIELDS

House panel approves reauthorization of EPA Brownfields program. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved legislation (HR 5810) this week that would reauthorize the Brownfields program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the next six years.

The legislation would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, also known as Superfund) to authorize EPA Brownfields assessment and cleanup grants through 2012 at $250 million annually. The measure also would require reports to Congress every four years providing a description of the management of the Brownfields program and the allocation of funds and eliminate the requirement that 25 percent of available funding be devoted to petroleum-specific site cleanup.

Not included in the legislation were a number of recommendations from a coalition including state and local government organizations. Among those proposals were:

- Increase funding to between $500 million and $750 million annually
- Increase flexibility in the use of Brownfields grants
- Clarify liability relief provisions to encourage cleanup at long-abandoned sites
- Provide targeted assistance such as insurance pools to address special needs
- Provide technical changes to allow for use of some funds on administrative costs

The next step for HR 5810 is the House floor. No companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate to date.

EMINENT DOMAIN

HUD publishes guidance on prohibition on use of FY 2006 funds for eminent domain activities. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a brief guidance this week outlining the agency's position regarding language included in the FY 2006 Transportation Treasury, and HUD (TTHUD) Appropriations bill that restricts the use of funds under the measure to support any federal, state, or local project where officials seek to exercise use their powers of eminent domain if that project involves economic development primarily benefiting private entities.

The language was included in the bill in response to the June, 2005 case *Kelo v. City of New London*, in which the United States Supreme Court held that the City of New London, Connecticut could use their powers of eminent domain to transfer private property to new private owners in order to further an economic development plan. The language in the FY 2006 TTHUD bill was a congressional response to the decision, although it only affects programs at agencies under the jurisdiction of the bill and will expire at the end of FY 2006 (September 30, 2006).

The HUD guidance essentially outlines that the language is primarily applicable to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at the department, and advises CDBG grantees to "carefully evaluate the facts of any project proposed to receive FY 2006 CDBG funds where the exercise of eminent domain is involved" and consult with HUD Field Offices as they go through project development.

A copy of the guidance may be obtained at www.capitaledge.com/domain.pdf.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Environmental Protection Agency: The EPA is soliciting applications for the FY 2006 Brownfields Job Training Grants. Current and former recipients of brownfields assessment, cleanup, or revolving loan fund grants are eligible to apply. The grant is designed to facilitate brownfields job training to help in the remediation of local brownfields sites. There is $2 million available to award ten cooperative agreements, and applications are due September 8, 2006. For more information, see http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/06-06.pdf.

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RE: Sidewalk Issue

Dear Mr. Karas:

This is in reference to your letter received July 20, 2006, regarding your request for the repair of the sidewalk abutting your property. While I certainly appreciate your concerns set forth in your letter, this office does not have authority to address your concerns. If you believe that there exists a hazardous condition in the subject sidewalk, you may wish to confer with the Public Works Department, Sidewalk Division, for a permit to have the hazard repaired and seek reimbursement for your expenses from the sidewalk maintenance program. By copy of this letter I am forwarding your letter setting out your views to the Lincoln City Council and the Sidewalk Division.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Fainton
Assistant City Attorney

JDF/skb

c: Harry Kroos
City Council

RECEIVED
M06-2643L
JUL 20 2006
LAW DEPT.

I am writing today with a problem I have been having with the uneven surface of my sidewalk. It started 5 years ago when I called Public Works and Utilities Engineering Services for a sidewalk inspection. I left all the information including my cell and home phone number hoping for confirmation but the call was never returned. Three years ago I did the same thing, but again no confirmation. On July 10 2006 I received a letter from an anonymous neighbor stating that, "repairing the sidewalk would be cheaper then a law suit." Now calling for a sidewalk inspection with this information I thought they might do something. They called me back the next day saying they had record of me calling them before but it is still not in the budget to fix it at this time. I'm not sure who to call but with my property assessment up from $102,200 to $124,256 you think they would have enough money to repair 20 feet of sidewalk before some gets hurt! A 4 inch difference in the sidewalk in an area with many elderly; it's just a matter of time before something happens!

Joe Karas
3111 s. 54th
Lincoln NE 68506

Home Phone: (402) 489-5348
Cell Phone: (402) 560-0564

P.S. Please Reply

Chuck A Zimmerman/Notes
07/27/2006 08:36 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
cc Michael Merwick/Notes@Notes, Marvin S Krout/Notes@Notes, Wilma E Mccamley/Notes@Notes, Mayor/Notes@Notes
bcc
Subject Response to July 24 Council Testimony- Planning Dept Fees

Council Chair Newman and City Council Members

This memo is in response to testimony offered by Ron Moore of Creative Design regarding items 11,12,13 & 14 of the July 24 agenda. These items are for fee increases for the Planning Department and have no direct affect on the Building & Safety Department. Mr. Moore indicated he once received building permits by making an appointment with the Building & Safety Department and receiving those permits within an hour. He now indicates permit review times are 2 to 3 weeks. He stated he used to pay around $400 and now pays $3000.

We have checked our permit records for the last 6 years and have the following information regarding Creative Design building permit requests:

There was a 6 year total of 17 building permit requests for single family residences with construction values of between $200,000 and $580,000.
The length of time between the application and issued dates varied from 1 to 11 calendar days. (The 11 day time frame included 2 weekends.)

In the past, we did perform same day plan reviews for some residential permits. We have discontinued the practice due to the complexity of some residential plans, unique zoning requirements for every new subdivision, and the fairness issue of taking appointments and moving others "down the list" or reducing customer service at the counter. Based on our records, Mr Moore is not experiencing a 2 to 3 week time frame for his permits. His review times are fitting within our standard review times we have maintained for years. I don't dispute his fees have increases at time of permitting due to impact fees, but I must reiterate- our Building Permit fees are amongst the lowest in the State.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Chuck Zimmerman
441-6452

"ROBERT WORKMAN"
<workbob@msn.com>
07/26/2006 11:22 AM

To "Keith, Dick" <rkeith@gpappraisal.com>
cc <rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov>, <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, <commish@lancaster.ne.gov>, "Kerry Eagan" <keagan@co.lancaster.ne.us>,
bcc
Subject Re: 44th & Cornhusker Property

Dear Mr. Keith,

I have great interest in your email and am forwarding it as attached below to several individuals. In my opinion, the recent noise problems at the 44th Street and Cornhusker Highway rail crossing is serious enough to consider it an emergency item and I will do my best to keep your proposal before those who will be making the decisions. I will also be visiting with Mr. Figard as to the possibilities of putting this secondary access issue on our next RTSD meeting agenda.

Thanks very much for taking the time to attend last nights meeting.

Sincerely,

Bob Workman
Lancaster County Commissioner and
RTSD Board Member
----- Original Message -----
From: Keith, Dick
To: workbob@msn.com ; rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov
Cc: mhunzeker@pierson-law.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 7:42 AM
Subject: 44th & Cornhusker Property

Gentlemen: As a follow up to the meeting last night and our brief conversation, Cornhusker Crossings has yet to commence development of our property located on the south side of the BNSF tracks between 41st and 48th Street. Our property could provide a good location for street and access linkage to service the neighborhood in the event 44th Streetis closed. We are willing to extend our prior offer to make the site available for those purposes at a price near our investment amount which we consider to be a very reasonable price.

However, if you have an interest I would suggest we discuss the possibility at your earliest convenience. Our current plans are to develop these two parcels with about 70,000 SF of storage and small industrial condominiums. Commencement of the project has been delayed due to our necessity to prioritize other projects. But we are now in a position to refocus our efforts on moving this project forward.

I would add that closure of the 44th Streetcrossing would result in serious damage to our planned use of this property and, therefore, we object to the closure in absence of some agreement for sale of the property. North 44th Street is our primary access and connection to Cornhusker highway is critical for our intended use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard L. Keith, MAI
Cornhusker Crossings, LLC

c/o Great Plains Appraisal, Inc.
115 Cherry Hill Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68510
402-476-1144 (office)
402-890-9629 (cell)

Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections

	2005-06 PROJECTED	2005-06 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	$ CHANGE FR. 04-05	% CHANGE FR. 04-05
SEPTEMBER	$4,521,210	$4,549,328	$28,118	$37,025	0.82%
OCTOBER	$4,738,362	$4,464,503	($273,859)	($76,968)	-1.69%
NOVEMBER	$4,743,930	$4,625,303	($118,627)	$39,042	0.85%
DECEMBER	$4,420,986	$4,505,085	$84,099	$330,257	7.91%
JANUARY	$4,632,570	$4,073,189	($559,381)	$30,145	0.75%
FEBRUARY	$5,740,599	$5,724,498	($16,101)	$31,981	0.56%
MARCH	$4,191,410	$4,082,038	($109,372)	$22,404	0.55%
APRIL	$3,957,554	$3,794,477	($163,077)	($233,611)	-5.80%
MAY	$4,620,145	$4,376,803	($243,342)	($231,231)	-5.02%
JUNE	$4,464,241	$4,525,529	$61,288	$2,605	0.06%
JULY	$4,536,625	$4,615,569	$78,944	$259,101	5.95%
AUGUST	$4,837,297				
TOTAL	$55,404,929	$49,336,323	($1,231,309)	$210,751	0.52%

CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	$3,758,935	$3,844,150	$4,239,938	$4,453,875	5.05%	$4,648,160	4.36%	$4,630,210	-0.39%
OCTOBER	$4,273,028	$4,116,763	$4,464,191	$4,670,587	4.62%	$4,706,690	0.77%	$4,823,369	2.48%
NOVEMBER	$4,060,765	$4,125,824	$4,407,744	$4,526,166	2.69%	$4,687,792	3.57%	$4,799,275	2.38%
DECEMBER	$3,824,569	$3,855,906	$4,034,958	$4,314,111	6.92%	$4,500,338	4.32%	$4,511,403	0.25%
JANUARY	$3,968,572	$4,140,990	$4,046,633	$4,335,924	7.15%	$4,264,010	-1.66%	$4,342,902	1.85%
FEBRUARY	$4,895,886	$4,982,568	$5,224,986	$5,531,405	5.86%	$6,086,841	10.04%	$5,797,893	-4.75%
MARCH	$3,731,090	$3,908,567	$4,076,943	$3,980,041	-2.38%	$4,158,874	4.49%	$4,247,908	2.14%
APRIL	$3,126,694	$3,641,403	$3,711,803	$3,889,388	4.78%	$4,097,988	5.36%	$3,991,159	-2.61%
MAY	$4,061,857	$3,949,873	$4,184,028	$4,602,788	10.01%	$4,730,317	2.77%	$4,543,369	-3.95%
JUNE	$3,741,325	$3,856,119	$4,169,550	$4,599,245	10.31%	$4,557,735	-0.90%	$4,539,614	-0.40%
JULY	$3,804,895	$4,033,350	$4,105,554	$4,391,257	6.96%	$4,519,466	2.92%	$4,655,061	3.00%
AUGUST	$4,093,476	$4,231,174	$4,402,156	$4,893,438	11.16%	$4,803,665	-1.83%		
TOTAL	$47,341,091	$48,686,688	$51,068,484	$54,188,225	6.11%	$55,761,877	2.90%	$50,882,163	-0.15%

Year to date vs. previous year

CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	($472,215)	($646,545)	($48,531)	($69,997)	44.23%	($135,858)	94.09%	($80,882)	-40.47%
OCTOBER	($127,363)	($379,290)	($64,605)	($110,193)	70.56%	($165,219)	49.94%	($358,866)	117.21%
NOVEMBER	($448,872)	($132,336)	($134,088)	($219,454)	63.66%	($101,531)	-53.73%	($173,972)	71.35%
DECEMBER	($193,085)	($240,014)	($177,459)	($390,445)	120.02%	($325,510)	-16.63%	($6,319)	-98.06%
JANUARY	($352,999)	($74,082)	($306,467)	($59,315)	-80.65%	($220,967)	272.53%	($269,713)	22.06%
FEBRUARY	($115,206)	($509,277)	($61,404)	($323,218)	426.38%	($394,324)	22.00%	($73,395)	-81.39%
MARCH	($303,779)	($428,507)	($17,601)	($22,759)	29.30%	($99,240)	336.05%	($165,869)	67.14%
APRIL	($478,438)	($333,878)	($281,861)	($199,018)	-29.39%	($69,900)	-64.88%	($196,682)	181.38%
MAY	($79,461)	($176,292)	($275,081)	($155,787)	-43.37%	($122,283)	-21.51%	($166,567)	36.21%
JUNE	($47,618)	($127,168)	($138,914)	($194,593)	40.08%	($34,811)	-82.11%	($14,085)	-59.54%
JULY	($235,932)	($181,863)	($563,339)	($42,086)	-92.53%	($162,998)	287.30%	($39,492)	-75.77%
AUGUST	$0	($63,949)	($341,868)	($531,884)	55.58%	($148,028)	-72.17%	($57,700)	-61.02%
TOTAL	($2,854,968)	($3,293,201)	($2,411,218)	($2,318,751)	-3.83%	($1,980,668)	-14.58%	($1,603,541)	-19.04%

Year to date vs. previous year

CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	$3,286,720	$3,197,606	$4,191,407	$4,383,878	4.59%	$4,512,303	2.93%	$4,549,328	0.82%
OCTOBER	$4,145,665	$3,737,474	$4,399,587	$4,560,394	3.66%	$4,541,471	-0.41%	$4,464,503	-1.69%
NOVEMBER	$3,611,894	$3,993,488	$4,273,655	$4,306,712	0.77%	$4,586,261	6.49%	$4,625,303	0.85%
DECEMBER	$3,631,485	$3,615,893	$3,857,499	$3,923,666	1.72%	$4,174,828	6.40%	$4,505,085	7.91%
JANUARY	$3,615,574	$4,066,908	$3,740,166	$4,276,609	14.34%	$4,043,044	-5.46%	$4,073,189	0.75%
FEBRUARY	$4,780,680	$4,473,291	$5,163,582	$5,208,187	0.86%	$5,692,517	9.30%	$5,724,498	0.56%
MARCH	$3,427,311	$3,480,060	$4,059,342	$3,957,283	-2.51%	$4,059,634	2.59%	$4,082,038	0.55%
APRIL	$2,648,256	$3,307,525	$3,429,942	$3,690,371	7.59%	$4,028,088	9.15%	$3,794,477	-5.80%
MAY	$3,982,395	$3,773,581	$3,908,947	$4,447,001	13.76%	$4,608,034	3.62%	$4,376,803	-5.02%
JUNE	$3,693,707	$3,728,951	$4,030,637	$4,404,651	9.28%	$4,522,924	2.69%	$4,525,529	0.06%
JULY	$3,568,964	$3,851,488	$3,542,215	$4,349,171	22.78%	$4,356,468	0.17%	$4,615,569	5.95%
AUGUST	$4,093,476	$4,167,224	$4,060,288	$4,361,554	7.42%	$4,655,637	6.74%		
TOTAL	$44,486,126	$45,393,489	$48,657,267	$51,869,477	6.60%	$53,781,209	3.69%	$49,336,323	0.43%

Year to date vs. previous year

Community Health Endowment of Lincoln

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JUL 24 2006
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

July 20, 2006

Coleen Seng, Mayor
City of Lincoln
Suite 208
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Seng:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that the three-year terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment (CHE) will expire on August 31, 2006.

Name	Current Position
Janet Coleman	President, Past Vice President, Past Funding Committee Chair
Bill Lester	Treasurer, Chair, Finance/Investment Committee
Christi Chaves	Member, Funding Committee, Past President, Past Administration Committee Chair
Marty Ramirez	Member, Administration Committee, Diversity Committee Chair

Ms. Coleman, Ms. Chaves, and Mr. Ramirez have completed two, three-year terms, the maximum allowed by city ordinance. Mr. Lester, who has completed one three-year term, is eligible to be re-appointed, at your discretion and with City Council confirmation, to serve an additional three-year term. For your information, Mr. Lester has indicated to me that he would be pleased to accept a mayoral appointment to serve an additional three-year term.

We respectfully request that new appointments to the CHE Board of Trustees be made by August 15, 2006. To assist you in the selection process, I have asked the CHE Trustees to provide me with recommendations for potential Trustee appointments. I would be pleased to provide you with this information at your request.

If I can be of any other assistance to you or your staff in the appointment process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to CHE.

Sincerely,

Lori Vrtiska Seibel
Executive Director

cc: Board of Trustees
Members of the City Council
Dana Roper, City Attorney

P.O. Box 81309 Lincoln, NE 68501 www.CHELincoln.org ✆ 402.436.5516 Fax 402.436.4128

Jean L Walker/Notes
07/27/2006 09:43 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
cc Mayor/Notes@Notes, Mark D Bowen/Notes@Notes, lawkatt@pierson-law.com, Ray F Hill/Notes@Notes, Steve D Hubka/Notes,
bcc Jean L Walker/Notes@Notes
Subject BP: Memo from Marvin Krout re fee increases (Bill ##06-113, 06-114, 06-115, 06R-146)

TO: City Council Members

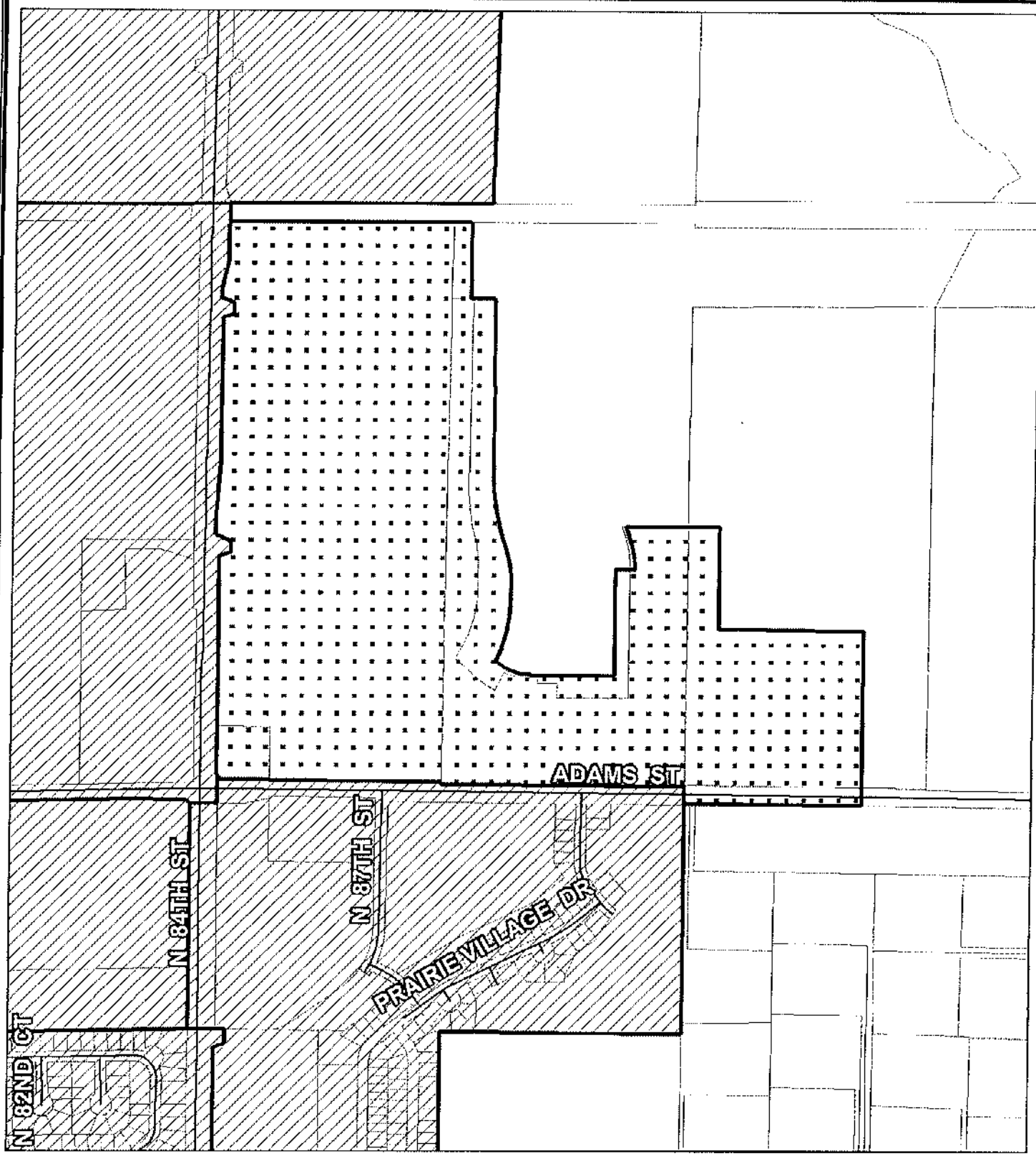
This note is in response to Peter Katt's testimony in behalf of LIBA at the July 24 Council meeting regarding the proposed increases in planning fees, and the memo he sent the Council after the meeting with a comparison of the proposed preliminary and final platting fees to the fees charged in Omaha. As LIBA has taught us, it's always a good idea to double-check your numbers before you present an analysis to the City Council. So we contacted the Planning Department in Omaha to double--check on their platting fees.

The platting fees in that memo for the base and per-lot fees for final plats was correct, as was the base fee for preliminary plats. But the per-lot fee for preliminary plats in Omaha is $12.50 per lot, not $4.50 per lot as stated in the memo. Which means that the fee for a 240-lot preliminary plat in Omaha is $3,450.00, not $1,530.00, compared to the proposed fee of $3750.00 for Lincoln.

It is still accurate to say that the platting fees would be more expensive in Lincoln than in Omaha if the proposed new schedule is adopted. But to put this in perspective, the difference in cost on a per-lot basis would be less than $5.00. I also would note that when comparing impact fees in Lincoln versus Omaha last October, we found that Omaha was charging $856.00 more in impact fees to build a new home.

Also for your information, on July 25, 2006, the County Board voted 3-0 to approve similar fee increases to the county zoning and land subdivision regulations, which will become effective September 1, 2006.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
tel 402.441.6366/fax 402.441.6377



Annexation by Ordinance
Ordinance No. 18735
Effective: June 27, 2006
152.35 Acres

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Area of Annexation

Ownership Parcels

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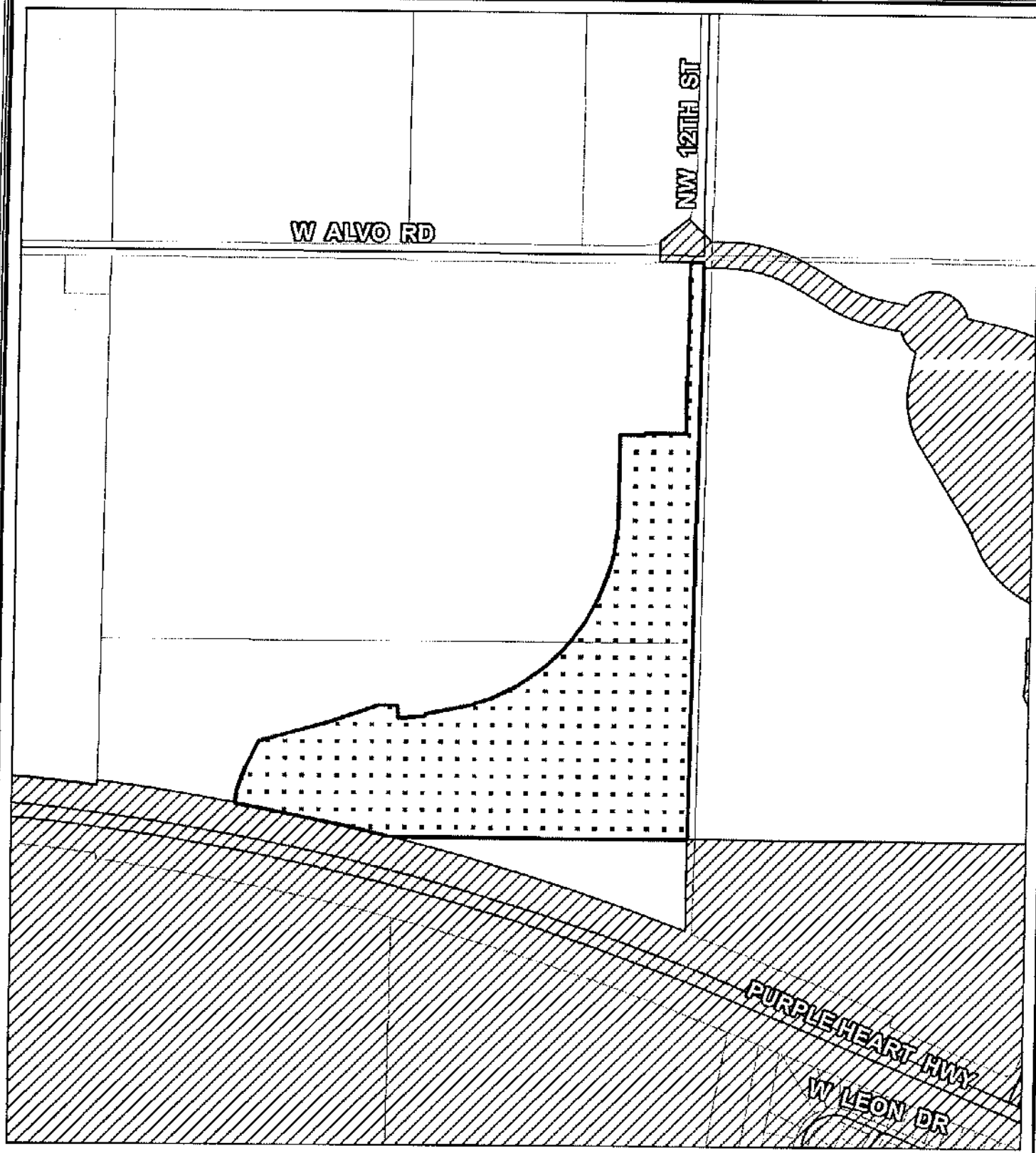

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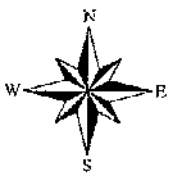
Effective: July 11, 2006
39.11 Acres



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City Limits Before Annexation

Ownership Parcels

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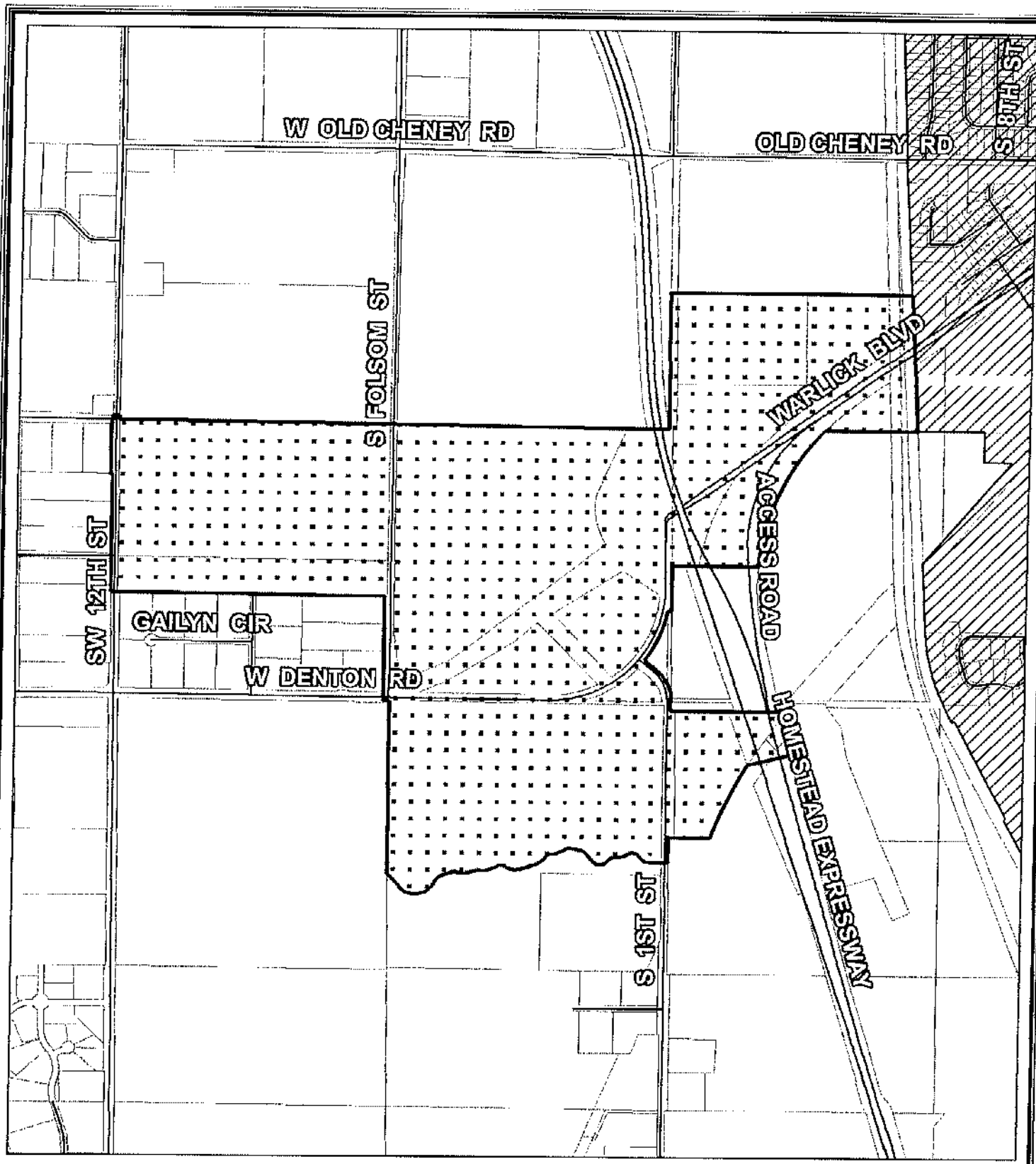

Annexation by Ordinance
Ordinance No. 18737
Effective: June 27, 2006
496.45 Acres

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Area of Annexation

City Limits Before Annexation

Ownership Parcels

0 750 1,500 3,000
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*** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ***

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, in the Police Dept. Training Room "A" of the Justice & Law Enforcement Center, 575 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for a work session on the Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, in Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, immediately following the regular Planning Commission meeting for a work session on the Downzone Committee Report.

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

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006

[Commissioner Krieser absent, Esseks arrived late]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 5, 2006. **APPROVED, 6-0 (Cornelius abstained; Krieser and Esseks absent)**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**
(Public Hearing and Action):

CHANGE OF ZONE:

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1.1 Change of Zone No. 06021, to amend Sections 27.69.046 and 27.69.081 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to ground signs in the B-2 and I-3 zoning districts to delete the requirement that the on-premises ground sign for a free-standing pad site building be located within thirty feet of the building; and repealing Sections 27.69.046 and 27.69.081 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Greg Czaplewski, 441-7620, gczaplewski@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Krieser and Esseks absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

PERMITS:

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1.2 Special Permit No. 04020A, an amendment to extend the period of time for a limited landfill, on property generally located at SW 27th Street and West "O" Street. ***** FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 9, 2006, 7-0 (Krieser and Esseks absent).
Resolution No. PC-01006.

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1.3 County Special Permit No. 05058, Martell Development Community Unit Plan, for approximately 4 single family lots, with requests to waive sidewalks, street trees, street lighting, landscape screening, double frontage lots, and block length, on property generally located at SW 29th Street and Martell Road.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 30, 2006, 7-0 (Krieser and Esseks absent).
Public Hearing before County Board being requested.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL

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2.1 Change of Zone No. 06042, from AG Agricultural District to I-1 Industrial District, on property generally located SE of S. 14th Street and Saltillo Road.
Staff recommendation: Deferral until August 2, 2006 at the request of the applicant
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

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2.2 Change of Zone No. 06043, from AG Agricultural District to I-1 Industrial District, on property generally located SE of S. 14th Street and Saltillo Road.
Staff recommendation: Deferral until August 2, 2006 at the request of the applicant
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

MISCELLANEOUS:

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4.1 Street & Alley Vacation No. 06004, to vacate the 25' right-of-way adjacent to the east line of Lot 6 I.T. and the west line of Lots 7, 8, & 9, Block 3, Gieren's First Addition, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 30-10-8, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at East A Street and Madison Street, Walton, NE.
Staff recommendation: Does not conform to the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission voted to defer, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

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4.2 Street & Alley Vacation No. 06005, to vacate a portion of the N. 62nd Street right-of-way, between Havelock Avenue and the north-south alley between N. 62nd Street and N. 63rd Street, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 9-10-7, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Staff recommendation: Does not conform to the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Greg Czaplewski, 441-7620, gczaplewski@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF NON-CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 8-0 (Krieser absent).
Public Hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 have been satisfied.

5. OTHER ITEMS:

5.1 Change of Zone No. 06040, from B-1 Local Business District, B-3 Commercial District, and R-6, R-5 and R-4 Residential Districts to R-4 and R-2 Residential Districts, on property generally located between 40th and 48th Streets, from Randolph to "A" Streets.

Request by City Law Department and City Council Members, Patte Newman and Dan Marvin, to take the following action:

Motion to rescind the deferral of this change of zone until November 8, 2006.

If the motion to rescind passes, then:

Motion to schedule continued public hearing and action on August 2, 2006, with notice provided by the Planning Department.

Motion to rescind failed 4-4 (Taylor, Esseks, Larson and Carlson voting 'yes'; Sunderman, Carroll, Cornelius and Strand voting 'no').
Held over until August 2, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

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

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PENDING LIST:

1. *Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 "M" Street.*
   (6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)

2. *Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 03009, by the Director of Planning, at the request of Jim Hrouda, Mayor for the City of Hickman, to amend the 2025 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to adopt the Hickman Horizon Plan as an approved subarea plan and amend the Land Use Plan to reflect commercial and low density residential uses in the vicinity of Hickman.*
   (5-21-03: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to defer until completion of the rural acreage studies called for in the Comprehensive Plan.)

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

4. *Change of Zone No. 06040, from B-1 Local Business District, B-3 Commercial District, and R-6, R-5, and R-4 Residential Districts to R-4 and R-2 Residential Districts, on property generally located between 40th and 48th Streets, from Randolph to "A" Streets.*
   (7-5-06: Planning Commission voted 5-2 to continue public hearing on November 8, 2006.)

5a. *County Preliminary Plat No. 06008, Rokeby Acres, for 6 lots, with request to waive block length, on property located at SW 40th Street and W Rokeby Road.*
   (7-5-06: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to continue public hearing on October 11, 2006.)

5b. *County Special Permit No. 06038, to allow dwelling units within 1320 feet of a public lake, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and W Rokeby Road.*
   (7-5-06: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to continue public hearing on October 11, 2006.)

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July 25, 2006

Tracy Lines
40th & A Neighborhood Association
1001 S. 37th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

RE: Change of Zone No. 06040 - Downzone
(40th to 48th Streets, Randolph to "A" Streets)

Dear Tracy:

On July 19, 2006, this application was added to the Planning Commission agenda by Addendum at the request of the City Law Department on behalf of City Council Members, Dan Marvin and Patte Newman.

A motion to rescind the previous action deferring this change of zone until November 8, 2006, failed 4-4 (Taylor, Esseks, Cornelius and Carlson voting 'yes'; Sunderman, Carroll, Larson and Strand voting 'no'; Krieser absent). Due to the failure of the motion to pass, this request was held over and will again appear on the Planning Commission agenda on ***Wednesday, August 2, 2006, 1:00 p.m.***; however, this will not be a public hearing.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information (402-441-6365) or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Jean Walker
Administrative Officer

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cc: Ray Gobber, 1436 Sunburst Lane, 68506
Kevin Bernadt, 4140 Washington Street, 68506
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Woods Parks Neighborhood Association (5)
Mike Fitzgerald, 3794 H Street, 68510
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Tim Otto, 4121 S. 44th Street, 68506
Kathryn L. Stastny, 730 S. 37th Street, 68510
Marilyn Dorf, 4149 E Street, 68510
Joel and Helen Sindelar, 2630 Winchester S. Ct., 68512
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Chad Arens, 4300 F Street, 68510
Rick Peo, Chief Asst. City Attorney
Patte Newman and Dan Marvin, City Council

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : July 21, 2006

RE : **Special Permit No. 04020A**
(Limited Landfill - S.W. 28th Street and West "O" Street)
Resolution No. PC-01006

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2006:

> Motion made by Larson, seconded by Strand, to approve **Special Permit No. 04020A,** with conditions, requested by Orchid Enterprises, LLC, for authority to renew the operation of a limited landfill for an additional 24 months, on property west of S.W. 27th Street and West O Street.
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> Motion for conditional approval carried 7-0 (Taylor, Sunderman, Carroll, Larson, Cornelius, Strand and Carlson voting 'yes'; Esseks and Krieser absent).

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

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Orchid Enterprises, LLC, 1404 N. 150th Street, Omaha, NE 68154
J. Michael Rierden, 645 M Street, Suite 200, 68508
Bill Hergott, West A Neighborhood, 1710 W. Washington Street, 68522
Robert Bowen, West A Neighborhood, 1901 W. South Street, 68522
William Vocasek, West A Neighborhood, 1903 W. Mulberry Court, 68522

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-01006

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 04020A

WHEREAS, Orchid Enterprises, L.L.C., has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 04020A for authority to renew the operation of a limited landfill for an additional 24 months on property located west of S.W. 27th Street and West O Street, and legally described to wit:

> A part of Lot 105 I.T. and a part of Lot 106 I.T., located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 10 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M., Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, described as follows:
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> Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 106 I.T., said point also being the northwest corner of Lot 81 I.T., said point also being 60.00 feet south of the north line of said Northeast Quarter and lying on the south right-of-way line of West O Street, and extending thence south 00 degrees 00 minutes 21 seconds west (assumed) on the east line of said Lot 106 I.T., a distance of 300.15 feet to a southeast corner of said Lot 106 I.T., said point being also the southwest corner of Lot 81 I.T. and a northeast corner of Lot 105 I.T.; thence south 00 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds east on the east line of said Lot 105 I.T., a distance of 59.84 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 93 I.T.; thence south 89 degrees 13 minutes 53 seconds west, a distance of 343.15 feet to a point of intersection with the west line of said Lot 105 I.T., 60.00 feet south of the northwest corner of said Lot 105 I.T.; thence continuing south 89 degrees 13 minutes 53 seconds west, a distance of 342.68 feet to a point of intersection with the west line of said Lot 106 I.T.; thence north 00 degrees 03 minutes 53 seconds west on the west line of said Lot 106 I.T., a distance of 359.73 feet to a point of intersection with

the south right-of-way line of West O Street, said point also being the northwest corner of said Lot 106 I.T.; thence north 89 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds east on the north line of said Lot 106 I.T., a distance of 686.83 feet to the point of beginning, containing an area of 5.67 acres;

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

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this limited landfill will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

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

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

That the application of Orchid Enterprises, L.L.C., hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to operate a limited landfill be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.43.040(p) and 27.63.560 the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction and operation of said limited landfill be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves a limited landfill operation for a period of 24 months from the date of approval by the Planning Commission. The operation shall be limited to the operating hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

2. Before operating the limited landfill:

a. The Permittee shall complete the following instructions and submit the documents and plans to the Planning Department office for review and approval.

i. Receive required NPDES permit.

ii. Provide to the City documentation that states that the State Department of Roads approves of the connection and extension of storm sewer and grading within the right-of-way of US Highway 6 along the frontage of this lot.

iii. Provide to the City documentation that states that the owners of Lots 67 and 105 agree to the grading on their property as shown on the site plan.

b. The limited landfill shall meet all local, state, and federal regulations.

c. Provide documentation from the Register of Deeds that the letter of acceptance as required by the approval of the special permit has been recorded.

3. Before operation of this limited landfill all development and construction must comply with the approved plans.

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

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

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

7. The site plan as approved with this resolution voids and supersedes all previously approved site plans, however all resolutions approving previous permits remain in force unless specifically amended by this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 19th day of July, 2006.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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July 21, 2006

Water Distribution Main
Fletcher and Highway 34; 14th to Northwest 12th
Project #803202, 803203, 803204

Pavers Inc., a private contractor working for the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln Water Department, will be installing a water distribution main on the north side of Fletcher from 14th to Northwest 1st. We are anticipating starting the first week of August.

Fletcher Avenue will be closed from Northwest 1st Street to 7th Street and then from 7th Street to 14th Street in phases. There will be access for local traffic only while they are working in these areas. The water main project is expected to be complete by September 15, 2006.

If you have any questions or concerns during construction, please contact Brian with Pavers Inc. at (402) 450-0868 or Pavers Inc. at (402) 786-5900.

City of Lincoln, Public Works and Utilities
Warren Wondercheck, Project Manager
Phone: (402) 540-2750 or (402) 441-7014
Email: wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

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Fred Hoke

From: Nadine Condello [Nadine@HBAL.org]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 10:18 AM

To: Alan Hersch; Bob Hampton; Bob Peterson; Bob Stephens; Brian Senkbeil; Brock Peters; Dan Loeck; Dan Walker; Delrae Hirschman; 'Duane Hartman'; Eric Hoke; Fred Hoke; frontierbuildersllc@alltel.net; Greg Schwinn; Greg Shinaut; helmink@huskeraccess.com; Jerry Boyce; Jim Christo; Ken Inness; Ken Westerhold; Mark Hunzeker; Marty Fortney; Mike Gray; Mike May; Mike Rezac; Perry Haralson; Rick Krueger; Roger Reynolds; Sam Manzitto; Steve Fulton; Steve Woltemath

Subject: Permits Through June

SINGLE FAMILY PERMITS
January – June 2006

City	2005	2006
Bellevue	206	165
Bennington	18	7
Blair	27	17
Douglas County	25	30
Gretna	129	71
LaVista	99	95
Lincoln	476	479
Omaha	1,402	959
Papillion	216	181
Sarpy County	345	329
Washington County	31	28

Nadine

Nadine S. Condello
Executive Vice President
Home Builders Association of Lincoln
6100 S 58th Street, Suite C
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06-122

MOTION TO AMEND NO. 1

I hereby move to amend Bill No. 06-122 in the following manner:

1. On page 1, line 2, after the word "Avenue" insert a comma and the following language: the new north/south roadway from Military Avenue to R Street.

2. On page 1, line 4, after the word "renaming" insert the following language: that portion of Holdrege Street and

3. On page 1, line 12, after the word "Avenue" insert a comma and the following language: the new north/south roadway from Military Avenue to R Street.

4. On page 1, line 16, strike the word "The" and insert the following language: That portion of Holdrege Street and the.

5. On page 1, after line 17 add a new Section 2 to read as follows: That the new street names shall go into effect at such time as each segment of new street construction is completed.

6. On page 1, line 18, renumber Section 2 as Section 3.

Introduced by:

_____

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Requested by: Ray Hill, Planning.

Reason for Request: To clarify the naming or renaming of streets and to provide that naming and renaming of the streets shall occur at such time as each new segment of street is completed in order to avoid readdressing of properties prior to the time the new street is completed.

campjon@aol.com
07/21/2006 05:03 PM

To tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Fwd: ban on guns

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: kinney555@alltel.net
To: campjon@aol.com; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov; council@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Fri, 21 Jul 2006 2:39 PM
Subject: ban on guns

Dear city council members,
Since we cannot attend the council meeting, we are writing to encourage you to
NOT support Mayor Seng's proposal to ban concealed handguns within the city
limits.
Thank you.
Darren and Bonita Kinney

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To tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Fwd: proposal to ban concealed handguns

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: joebe@juno.com
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Fri, 21 Jul 2006 4:51 PM
Subject: proposal to ban concealed handguns

Hello. I have been a resident of Lincoln since 1955. I have lived at 5311 London Road since 1989. I am writing to you because I oppose Mayor Coleen Seng's proposal to ban concealed handguns within the city limits, and I hope you vote against it.

Thank you.

Joseph (Joe) L. Behringer
5311 London Road
Lincoln, NE 68516
(402) 423-0377joebe@juno.com

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Subject Fwd: Concealed Carry

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: rtracy@alltel.net
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Fri, 21 Jul 2006 1:02 PM
Subject: Concealed Carry

Jon ..

As the concealed carry issue comes before the Council, please don't forbid qualified Lincoln residents from having the same right given to them by the Legislature as the rest of the state. Even Omaha has taken action to be in line with the new law.

If you feel the need to place restrictions on persons convicted of certain violent misdemeanors, then take that route.

Thank you.

Roger Tracy
3920 Locust St
Lincoln

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Subject Fwd: Concealed Carry

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: detay@inetnebr.com
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Sat, 22 Jul 2006 11:35 AM
Subject: Concealed Carry

Dear Councilman Camp
I have no plans to apply for a permit to carry a handgun but firmly believe that those who desire such a prmit should have the lawful right to do make appplication as presently provided for in state law.
If we still traveled out of town or if I planned to spend significant time in the downtown area of Lincoln I certainly would be interested in such a permit making it legal for me to cary a concealed weapon in my car.
I wonder who Chief Cassidy is considering when he states that he is against the right. Imagine that if he would share his thinking we would learn his only consideration is of police safety and not that of the average citizen. I have known police officers who seldom were unarmed even on extended vacation trips. If they felt the police could afford adequate protection I wonder if they would find it necessary to carry a concealed weapon.

The above are just a few of my thoughts and I urge you to give citizen safetly full consideration during city council discussion and voting when this matter is considered.
Thank You
Dean E.Taylor
7931 Maplewood Dr.
Lincoln, Ne. 68510-2533

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Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: none@lincoln.ne.gov
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Sat, 22 Jul 2006 03:04:48 "GMT"
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
  Jon Camp

Name:     Neal Bloomquist
Address:  5909 South 72nd Street
City:     Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone:    402-488-3510
Fax:      402-488-3510
Email:    nkktab@aol.comComment or Question:
Dear Mr. Camp.
I urge you not to support Mayor Seng's proposed city ordinance on
my right to
conceal/carry.
Thank you,
Neal Bloomquist
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Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: sl35634@alltel.net
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Fri, 21 Jul 2006 9:55 AM
Subject: concealed weapon ban

Please do not support Mayor Sengs proposal to ban concealed weapons. Thank You.

Stan Litty

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Subject Fwd: Keep Us Safe: Permit CCW in Lincoln!

For Council.....

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: gjacobs@captivealternatives.com
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Mon, 24 Jul 2006 11:05 AM
Subject: Keep Us Safe: Permit CCW in Lincoln!

Keep Us Safe: Permit CCW in Lincoln:
A Common Sense Approach!

Dear City Council Members,

As you must know, Lincoln was just ranked the 60th best place to live in the U.S. by CNN's Money. Omaha was 97th; Chicago was so bad it was not even ranked. Four out of five of the top places to live (Fort Collins, CO, Sugar Land, TX, Columbia, MD, and Cary, NC) allow some form of concealed carry for their citizens. These esteemed, safe, and prosperous cities have not been undermined by CCW permits, nor their streets turned into dueling zones and shooting galleries as in the Wild West. There are now only two states in the nation that still do not permit CCW: Illinois and Wisconsin. The other top five-ranked city in Money's poll was Naperville, Illinois. Clearly, the national trend in both cities and states is toward the right to carry, offering mature, law-abiding, and properly trained citizens the right to defend themselves and their neighbors against crime, thus sustaining their communities as safe and healthy places to live.

In fact, many highly-respected studies such as those by the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1999, by Lott and Mustard in 1997, and by Plassmann and Whitly in 2003, aptly titled "More Guns, Less Crime," show that rather than increasing, crime actually decreases with the legalization of CCW permits for citizens. FBI statistics also bear this out: The FBI's statistics in the 1992 Uniform Crime Report concluded: "Violent crime rates are highest overall in states with laws limiting or prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms for self-defense." The FBI's data showed that in 20 states that issue CCW permits (including Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Tennessee, Wyoming, and others), these states have enjoyed a REDUCTION in crime as follows: 1) Violent crime rates are LOWER by 21%. 2) Homicide rates are LOWER by 33% 3) Robbery rates are LOWER by 37% and 4) Aggravated assaults are lower by 13%." Current data also supports these findings.

This data does not support the good intentioned but wrong-headed position of Police Chief Tom Casady who supports the Mayor's proposal to ban CCW. According to inferences drawn from his comments in the Lincoln Journal Star on July 7, Chief Casady believes in far stricter qualification standards than state law affords; he also seems to feel that only the so-called experts, his police force, should be armed and that citizens who touch weapons will inevitably maim, mutilate, and kill each other or commit suicide because they are by nature inept, crazy, and irresponsible. Like a jumpy PTSD victim, the Chief greatly exaggerates risks and ignores facts. He also fails to realize that criminals already carry concealed weapons in our community and that as a city with a large number of hunters and target shooters, where almost anyone of age can legally purchase a weapon, guns of all types are readily available to people who want to shoot each other or to commit suicide. A CCW permit will neither prevent nor exacerbate this reality.

As of July 18, 2006, the citizens of Omaha will now be able to utilize their rights under state law to carry concealed weapons. As a Heartland Democrat, I urge the City Council **not** to pass Mayor Seng's proposal to ban the people of Lincoln from the rights they have earned under state law. Hers is an emotional, fear-filled, hysterical proposition without basis in fact or reason. Indeed, many cities and states faced with the legalization of CCW, at first have reacted to this trend with similar fear and irrationality, seeing gun toting boogiemen and boogiewomen under every sport coat and blouse, only to come to their senses and approve CCW laws.

According to Councilman Dan Marvin, who supports the ban, carrying concealed weapons was banned in Nebraska in 1873, and that since this time things have worked out well, so why change. But Lincoln cannot afford naiveté, to think of itself as a safe, isolated little city on the relatively placid Great Plains, where gun toting criminals will not dare to intrude into "paradise." Like the rest of the nation, like the majority of other highly ranked cities, we must be allowed the dignity to stand and defend ourselves. Most of us after all, are not children who need big Brother, big Mamma, or big Daddy to keep us from hurting ourselves. We are adults—indeed, we have elected the Council to represent us, not insult our intelligence. We are able to carry concealed weapons responsibly and even lend helping hands to law enforcement, if called upon to do so. With Lincoln's new found popularity as a great place to live and with Omaha's overturning of their ban on CCW, are we foolish enough to believe that if Lincoln's citizens are banned from CCW, criminals who get wind of our defenseless plight will not move in? Banning CCW in Lincoln creates an opportunity for increased crime.

I urge the City Council to get in sync with the rest of the nation, to put a stop to this proposed ban and to stand up for the inalienable rights of its constituents! However, as Councilman Svoboda--and even Chief Casady--desire, if the Council can find a compromise, closing some loopholes in the state law by further limiting who qualifies for a CCW permit in Lincoln, keeping serious misdemeanants from obtain permits, this would be fine, keeping in mind that neither a ban nor legalization will prevent such persons from carrying concealed firearms, if they so desire.

Gerhardt Jacobs

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cc
bcc
Subject Re: Just my opinions...and mine in return

Susan:

Thanks for your input. Sanibel Island is a beautiful place. I see many differences, however, in the character of that tourist resort versus downtown Lincoln. I support biking and our extensive trails but continue to have concerns about the feasibility and utility of bike lanes in downtown Lincoln. As a strong downtown supporter and downtown property owner, I sense the difficulty of doing business, especially retail, in the downtown area. Without good vehicular traffic and citizen traffic, retail will continue to languish.

For many years I have encouraged a shuttle bus that has rectangular routes in downtown Lincoln. . .one of the reasons for the shuttle would be to "calm" the vehicular traffic, which in turn would allow safer biking in this area and a more pedestrian oriented street scene. Adding bike lanes prior to the traffic calming is, in my opinion, putting the "cart before the horse."

Unfortunately, as I stated during our public hearing yesterday, Lincoln grew up in the "automobile age". Europe and Asia had bicycles long before the automobile, so the street plans were much different.

Finally, while there have been about "4" bicycle accidents each year in downtown Lincoln (David Cary of the Planning Department did not know for sure when questioned during his testimony), and any accident is "one too many", I do think the nearly non-existent number of bicycle accidents speaks higher to the calibre of Lincoln bikers and motorists.

Sorry, but this is one issue that I think needs to be set aside for now. Let's get the downtown shuttle operating and reduce vehicles and automobile pollution in downtown Lincoln first.

Thanks for letting me share my thoughts.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----

From: RodenburgR@aol.com
To: jcook@ci.lincoln.ne.us; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@alltel.net; ksvoboda@ci.lincoln.ne.us; pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov; dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Mon, 24 Jul 2006 11:35 AM
Subject: Just my opinions...

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council:

Two issues on which I wish to share my opinion--1) bike lanes and 2) traffic engineer.

1) Bike Lanes. I would like to go on record in overwhelming support of bike lanes through downtown. Lincoln is blessed with an incredible trails network, and connections to downtown and through downtown will make it even stronger. We need to do this for commuters, students and families. I was part of a committee of citizens, government officials, business owners, etc. who worked together to formulate the best possible plans for bike lanes downtown. We are all in support of moving this forward. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue. Bike lanes are in the downtown master plan so let's get going!

2) Traffic engineer. My family just returned from a wonderful relaxing (and hot!) week in Sanibel Island, Florida. If you've ever been there, you know that bicycles and pedestrians are 1st class citizens. There are bike paths connecting all parts of the island. The crosswalks across the major thoroughfare that runs the length of the island had signs that said: $70 fine for not yielding to bicyclists or pedestrians in the crosswalk or moved your car onto the bike path (entering a road). If you had your big toe or your front tire edged into the crosswalk even an inch, traffic on both sides of the street would stop and yield. It took me a while to get used to it, but it was fantastic and safe. People of all ages were safe on the paths. I caught myself wishing that this was so in Lincoln; right turns on reds especially make it deadly for those on foot or bicycle throughout town. Downtown is especially bad; motorists act disgruntled if they have to wait :30 for people to cro! ss the street. I don't know about you, but I think it's very scary to have a car coming at you when you are in the cross walk.

This leads me to the traffic engineer debate. I think Lincoln needs a traffic engineer, but I think we need to rethink the perspective of the position.
A traffic engineer needs to take into consideration the needs of pedestrians and cyclists just as much as he/she does with traffic. We had to beg and plead with the 9th-10th and Van Dorn plan to get the trail redesigned after the park triangle was butchered to build a new turning lane for the semis. Basically, the design was driven by the safety of semis not people.

We ended up with a compromise after hours of debate. However, I strongly advise you to fix the process so we bring everyone to the table initially before the grant application process so that we can develop and fund a plan that accommodates motorists, pedestrians and cyclists in a safe, friendly way. I know this is not always possible, but we need to strive for it in all situations.

I think Public Works is driven by widening roads and move traffic at greater speeds; while this is important it is only part of the puzzle in making our community a safe one for EVERYONE--including those not in cars. The traffic engineer needs to work closely with parks, David Cary and others to make plans work like this; I'm not convinced that this is the attitude inside the PW dept. at this time.

Good luck with your pending decisions.

Susan

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Subject Fwd: kudos

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
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-----Original Message-----
From: mcgill@inebraska.com
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 6:11 AM
Subject: kudos

Dear Jon,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on you and your fellow council members decision to uphold state law and let the carry and conceal law be a law for all Nebraskans.
Please convey this praise to all council members who voted with you and did not allow Premier Seng's proposal to proceed. Now she can fully concentrate on keeping fire stations available for response.
While most law enforcement agencies across the country support concealed and carry as they see how crime decreases with such laws, I was disappointed with Comrade Casady's opposition to this law also.
I am glad that you and the other council members had the foresight to see many of the associated problems with visitors to Lincoln having to deal with a ban or avoid coming into Lincoln all together. I think the economic value of this is substantial.

Thank you again for upholding common sense laws and not denying Nebraskan's rights granted by the law.

Keith McGill

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Tammy--for agenda

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: ljunatic@earthlink.net
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Mon, 24 Jul 2006 9:56 PM
Subject: Thank you for your leadership

Jon ,

Thank you for your leadership in defeating the concealed carry ban.

I want you to know that I think you would make a good Mayor!

If you run, you have my support.

Sincerely,

Daniel Walz
735 Mulder Dr
Lincoln NE 68510

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Subject Fwd: Thanks

Tammy: Put this and the other emails I have forwarded on the agenda.

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: tspann@inebraska.com
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Mon, 24 Jul 2006 10:36 PM
Subject: Thanks

Mr. Camp,

Thanks for your leadership in delaying a vote that would have possibly made LB 454 void in Lincoln.

I realize that this action required considerable political fortitude, considering the opposition of the mayor and the city's highest law enforcement official. I am sure your will also be the target of much public criticism as well in the days ahead. This is a "hot button" issue for many sincere people on both sides.

It is my hope that you and your fellow council members will maintain your present position and give this new law an opportunity to prove itself. I can not believe Lincoln's (and Nebraska's) experience will differ dramatically from that of the vast majority of other states where such legislation has been in effect for years, apparently without undesirable consequences.

I am undecided regarding applying for a permit, but I greatly appreciate having the option to do so.

Tom Spann
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Lincoln

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To alighthall2000@yahoo.com, pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov, jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov, amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov, reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov, ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov
cc tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov
bcc
Subject Re: Recent action on Right To Carry

Andrew:

Thank you for your support. Let's sit back during 2007 and see how the Nebraska statute operates and how well the Nebraska State Patrol administers the statute.

Best regards,

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: alighthall2000@yahoo.com
To: pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 1:28 PM
Subject: Recent action on Right To Carry

Dear Lincoln City Council Member,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for not banning RTC in Lincoln. This basic right has done so much good all over the country and it will do much to enhance security here, too. Thank you for not allowing our Police Chief and Mayor to deny us our basic human rights.

Andrew Lighthall
Lincoln

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To jambuvijaya@yahoo.com, jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov, jcook@lincoln.ne.gov, dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov, amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov, pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov,
cc tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov
bcc
Subject Re: (no subject)

Tom:

Thank you for your email and thoughts.

Please understand that the press, in my mind, has not reported to entire situation. In fact, had the press not been affirmatively contacted, every member of the media would have missed our action.

The action of my colleagues and me, again in my estimation, was an affirmation that "we" decide our agenda. In this particular situation, Mayor Seng had forwarded the legislation for introduction before the City Council. There was a general discomfort in taking action on a matter that was just decided for the entire state of Nebraska by our Unicameral. In the near future, we will be discussing how we can better manage our agenda as the City Council's public hearings are not meant to be a general soapbox for the public. (However, we do have an "open mike" session twice a month).

With the budget challenges, fire truck delays and failure to meet specifications, and infrastructure needs, we need to judiciously choose those matters we can address. Currently, the mayor and any department head can essentially put legislation before us, which creates the opportunity for discussion on about any matter.

So, in conclusion, the purpose of our vote was not to deny the public an opportunity to speak on concealed carry legislation. Rather, the City Council took action to prioritize its agenda. In the process, we have saved many citizens countless hours of time and taxpayers the expense of overtime for many employees. Long-term, we are advising city staff and the mayor's office that we will prioritize our agenda so that we can best represent you and the other citizens of Lincoln.

Again, thank you for emailing.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: jambuvijaya@yahoo.com
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov; dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov;

amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov; pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvboda@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 10:58 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Council members:

I received the news today that the Council has rejected Mayor Seng's proposal regarding concealed weapons without scheduling a public hearing.

I and many others are gravely disappointed by this draconian action. Surely the City Council ought to have provided an opportunity for citizens to express themselves to the Council before a vote was taken on such an important issue.

I hope this does not set a precedent, and that so important a vote will in the future be preceded by a public hearing.

Further words fail me.

Tom McCormick

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For Council/agenda

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Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

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Sent: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 1:24 PM

Council members,
I was appalled to find that you didn't want public imput on the carry concealed legislation. I was also appalled that the legislature passed the law in the first place. Since when is "everyone else is doing it" a sensible reason to pass a law? Years ago a Polish diplomat visited Lincoln. It was just after one of the school shootings. I asked him what he thought of it all. He paused, then sort of laughed and said, "Well. This is still the wild west isn't it? In Europe no one is allowed to carry weapons."
Since 9/11 the U.S. has followed Texas' lead on this. Texas! I ask you! The U.S. needs to leave the John Wayne paradigms behind and move ahead to a more peaceful world view.
Please reconsider this.
Ellen Dubas
1020 Colony Lane
Lincoln

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Subject Fwd: concealed carry

For mayor and Council

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: greyzeke@alltel.net
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 3:52 PM
Subject: concealed carry

Councilman Camp: We are watching this concealed carry law that was passed by the state legislature being assaulted by activist police chief Casady ,Mayor Seng and Mayor Fahey of Omaha. I was glad 5 of you stood up for the law abiding citizens of the city.I would like to know how they are going to ban criminals from carrying in Lincoln and Omaha when they are doing it now. Today I hear there will be a meeting monday on this matter after you people did the right thing tuesday. What does Casady and Seng have against law abiding citizens? I hope you won't give into them on monday.I'm old enough to remember Hitler and his POLICE STATE I hope lincoln isn't heading there.....Sincerely Dennis LaPage

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Tammy: for Council and Directors' Agenda

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: ron34@alltel.net
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 2:45 PM
Subject: concealed carry

Jon,

I know that you and the members of the council do not often hear much appreciation for the job that you do. Your recent move to effectively kill the concealed carry ban took a lot of courage and certain local people and media outlets are not very happy about this.

I own a couple of hand guns used for hobby purposes (target shooting) and I doubt that I will ever want a permit to carry, but I believe that the national statistics bear out that this was the right decision! Good job! Keep leading the way with the other difficult issues facing our city, I.E. the current budget.

Jon, I believe that when the mayor recently stated that our city government is not the same as it was 50 years ago, I agree. Currently, according to the Mayors statements, the city now employs well over 2000 people - that is 1 employee for every 150 man, woman and child - WOW - that is incredible and is way out of proportion for other cities our size. KEEP DIGGING - the cuts to this budget have to go much deeper! I know that you understand this and that our local economy can not bear double digit increases in property taxes.

The school board is now putting together what they are calling a wish list to spend what they are calling a - windfall of money - from the property tax increases. I think they will follow the trend the city council sets (I am most certainly not against the schools and I voted for the recent school bonds), but these kinds of dollars are way out of line with ordinary inflation. Your leadership and that of the other council members is extremely important right now! You and the other members of the council have my support! Keep up the good work!

Best wishes, Ron Moore

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for council packets/agenda

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: jstrautkalns@neb.rr.com
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 8:50 AM
Subject: CONCEALED WEAPONS

Mr. Camp:

All too often you get to hear from your constituents when they are unhappy with something, but rarely do you get to hear a simple thanks. Well, here it is!

Your motion regarding the pending concealed weapons hearing shows you, and the majority of the Lincoln City Council, has listened to the public. I commend your willingness to stand up to Mayor Seng, and Chief Casady. Contrary to recent rhetoric, the council has done us all a huge favor! The State Legislature listened, and passed LB454; intending that law abiding, trained, and permit-carrying citizens of this state be allowed to carry concealed weapons for personal protection. The Omaha City Council listened, and revoked their ban. The Lincoln City Council listened, and ended the debacle in advance; good job!

I will be expressing my thanks to the remaining council members who have been helpful on this issue.

Sincerely,

Janis Strautkalns
8013 Broadview Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68505

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For Council/agenda

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: JGRGURICH@neb.rr.com
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 7:02 PM
Subject: Gun Ban

Dear Mr. Camp, Thank you and the rest of the city council for voting down the Conceal Weapons Ban. I know that it did not go as you had hoped, but it was the right thing to do. Don't let the comming year trouble you. After the law becomes effective, and people begin to get their permits, there may be a few shots fired. But they will be in self defence. Instead of the news paper reporting; "unknown attacker assualts 'Jon Doe' ". It will read;" 'Jon Doe' defends himself against an attacker, Mr. Doe is a licenced CCW holder." This is why the law was created. Police Chief Tom Casedy my disagree, but every citizen has the right to not become a victim, and when the police are not near, this law gives people the ability to have a chance at surviving an attack. No body should be told that they should just give the attacker what they want, its not worth dying for. Let me just say that I think that the Lincoln Police Department is doing a g! reat job. But sadly they are unable to watch over each and every citizen in Lincoln. Thank you again for your efforts to give this issue the attention it deserved. Martin Grgurich

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Subject Fwd: Thank you

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Jon Camp
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From: sonoftheking2@gmail.com
To: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov; pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov; dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 12:47 PM
Subject: Thank you

I was glad to hear the decision by the city council to uphold state law and allow the CCW law to be allowed in the city of Lincoln. I got a reply back from one of the city council members saying that they were in favor of seeing what happened for a year. I think that that is only fair. I doubt that there will be large amounts of bloodshed in the city. The only thing that might increase is the showing of a firearm or someone thinking they have been threatened by the mere sight of said gun. I am also sure that there will be some violations to the law as to where they may be taken. This is because it is such a new law here. What we need to focus on is the amount of real CRIME, COMMITTED or DETERED by this new law. I am glad to see that people see the facts for what they are. Guns aren't scary or bad, it's the criminal that has them (when they shouldn't have them in the first place) that is scary. I included a! link in my first e-mail, and I will include it again.

gunfacts.com

I find it rather ironic that 85% of the police officers don't trust the common citizen to be responsible with firearms. Can I be trusted out in the field with my shotgun hunting pheasnt? There job is to respond to crimes. How will this stop a mugger if he knows he can get away with it? It needs to be stopped. A deterent such as a concealed weapon can do just this. If the attacker knows you carry, or very well could be carrying, they are a whole lot less likely to make you a victim of their crime. All that and I, or you would never even have to pull a gun on him or threaten him. Just the thought of someone standing up for themselves is deterent enough.

Once again, I thank you for trusting the average law abiding citizens of Lincoln. I don't think we will let you down.

respectfully,

Fritz Grothe

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Memorandum

To: Robin Eschliman

CC: City Council Members, Mayor Seng, Steve Hubka

From: Chief Tom Casady

Date: July 20, 2006

Re: Cuts to Police Budget

Robin:

If I understood the Council's action last evening, you made a motion that passed on a 4-3 vote to reduce the Police Garage Division budget in the category of Services by $50,000. This would cause a pretty big problem. I would like you to reconsider.

As I explained yesterday, the Police Garage Division is an enterprise fund that receives its revenue from mileage charged city agencies with passenger cars and light trucks for services. By cutting $50,000 from Services, you have only affected an internal account at the garage, not the mileage line item for the user agencies.

Moreover, the Services category is composed almost entirely of utilities, insurance and repair and maintenance (including contracted R&M like oil changes and glass replacement). Since the utilities and insurance bills pretty much have to be paid, the $50,000 would have to be sucked almost entirely from R&M—which totals $139,950 when you include the contracted services. Cutting over a third of the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles is problematic. I think we would not have much of an alternative other than parking the City vehicles in need of repair after April, which in turn would result in less mileage being paid to the Police Garage as revenue.

If you really want to cut another $50,000 from the police budget, I think some other area would be less damaging to the City's operations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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July 24, 2006

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Lincoln City Council
Lincoln, NE

Dear Sirs,

I want to tell you how very appreciative I am to Councilman Carl Eskridge for his efforts to keep your office in the City and in working order.

In both cases, Capitol Consultants in the City Council Today at 1:00 P.M. Either case, I feel that our position will be adversely affected if the City Council votes to move our offices.

The Capitol Consultants office serves as a gateway building and open to high factor advisors and managers of the complex system we use.

It would not be feasible to do anything at the City Council and we are required to provide anything at the City Council and which is the building. We are required to provide anything at the City Council and which is the building. We are required to provide anything at the City Council and which is the building. We

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Sincerely,

Donald Harold Jr.
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INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

TO	Patte Newman	**DATE**	July 21, 2006
DEPARTMENT		**FROM**	Dana W. Roper
ATTENTION		**DEPARTMENT**	City Law
COPIES TO	Karl Fredrickson	**SUBJECT**	RFI #39 Graffiti and Use of Video Tape Equipment

You have asked three questions regarding the use of video tape in connection with recording the defacing of public property in a criminal prosecution.

We believe that potentially a tape could be used and admitted into evidence to convict a defendant. Several caveats do exists, however, and they include (1) ability to identify the person responsible and to do so beyond a reasonable doubt; (2) whether the location of the camera is a place open to the public or from public property, taping where there is no legitimate expectation of privacy; (3) the reliability of the equipment used; and (4) establishing a chain of custody regarding the tape and camera.

Other statutes that may come into play in the use of a tape involve those concerning the right to privacy and the Nebraska Rules of Evidence which require the proof of authenticity, chain of custody, and reliability (i.e. not tampered with).

The City would not have any authority to make evidence admissible in court. Rather, the Rules of Evidence apply and the Nebraska Supreme Court has made it clear that these Rules control. The City would be pre-empted from attempting to adopt rules concerning the admission of evidence.

Sincerely yours,

Dana W. Roper
City Attorney

DWR/tb

"Scott Voichoskie"
<ctyadm@microlnk.com>
07/25/2006 12:13 PM

To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
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bcc
Subject Public Transit System

Mr. Svoboda,

Please read the comments below from Anne Boyle, Public Service Commission.

Scott M. Voichoskie
City Administrator
City of Ashland
2304 Silver Street
Ashland, NE 68003-1500

Voice: (402) 944-3387
FAX: (402) 944-3386

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-----Original Message-----
From: Anne Boyle [mailto:anne.boyle@psc.ne.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 12:11 PM
To: ctyadm@microlnk.com
Cc: Mark Breiner
Subject: RE: Public Transit System

Thank you for your comments. The Commission hopes to hold a workshop sometime in early to mid-August. We will send you notice of the meeting.

Regarding a rail system, I served on the Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Committee. It was determined that there is little or no funding available for a rail system in Nebraska because of lack of population connecting Omaha and Lincoln. The MSA must have at least one million and current poplulation is not contiguous.

In order to meet an immediate need of gasoline at $3.00 per gallon with no relief in sight, we are exploring bus service as an alternative until the criteria for rail is met.

We encourage your participation as we continue our efforts. Please feel free to invite others as well. If you would like to discuss this matter, you may call me or PSC Transportation Director Mark Breiner at 1-800-526-0017.

Sincerely,

Anne

Commissioner Anne Boyle
Nebraska Public Service Commission
402-471-0215

-----Original Message-----
From: Scott Voichoskie [mailto:ctyadm@microlnk.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 11:31 AM
To: anne.boyle@psc.ne.gov
Subject: Public Transit System

Ms. Boyle,

I recently read an article in the Omaha World Herald regarding a public transit system between Lincoln and Omaha. I am the City Administrator in Ashland and since our geography places us almost exactly between Omaha and Lincoln, I believe we have some stake in this. I also sit on a the Transportation and Logistics Committe of the I-80 Innovation Commission. In this committe we have discussed the possibility of a commuter rail. I would like this to be looked into a little more actually.

If you have any questions about the I-80 Commission you could get in touch with Ken Svoboda who is the chairman of the I-80 Innovation Commission. He also sits on the Transportation and Logistics Committe. His phone number is (402)441-7515 or his e-mail is council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me. Thank you!

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07/20/2006 06:24 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject

This is to let all who are concerned know I am in opposition to cuts in staffing in Urban development and Human Rights Commission. I have some very personal reasons for this. I am a post war baby and the first home I remember was a boxcar. Yes, that is right a boxcar! It was so cold that our pet turtle froze in it's bowl and we all could feel the cold even under the covers we were fortunate enough to have.

I am now 57 and a property owner and a business person and live in an average neighborhood and I blend. I like that. I do not wish to see anyone have to live the way I began or not have the opportunity to improve their situation. Few agencies existed to give people information 50 years ago.

As Lincolnbecomes more socially disverse and has more people needing services we need to reach out as individuals and as a community to give those less fortunate a hand up and the faculty to help them improve their status and the future of their children. I feel very strongly that Americais the best country in the world and Lincoln the best city in that country. Please consider the humble opinion of one who has been there and knows how important affordable housing and other information is to our young families. The reason we are here is to help one another. That is the plan. Let's make sure we have enough staff to meet a growing city's needs. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. I am signing my name but asking that you keep it private

If you use any part of this letter so people do not think I am using it as a ploy for business or anything. I am simply asking you to consider for the good of all the young families who need a hand up to keep employees available for their good to help them. Thank you for taking the time to read my note.

Sincerely, Betty Bates, realtor

Woods Bros, South Pointe

7100 S. 29th St

Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

MizRail@aol.com
07/20/2006 11:41 PM

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

Dear Council Members

I was greatly disappointed that the amount needed to cut the budget was not accomplished! Listening to the radio, we learned that Jon Camp, and Robin Eschliman were working to save our already over-taxed city from having it even worse. Dan Marvin was telling us that the city workers should continue having overly generous matching funds on saving accounts. He felt yet another, local road construction would be helpful in this situation. It seems this is adding to the spending problems! Dan Marvin also stated that he didn't want to cut the police when all of their expenses had gone up. They have gone up on all of us. Why don't you hate to have us pay even more?

Please return to the talking table, to find a way to convince the ones who have no compassion on the citizens, that we need each of them to help save our ability to keep our homes. The papers tell stories over and over again of older people on fixed incomes that have to sell their homes because of taxes. It keeps many from buying homes. Stop the many projects that continue, re-look at the city workers contracts, please find a way to stop even more over spending.

The mill leavy must be lowered to keep from delivering a devistation blow to our city.

Sincerely

Peggi Ammon

"Mary Kuhlmann" <mary.kuhlmann@woodsbros.com>
07/20/2006 04:41 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Opposition to Staff cuts in Urban Development

I am e-mailing the council in OPPOSITION to any staffing cuts to either the Urban Development Department
or The Human Rights Commission.
I feel if staff cuts are made to these departments, Lincoln's low to moderate income citizens will be the ones to suffer. In the end, this hurts our entire city.
Thank you for taking my opinion seriously.

Mary A. Kuhlmann

Mary A. Kuhlmann, CRB, CRS

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July 21-06

To Tax Payers of Lincoln:
& or To Whom It Should Concern;

On May 5th of 2006 my home at 3311 Orchard Street sold only because I could not afford the property taxes and ever increasing utility costs.

For many years I closely scrutinized our City's Comprehensive Financial Report. I fully realize during the terms of our last two Mayors we have indebted property owners through bonds and property taxes to the point that ownership of property in Lincoln is possible only for those with a high income.

Being sixty five years old, an outpatient of our Veterans ~~Hospital~~ Drug dispensing Center on So. 70th and not receiving the body repair I was promised when I enlisted in the Navy Dec. of 1958, I am on a very fixed income.

Does our City plan, prioritize and state projects based on having indebted and having the money first in our City's treasury, No! When budget disposition occurs does logic and reasonable thought occur, No! Have our past city employees been fully paid? Ommm No!

How can city officials follow the financial process on notification of department director, etc.

Does our quality of life in Tinley Park mean under our City Council proposal to cut money from critical areas such as our Police Department and funding for a traffic engineer?

Our city's traffic engineer Randy Vershum has helped to reduce the frustration level of many motorists in Tinley, Our Police Chief Tom Cassady & fully realize would like to have the gas money to patrol our city to keep us safe & in patrol cars for our officers that are safe.

Our signed union contracts with Tinley City employees & know we are bound to, but when a city employee receives more income while on worker Compensation than while working is beyond my comprehension.

When my health allowed for over 25 yrs. I've been a self employed contractor here in Tinley.

If I was Tom Cassady or Carl Freckleton I would definitely write out a total resignation stating I have tried to my upmost with the money appropriated to do all I could for the City of Tinley. Will you be capable to fully fulfill that obligation that is if the proposed cuts occur.

Where also being alert of rights other city citizens still have!

A lonely voice in Tinley

David J. Kelly

"jason albers"
<jason@jasonalbers.com>
07/22/2006 12:26 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <cseng@lincoln.ne.gov>, <jerryhoffman@earthlink.net>, <DCary@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
bcc
Subject support of downtown bike lanes

I'm unable to attend Monday's council meeting, but attached is a letter in support of downtown bike lanes from the Great Plains Trails Network. Jerry Hoffman, a fellow board member is planning to testify on behalf of GPTN.

jason

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jason@jasonalbers.com

402.432.9085

how to succeed: try hard enough

how to fail: try too hard.

malcolm forbes

- 2006-07-21 city council re; downtown bike lanes.doc

"Kasey Rigg"
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07/24/2006 12:45 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc

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Subject Yea for staffing cuts, it's time we tightened our belts and used tax dollars more wisely

laura barton
<yesisleepwithmydogs@yahoo.com>
07/24/2006 12:01 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Animal control

Please ask for an independent audit to show # of animals helped vs # of employees. Animal Control needs more employees to help more animals, NOT FEWER EMPLOYEES TO DO EVEN MORE WORK! Please see to it there are additional employees added to the current staff, so as to assist the most animals possible.

I heard when Houston Animal Police were at the Humane Society (as guests) in Omaha they were looking to do a local based show in Nebraska-Lincoln would be in the show from time to time. In Houston they have many horses on the show, here they were looking to put some farm instances of pigs and cows on their show.

You need to upgrade, not downgrade. Please be sure of what you are doing BEFORE you lose your employees. THAnK YOU!

[IMAGE][IMAGE] from yesisleepwithmydogs@yahoo.com have a nice day

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TrueTat1963@aol.com
07/23/2006 10:47 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject RE: JOB CUTS IN ANIMAL CONTROL

The City of Lincoln cannot cut jobs from Animal Control or the City for that matter. If we cut jobs in Animal control that means that the Police Dept. would have to take the calls that the cut ACO would be doing . Also that means that LPD would need to do bite calls and catch injured and stray dogs on the week ends. If they lose the contract with the Humans Society that would mean that Animal Control would have to either find some place else or build and staff the shelter which would take more man power that you want to take away from them and this to work how? Animal Control is very important to Lincoln and it helps take stray dogs and also dangerous dogs off the street. Also they do a lot to help with animal scurrility, someone that abuses a animal most likely abuses people to and if we don't have the man power to do the job them we may have more abuse in Lincoln. Do we want that? I think we have enough, I think we need to stop and think before we cut any jobs in the Animal control Dept. I hope you think before you cut. Thank You Terese

Paul Haith <phaith@alltel.net>

07/24/2006 09:21 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject budget process

In reference to comments made on "Drive Time" 7/20/06, I liked Robin's comments about how the city council could set the tone for the Lancaster County and Lincoln Public Schools, by making cuts and keeping spending under control. Dan's comments about how we have to preserve and protect city services sounds like ex-fire chief Spadt talking. City services must be scrutinized to make sure that the services are within the scope of the tax payers ability to pay for them. I am not as familiar with the costs of City services as I am the fire department, but by just eliminating the use of fire trucks for grocery shopping and going to the Racket Club, would save about $40,000 per year. There are more miles put on fire trucks for doing non fire department activities than there are in responding to fires. The City Council needs to bite the bullet and work for the tax payers and make the fire department cease the use of City resources for personal use. By putting the Ambulance operations in an entity other than the Fire Department would save thousands of dollars just in personnel cost. REVISIT JON CAMPS TASK FORCE REPORT

I do recall the time when there were police officers walking the streets in downtown Lincolnand there presence was appreciated. Maybe they should park their cars and walk more.

As to the fire truck purchase, the city is paying interest on money borrowed over two years ago to purchase these trucks. Even at 4% interest, we start talking about adult dollars after a while. Borrowing money to purchase fire trucks and other resources is bad business. These fire trucks will all wear out about the same time and then we will be in the same mess again and the trucks will not be paid for.

I suggested to Robin, when she was first elected, to look at other sources of income. One was the charges for false alarms. Chief Cassidy said that he was studying this issue. How much study does it take when most cities bills for these. This item alone would generate over $250,000 per year. It is estimated that as high as 15% of law enforcement resources are used to respond to false alarms. One city that I have knowledge of reduced their false alarm response by over 50% by having a false alarm ordinance.

If the City could hold the line on spending and lower the mill level to keep the property tax payments similar to the previous year, it would certainly show the taxpayers that you are representing their interests.

Animals2u@aol.com
07/23/2006 02:18 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Lincoln City Council

I know there are MANY animal advocates throughout our fair city and although I generally am a 'behind the scenes' sort of girl and rarely speak out en mass; I have worked in animal rescue for decades and have very strong feelings about the animal rescue efforts and policies in Lincoln, NE and felt that I must bring these current issues to the attentions of as many people as possible for the sake of our faithful companions.

As I am sure many of you know the Capital Humane Society and the Lincoln Animal Control are totally separate entities. The Capital Humane Society is a Non-Profit animal shelter that is contracted with the city of Lincoln to board and care for the animals that Animal Control picks up until the pet owners claim them, the animals have been adopted or it is determined that the animal should be put to sleep.

The function of Animal Control is to help the people in the city of Lincoln when there are cats/dogs running loose and to pick up those animals that have been injured (car accident etc). Animal Control is here to help both our citizens and our animals when they can as well as provide education to prevent animal abuse and neglect. I am sure that many of you are already aware that Lincoln Animal Control frequently cannot help, one reason is the current laws as well as inadequate staffing to do what is needed to be done.

The Capital Humane Society has stated they are not going to renew their contract with the city of Lincoln and that means that some how the city of Lincoln needs to come up with a new shelter which I am sure you will all agree needs to make a stronger effort to work WITH the existing animal rescue groups and the animal lovers community. When this new Shelter opens it will need to be staffed, not only with new enthusiastic employees but also with the excellent, experienced staff of Animal Control . However; I am told that the Lincoln City Council is looking to CUT JOBS and staff from Animal Control existing staff. How can we help these animals as well as our town with a smaller staff when the current staff is over worked already? This cannot happen!

We all need to contact our representatives and the City Council people and tell them how we feel on this issue. They were elected to represent us and need to vote for our choices and for the protection of our citizens, furry or human. We need to be at the City Council meeting on August 7th. Please help them to understand that more help, experienced help is needed to protect our community and keep every creature safe!
We need the City Council members to vote and get real issues on the table and look out for the real desires and needs of our citizens.

Please pass this e-mail to all you know, and please add your name to the bottom so that each of our voices can ring in unison as we take a stand for those animals who love us unconditionally! or email your own words to council@lincoln.ne.gov We need your help

LaDonna VanArsdall
Christina Chambers

"Heather Critchfield"
<heather.critchfield@tagtmi.com>

07/25/2006 02:48 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Animal Control Issue

Dear Council member,
Please DO NOT cut funding for the wonderful, helpful Animal Control Officers of the city of Lincoln. We need these individuals and the work they do to protect and serve the members of our community who do not speak for themselves--the animals of Lincoln. I feel it is extremely important to keep the current staff, if not add more officers, with the situation between the city and the Humane Society deteriorating. Thanks for your time and consideration on this matter.

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07/25/2006 02:48 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Animal Control

Please rethink your position on cutting funds for contracting with Animal Control. This job HAS to be done, and they are doing a fine job. The city is spending WAY too much money on frills and yet proposing to spend more, such as relocating railroad tracks and the FEDERAL post office to build an event center that could be put in the blighted area with shuttle service to downtown and the Hay Market. PLEASE reconsider some of these silly decisions and elect NOT to cut back on essentials.

Joyce Hasselbalch

Lrm2b1273@aol.com
07/25/2006 10:21 PM

To Council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Budget

Dear City Council Members,

I would like to share my disappointment with the members of the City Council. I am a married mother of 2 1/2. I work full time providing medical services to people with disabilities and my husband is a police officer. We live on a budget and have had to make cuts in some of our "wants" lately because of taxes and gas prices which have trickled down to the prices of many things increasing. As an example, we have drastically cut our eating out budget, got rid of the newspaper, cable and home phone. We haven't gone to a movie in over a year. We are paying our bills and providing all of the "wants" and some of the "needs" to our 2 daughters, but find it repulsive to watch the City Council and School Board "find it hard to cut" and "enjoying the windfall."

I find it disturbing that we are mature enough to make a budget work, but the City Council could only find a few places to cut their budget, 1 of which is the police department. I am disturbed with the increase of the property taxes, although I understand the reasoning. I am disgusted with the school boards "windfall" to spend, while we are living on a budget.

Because I am a working mom, I do not have time to investigate exactly where the money is going, but that is why we elect you. Could you please do the very hard, but very improtant job of cutting the budget better and have our city be more responsible?

Thank you,
Sian Maxwell

"Doug"
<djohnson41@neb.rr.com>
07/25/2006 06:13 PM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject concealed weapon ban

I work for state government and yet, I've NEVER been so disgusted with a piece of legislation and secretive back stabbing we've all witnessed as of two days ago. I'll not forget the names of those of you who chose to keep the citizens of Lincoln out of this process. Most of my co-workers and all of our relatives are in agreement on this. To Mr. Camp: I work in a VERY Republican offfice, so please don't think this is from "just another Liberal."
Nancy Johnson, 8301 Karl Ridge Rd, Lincoln, NE 68506

David A Schoenmaker
<davidschoe@juno.com>
07/25/2006 10:00 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
bcc
Subject Concealed Weapons Ban, Public Denied Opportunity to Speak, Please Reconsider

Dear Council,

I am very disappointed with your recent decision to drop the upcoming public hearing on the concealed weapons ban. You have thwarted the public's desire for an open discourse on this important issue. While this motion may have been procedurally correct, it does not pass the "smell" test of an open government.

I am asking the council to reconsider it's stand on this matter. This hearing needs to be held.

Sincerely,
David Schoenmaker
3411 "S"

"Bill Boyd"
<billyfe390@gmail.com>
07/26/2006 07:20 AM

To commish@lancaster.ne.gov, krutledge@journalstar.com, info@lincoln.org, info@lcoc.com, info@angeloueconomics.com,
cc
bcc
Subject Is it such a bad thing?

Why is it such a bad thing to have a motorsports facility in lancaster county?

For the last 15 years I have lived here and lord knows how many years prior there have been several attempts to build a facility in this county and every single time every attempt has been thwarted by some element of the government, why?

Here are a couple videos of what is currently happening in Lincoln and around the county.most every weekend.

http://www.1320video.com/vids/SR6.9.wmv
http://www.1320video.com/vids/5.06Lincoln.wmv

That is just two of many videos of the many nights of racing out there. All these events are planned on websites such as www.starcityracing.com and www.nestreetscene.com

So I ask why is again why is a track such a bad idea?

Also what position are the local police departments taking? It wasn't so many years ago that LPD were involved with the car community by means of car shows and police sponsored cruise nights, where are they now and why aren't they taking an active roll by being positive influences with these kids?

To my understanding from listening to the discussion on KFOR http://www.1320video2.com/vids/kfor.wmv was that Mr. Sanford would not ask for public funding to support his project. This should be a godsend for the county and city. Really how can you argue with increased revenue without the initial investment?

A local track would not only invite local racers to put their money back into the community but it would be capable of drawing racers and fans from several other communities. Just take americruise for example. How many people will spend the 5-10 bucks to walk through the fairgrounds this weekend? Better yet how many of those people wont be from Lincoln?

Another thing to look at is other tracks in the area. Take mid america in Pacific Junction IA for example. On a friday nights where they run the NHRA sponsored street legal drags they are packed full. I was there a couple weeks ago and the number of cars and people were unbelievable. Also several times during the year they hold regional NHRA bracket races that last all weekend and bring hundreds of racers from across the midwest. When scribner was open they held a NHRA divisional points meet every year. That event alone brought over 200 cars and a couple thousand spectators into a small community. At heartland park in Topeka KS they hold a

NHRA national event every year. This event brings in thousands of racers from all across the country as well as tens of thousands of spectators from once again around the country. The facility in Topeka is privately owned and gets major financial support from the city. Just last summer the track was repaved and that was payed for by the city because they deemed it a long term investment for the city.

Motorsports is a growing year after year and Lincoln and Lancaster county need to take advantage of this opportunity not only for the increased revenue but for the growth of the community and the safety of our residents.

Now I ask again why is it such a bad thing to have a drag strip in Lancaster county?

William Boyd

dkohtz@cso.com
07/25/2006 12:32 PM

To tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject retention of Randy Hoskins

Would you kindly share this email with all the council members.
Dear Honorable Council Members:

I am writing in support of Randy Hoskins, the City Traffic Engineer. I am a resident of Waverly, but my 5 year old daughter resides in Lincoln and attends school in the City of Lincoln.

With Mr. Hoskin's skill, experience, and knowledge, the City of Lincoln has become a more safe place to reside and visit. As you know, the population has outgrown the infrastructure. When change is suggested, there is always some push back. The city needs a traffic engineer to ensure all avenues are explored and acted upon with new streets and fix the old problems. This does not necessarily make one popular.

I recommend the city council retain Randy Hoskins and let him do his work keeping the citizens and its visitors safe. And I appreciate all your efforts and decisions to keep the city running smoothly.

Don Kohtz
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"Oswald, Stanley" <Stanley.Oswald@molex.com >

07/25/2006 02:13 PM

To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

cc

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Subject Weapons

I'm appalled and angry regarding your decision to kill the weapons bill. I believe the citizens of Lincoln should be given a chance for a hearing on this kind of thing. This in my view, represents city government at it's worst.

Please, don't even think about banning concealed guns at council meetings, you folks need to live with the consequences of this along with the rest of us.

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07/21/2006 02:39 PM

To <campjon@aol.com>, <amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov>, <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc

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Subject ban on guns

Dear city council members,
Since we cannot attend the council meeting, we are writing to encourage you to NOT support Mayor Seng's proposal to ban concealed handguns within the city limits.
Thank you.
Darren and Bonita Kinney

WebForm
<none@lincoln.ne.gov>
07/21/2006 03:19 PM

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

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Larry Mitchell
Address: southeast lincoln
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone:
Fax:
Email: lmitchell1@unl.edu

Comment or Question:
Thank you for providing this feedback form.

Just want to ask you to do everything you can to not allow our property taxes to be increased. It is a heavy, heavy burden on homeowners. Please no more taxes!!

Also I support the gun conceal law that we all voted for. Lets not change what the votes want.

Thank you

"Steve Shoff"
<sshoff@alltel.net>
07/21/2006 09:04 PM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject mayor seng's proposals

I'm writing to urge you not to support Mayor Sengs proposal to ban handguns within Lincoln city limits.Law -abiding citizens should not have restrictions to their rights.thank you for your time Steve Shoff

"Ed Utterback"
<edutterback@charter.net>
07/22/2006 07:43 AM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Concealed Carry In Lincoln

I do not live in Lincoln however I do live in the state. Please vote for the concealed carry law in your city. Give honest law abiding citizens the right to protect them selves from the common criminal. Thank You! Ed Utterback

ShookSawdust@aol.com
07/22/2006 01:32 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Mayor's proposal to ban concealed weapons in Lincoln.

I urge that you do not support Mayor Seng's proposal. It has been proven that everywhere that a concealed handgun law has passed, the crime rate has gone down. I would not want a loved one of mine to be killed because they did not have the means to protect themself.

Thank You,
Jim Shook
1900 Oakdale Ave
Lincoln, NE 68506

JDELTA1ADAMS@aol.com
07/22/2006 05:37 PM

To Council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject gun ban

If you think banning handguns is going to make us safer then you need to take a long hard look at the city of Washington, DC gun related crimes have steadily increased in that city since the passage of the ban there. Our nation's capitol has become the murder capitol of the world. banning guns does not affect criminals since they BY DEFINITION find illegal ways of obtaining them while ordinary citizens are left Defenseless our founders included the second amendment in the bill of rights because they understood that free men must be able to defend there life, liberty, and property with the help of the almighty and without the interference of their government. If you truly want Lincoln to become a din of thieves than please, disarm all but those who will not abide by the law anyway.

"Gould" <gould99@kdsi.net>
07/22/2006 05:55 PM
Please respond to
"Gould" <gould99@kdsi.net>

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject citizen carry ban

Although I do not reside in the City of Lincoln, I am addressing this email to all city council members urging them to oppose any attempt at banning city residents from carrying personal protection in the form of a firearm.

This hard fought for right, after finally getting through the State Legislature, deserves the chance to prove itself as the crime fighting, personal property and personal defense tool that it has become almost everywhere in the United States. A government afraid of providing it's citizens with what is essentially a right given to us by our forefathers is no government at all.

"ab63831"
<ab63831@alltel.net>
07/22/2006 08:32 PM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Concealed Handguns

DearLincolnCityCouncil Member:

While I am not a resident of Lincoln, or LancasterCountyfor that matter, I often visit Lincolnas I live only 25 miles away (Syracuse). It's with significant interest, that I follow matters affecting my visits to your fine city. I have not previously communicated to you, but feel strongly about the current matter of banning concealed handguns in Lincoln.

I am currently a city council member for Syracuse. I have worked for a local bank for almost 20 years. I possess handguns as well as other firearms. I have a **far** greater *concern* of non-law abiding persons carrying handguns, than I do of increasing the number of people carrying concealed handguns.

Unfortunately, the news of Lincoln and Omaharegularly identify criminals carrying and using concealed handguns. While I cannot visualize myself firing upon another person, there are times I would feel much more secure if I could carry a handgun.

I do not believe that chaos or anarchy will increase or prevail if handguns were carried. Therefore, I encourage you to vote **against** banning concealed handguns in Lincoln. Thank you for allowing me to provide input.

Alan Britton

"Cyrano de Bergerac"
<friendshipone@msn.com>
07/23/2006 10:12 AM

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

I oppose the ordinance to ban what state law gives me as a law abiding citizen the right to do. Carry a concealed weapon after passing and meeting rigouros standands. Trotting out your usual "boogey man" about chaos in the streets is something no one believes or accepts anymore.

"William or Louise Stone"
<stone@inebraska.com>
07/23/2006 10:20 AM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Concealed Carry - In lieu of appearance at your hearings

Council Members:

There are many philosophical reasons I favor the right to concealed carry although I do not know that I will exercise it myself. No doubt you are familiar with all of these.

The practical reason to continue to allow concealed carry is so that Citizens who wish to do so will be allowed to prepare to defend themselves.

While Chief Cassiday does not favor the law, his opposition and that of the police union is easy to understand and self serving - the police officer is safer if everyone they approach is disarmed and only they are armed. The Chief's job is to look out for his officers and enhance their safety. If the police did protect us, there would be no inherent practical problem in this self serving position.

However, as the Chief and Mayor and probably all of you know the Police do not function to protect anyone beyond a few political figures. It is not their job. The Courts have ruled over and over again that the Police have no legal obligation to protect anyone. And, the Courts are correct in taking this position. Further, protection would not be a proper function of the police - they should not be allowed to arrest someone just because they think the person will in the future commit a crime. Protection of individuals is not a job law enforcement can do - "To Protect and Serve" and slogans like it are slogans, public relations, not fact.

The police do not get involved until after a crime is committed and they function to arrest the offender and bring them to trial. While this may protect all of us in a general way in the aggregate, it does not function to protect any specific citizen from any specific crime.

If you or I wish to be protected from becoming victims of crime each of us must protect ourselves.

Since any criminal who wishes may be armed, those of us who are not criminals and not willing to violate the carry laws as many criminals are would like the option of placing ourselves on an equal footing with the criminals. As the old saying goes, God created men but Samuel Colt made them equal.

Therefore, I respectfully request you take no action, but rather wait and see whether the change in State law intended to allow us the option of self defense actually results in an adverse effect on Lincoln. No one knows, of course, for certain what will happen, but the Citizens of Nebraska (through their elected representatives) have decided it has worked well enough in other States to try it here. Don't second guess them without a trial.

To those of you who are also Democrats, I would suggest further that this would be a good time to put a little distance between yourselves and the Mayor, who is in the process of bringing down all the Democrats in the City. You stood with her on a complete smoking ban that wrecked the bar revenues and Keno revenues, you stood with her on caveing in to the Unions and upping city costs by taking over the Ambulance service and on the Fire trucks, you stood with her (and the unions) in freezing out Wal Mart and its tax revenues, and you're likely going to stand with her on raising property taxes to offset all the revenue cuts and increased costs she has generated. Do you really need the Second Amendment crowd (like me) totally against you as well?

William R. Stone, Jr.

"Bill Brockley"
<wandcbrock1@alltel.net>
07/23/2006 04:46 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Upcoming discussion on concealed weapons

I would urge you to make the Lincoln City Ordinance, regarding carrying of concealed weapons, so that it will be in compliance with the laws of the State of Nebraska. I do not see how it would be to anyones benefit to have a patchwork of different Ordinances across the state. Statistics show that the violent crime rate has dropped in the 47 other states that allow concealed carry.

Respectfully submitted, William T. Brockley
1549 North 11th Street
Nebraska City, NE 68410

"Nana Maybelle" <nanamaybelle@comweb.net>
07/23/2006 08:13 PM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Do not Ban Concealed Weapons in Lincoln

To whom it may concern

I send this on behalf of John Rohan of Plattsmouth Nebraska in order to voice his opposition to the proposal to ban concealed weapons in the city of Lincoln. Please honor the state legislatures position in regards to this matter.

For John Rohan

324 south 12th Street

Plattsmouth Ne 68048

Daniel J.Rohan Jr.

"Rick Kunze"
<trockbank@neb.rr.com>
07/24/2006 09:20 AM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Proposal to ban concealed weapons in Lincoln

Dear honorable council members;

I am writing to urge you to not support Mayor Seng's proposal to ban concealed weapons in Lincoln. Since both the people and the State of Nebraska as well as the City of Omaha want the option or ability to carry concealed weapons legally I believe it should not be restricted in the city of Lincoln.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Kindest regards,

Rick Kunze

"Dave Crandall" <davecrandall@mannsllc.com>

07/24/2006 11:37 AM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject Mayor's Proposal

I certainly "do not" support Mayor Seng's proposal to ban concealed weapons in Lincoln. And I, as well as many others, will be very upset with those that do. David A. Crandall

Neil Bickley
<nbickley@nebraska.edu>
07/24/2006 01:51 PM

To Council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Support concealed carry

I urge you **NOT** to support Mayor Coleen Seng's (D) proposal to ban concealed handguns within the city limits.

I always vote

"Jerry Hutchison"
<jhutchison@alltel.net>
07/24/2006 03:53 PM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Concerning Mayor Seng's gun ban proposal

To the Lincoln City Council,

I urge you not to support Mayor Seng's gun ban proposal. I believe it would put considerable law abiding citizens at risk when they are allowed to lawfully carry a weapon in other locations in the state but not when they enter the city limits. I also believe the criminals that are going to commit crimes probably have a weapon with them and a citizen that is trained in the safe use of a hand gun would use common sense in the use of his or her weapon.

Thank you for you time and attention.

Jerry B. Hutchison
2231 So. Cotner BL
Lincoln, NE 68506

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CITY COUNCIL
LINCOLN,NE 68508

RICHARD G MEYER
3788 F. ST.
LINCOLN,NE.68510
488-7064

BAN CONCEALED GUNS !!
THEN-CONCEALED WEAPONS ???
THEN WHAT-NO GUNS STRAPED ON THE HIP- WESTERN STYLE ??
BAN ANY FORM OF PROTECTION IN YOUR VEHICLE ??

DISARM THE GOOD PEOPLE TO THE DELIGHT OF THE CRIMINAL !

THE MAYOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE ARE TELLING THE SAME STORY I HEAR FROM THE COMMUNIST COUNCIL FOREIGN RELATIONS- TRILATRAL COMMISSION-GLOBALIST NEW WORLD ORDER !!!!!!!!!!!
LOOK AT WASH.D.C.- MURDER CAPITAL - HIGHEST CRIME RATE !!
CANADA- ENGLAND- AUSTRIA - CRIME RATE SKYROCKETED !!!
THERE ARE MORE WOMEN THAN MEN WHO HAVE TRAINED AND CARRY CONCEALED GUNS !!!
CONSTITUTION SAYS I HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT MY PROPERTY- MY FAMILY- MY PERSONAL BODY-

DO NOT MESS WITH MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS !!!!!!!!!!!!
I HAVE 8 YRS OF MILITARY TRAINING- I KNOW HOW TO USE A WEAPON !!
MY GRANDFATHER WAS ON THE LINCOLN POLICE FORCE- MY FATHER WAS ON THE LINCOLN POLICE FORCE- JUDGE POLK TALKED ME OUT OF GOING ON THE POLICE FORCE AND MAKE MORE MONEY WORKING FOR A LARGE INS.CO. BEEN SELF EMPOLYED FOR 40 YRS...
PRES.GEO.BUSH SIGNED A DEAL WITH MEXICO & CANADA TO DO AWAY WITH THE BORDERS- FORM A COMBINED NORTH AMERICA LIKE EUROPE. NEW MONEY WILL BE CALLED AMERO !
THEY ARE TRYING TO KEEP THIS SECRET - IGNORING THE FREEDOM OF IMFORMATION ACT !! THEY ARE TRYING TO BYPASS CONGRESS !!! YOUR PRESIDENT IS A MEMBER OF A SECRET GLOBALIST SOCIETY TO FORM A NEW WORLD ORDER !!
IF YOU THINK I AM SOME SORT - NUT - DO YOUR HOMEWORK !!
VERY VERY SINCERELY !!!!!!!!!!

THE NEW WORLD ORDER IS HERE WITH A VENGEANCE !!
CIVIL WAR 2 - IS COMING !!!!

Richard G Meyer

"Scott Sandquist"
<scott@sandquistcgi.com>
07/25/2006 08:19 AM

To "Council Members" <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Thanks!

Council Members,

Thank you John Camp and (almost) all for demonstrating the collective 5-2 leadership and wisdom that Mayor Seng appears so desperately lacking. Your removal of Chief Casady's attempt to override the Legislature's attempt towards a slightly more balanced distribution of weapons in the State is in the best interests of the community at large. Although I seriously doubt that the Legislature's allowing 'concealed carry' will make a truly significant impact in Lincoln, I think the overall effect will be a positive one that Chief Casady chooses to ignore, despite national statistics to the contrary.

Chief Casady is in the minority of police chiefs nation-wide in his anti-concealed carry agenda. I believe that the Chief definitely has a relatively well concealed power-monger agenda as many on the 'inside' would attest. He wants to restrict concealed carry to LPD and other law enforcement. He views concealed carry as a loss of his power, rather than restoring power to the citizenship according to Constitutional Amendment II or otherwise. In that context, it is really not much different from his continued agenda to keep a successful "July Jamm" type of gathering out of Pioneers' Park, arguing that liquor control will be totally uncontrollable, or other similar arguments.

But the Chief clearly has the Mayor's ear on any such issues, so I appreciate your leadership in countering that unbalanced state of affairs. So if any of you successful voters suffer any fallout from your vote, remember that the upside will expectedly outweigh the negatives. And thank you again for doing the right thing, despite the Mayor's, the Chief's and a minority's unsubstantiated blathering to the opposite. Incidentally, I'm NOT a gun owner!

R. Scott Sandquist
scott@sandquistcgi.com

Dave O <daoco@yahoo.com>

07/25/2006 10:02 AM

To council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc
bcc
Subject Concealed Weapons

Dear Members of the Council
At last! True leadership emerges; you took the bull by the horns and threw out the proposed concealed weapons band. Seng and Casady are aghast, they never expected leadership and the ability to think and act independently from the council. Frankly, most of the public didn't either. I had hoped against hope and you pleasantly surprised me.

Thank you, you ignored the fear mongering of a lame duck mayor and a headline-grabbing police chief. You read the constitution, examined the evidence and made the right choice for the people of Lincoln. Good show people, good show indeed.

David Oenbring
2630 S 13th
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-525-0204

For Council
From Mike McConnell
Time 12:10p Date 7/25
Phone n/a
☐URGENT!
Message Happy w/ way vote went on concealed-carry bill.

Important message

For Council
From Don Patton
Time 12:11p Date 7/25
Phone n/a
☐URGENT!
Message Also happy with the way you voted on concealed carry legislation.

Important message

For Council
From
Time 1:33 Date 07-25-06
Phone
☐URGENT!
Message Phil Cox

Commends Council & esp. Rep Scotto for action taken on concealed carry.

The people did speak through the State.

M.

Post-it

SharonAEilers@aol.com
07/25/2006 05:43 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject CONCEALED GUN APPROVAL

Dear Council Members,

Just a note to tell you I am very happy you brought out the vote last night and did not pass a law against concealed gun carrying. Let the mayor and Chief Casady cry foul all they want. They weren't very upfront with you about the brouhaha in the Fire Department and with the new trucks.

I sent the mayor an email about my feelings and that payback bites. I'm not often in agreement with the way you deal with issues or your votes but did want to let you know this one was all right with me.

Sharon Eilers
4828 Meredeth St #105
Lincoln NE 68506
483-9091

City Council
City-County Building
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Re: bicycles

Dear Council Members:

Before you hastily approve plans to make downtown Lincoln more bicycle friendly, please consider the fact that such action will flood the streets of Lincoln with bicycles. Such a condition will cause immense road rage and will result in many accidents and probably some fatalities.

In addition, consider the fact that bicycles pay no gas tax. How much does the average motorist pay a year in city gas tax so that roads can be built and maintained?

I suggest that any one riding a bicycle in downtown Lincoln be required to pay at least a one hundred dollar license fee.

Respectfully,

Larry Sims
5201 Union Hill Road
July 25,2006
Lincoln, Ne. 68516

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Mayor Seng
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Seng,

I am the owner/manager of approximately 180 rental units, most of which are in South Central Lincoln, with many located around 11th & E Streets. For 20 years this had been the best rental area in town, despite a great lack of investment by the City.

Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. Many properties have been sold to uncaring landlords who do not keep their properties up, and some, like Mr. Tran's at 1111, 1119 and 1127 E Streets have become hotbeds of drug dealing and open prostitution, even during the day. It is frustrating for me to watch elementary and middle school children walking by working prostitutes and drug transactions on their way to and from school.

In addition to changing the laws, making prostitution illegal, punishing repeat offenders with more than 15 days in jail, beefing up police presence in the area is one of the few determiners to this behavior that we have. I understand the police had a grant to put additional officers in the area, and that their efforts have brought results. The neighborhood has been a little better as a result of the increased police presence.

Despite property taxes increasing 17.5% because the City refuses to lower their part of the Mill Levy, thus receiving this cash windfall, the budget for the Police Department is not going to be raised?? This appears ludicrous! The City is growing, there are more people, and inflation alone (and gasoline costs!) would indicate a budget increase of 6-8%. By not raising the police budget it appears to me that you are going to have to 6-8% less police working the streets.

Our Neighborhood is at a tipping point. The increased police presence is our best defense, and should be one of the first priorities of ours or any city. To basically chop the police budget at a time of windfall of revenue has to be counter productive long term. Mayor, I am sure if drug dealers and prostitutes moved in ½ block from you, you would demand higher police presence. The City is spending 100 million dollars on The Antelope Parkway, **while cutting net police spending?** Is brick landscaping on South 70th Street more important than crime prevention?

I urge you to reconsider the budget, and at lease give the Police a cost of living/fuel allowance increase. As a property owner, I fund a disproportionably high amount of the budget. I hope my voice can be heard.

Sincerely,

John Bussey
Capital Rentals

Cc: Chief Casady

Important

message

For City Council

From

Time 9:58 a.m. Date 07-26-06

Phone

☐URGENT!

Message Gary R. Powell

Compliment on gun ban
Conceal carry.

Did what the people wanted.

About time Casady pd. attention
to his work instead
of being Mayor's puppy.

Post-it

"marva-wasser"
<marva-wasser@machinerytrader.com>
07/26/2006 09:55 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
bcc
Subject Concealed weapons

I had planned to write my own response to your move on concealed weapons. Having read the Journal this morning, I believe they have expressed my sentiments quite nicely. And we wonder why people don't think politicians are there to serve the needs or desires of the public they serve - what were you thinking?

Marva Wasser

"William or Louise Stone"
<stone@inebraska.com>
07/26/2006 05:57 PM

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Budget and Tax Request and Testimony

Council Members:

It is my view that a substantial portion or all of the decline in revenues and increase in costs for the City are the product of your (in retrospect) ill advised if well intentioned actions.

You passed a smoking ban which included bars and Keno parlors having been warned of a probable loss of business and revenues. We have now experienced a huge loss in Keno revenue and disastrous effect on bars with an accompanying loss of tax revenue. While the health issues of second hand smoke may be scientifically and statistically significant because of the large sample size it is unclear the health concerns are practically significant. In any event, those who do not want to work in bars don't have to - we have full employment.

I request you revise the Smoking Ordinance to exempt bars and Keno rather than raising property taxes.

You removed the Ambulance service from the free market with a gross miscalculation of the cost and/or as a political payback to one of the unions the Mayor is in bed with. When you debated it earlier this year you went along with the Mayor and unions opting to try to "fix" it rather than get out of the mess altogether. Whatever the cause, this blunder cost a us a quarter of a million this year for outlay (and probably lost us some growth as well). The out of pocket will keep rising as long as you keep trying to fix it.

Rather than continue to try to cover up the error and "fix" the government structure containing the ambulance to make it function like a business, I ask you to admit your error and return the ambulance service to the free market and limit the bleeding (tax increase) for the ambulance service to this year.

The Mayor talked you into freezing out Wal-Mart (I suppose because the Unions she is in bed with hate Wal Mart) and this likely cost substantial immediate tax revenue and will clearly cost long term growth in the economy.

I ask you to admit this error, reverse your position and notify Wal Mart we would like to have another store and get the sales tax and growth revenue back if we can. Tell the Mayor if she wants to set the square footage of retail stores to get a job as the CEO rather than setting the square footage for stores she does not own.

I don't see much way at this point to recoup the losses on the fire truck fiasco or even how to identify them. It looks like we need to get a reduction in the cost of the trucks to offset the shortened life expectancy. The reduction might get the tax increase down for this year as well, as might collection of the late fees. In the long run it seems clear we need to get the Fire Chief position changed from a patronage or union pay off position to a civil service qualification position. This might also have a fiscal impact beyond the trucks as it's hard to see how much real bargaining can go on with the union over pay and benefits when there are union people on both sides.

Thank you for your attention to my views.

William R. Stone, Jr.

Paul Hughes
<pdlawyer@mac.com>
07/26/2006 08:53 PM

To Council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Concealed Carry Permits

Dear Lincoln Council Members:

Arkansas, my home state, passed a concealed carry law in the early 90's and we have not experienced any problems due to its passage. Abuse by carry permit holders is almost non existent. If memory serves me, only one license holder has had his license lifted for abuse related to firearms. We have however experienced a marked drop in violent crime after the state allowed law abiding citizens concealed carry permits.

I procured my permit just as soon as they were offered. With the exception of the two cities in which I have family residing, I refuse to travel in, or spend my money in jurisdictions that do not recognize my permit and my right to self defense. I am no nut and I am not a violent person. However, as a practicing lawyer I understand the police cannot be present to protect me all the time. Please understand that many other license holders feel the way I do. By reciprocating the validity of concealed carry permits with other states you invite a large group of "LAW ABIDING PERMIT HOLDERS" to enjoy traveling in your state. And that is the key. All permit holders from my state have been through FBI background checks. They are the exact kind of people you would like to have visit your state.

Sincerely,

Paul Hughes

rphughes@mac.com

pdlawyer@mac.com

"TOM HARDESTY"
<thardesty@wellmanninc.com>

07/27/2006 07:13 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Tax cuts

Council members,

I would like to express my concern on property tax increases and the lack of cuts that have come from the council. While we maybe facing 3 million in cuts needed you have only managed to agree on $600,000. I fell you should take another look at several issues that were looked at and then tabled. The first one is the 2:1 match in benefits paid to government employees, I as a small business owner cannot compete with this and this I feel is way out of line with what is being done in the private sector. Yes I understand that in order to maintain quality employees you must offer benefits and typically starting wages are lower than that of private industry, but when you couple the current wage structure with many of the benefits provided the government employee makes as much or more than many small business owners. And given the fact that many of these employees work a 40 hour week that is very disturbing.

2nd Please look at the Antelope Valley staff members, it seems we have a 2 leaders for every worker, in private business that amount of overhead would mean the death of a company.

3rd would be the new GIS position, DO WE REALLY NEED THIS?

4th Cutting the amount of overtime. Being in the construction market I fully understand the need to get the job done and on a daily basis we have to monitor this. An example of putting overtime into a project would be such that you may only have an hour left to complete the job but you would be on overtime. Now should you leave and come back the next day or stay and finish it. I tell them to stay and finish it as you have cut travel time out for the next day and you can start another project fresh, your tools are picked up and ready for the next day. You can have your truck cleaned and ready to reload the next day all with out making 2 more trips to the job site and to the shop. On the same token if a job has more than an hour left to complete it I feel you should stop where you are and come back the next day. Overtime has to be monitored and eliminated where ever possible!

Thank you for your service and for your time in these trying times.

Oh and by the way GREAT JOB on the concealed carry issue!

Tom Hardesty (pres.)
Wellmann Heating and Air Inc.
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MHansen107@aol.com
07/26/2006 07:29 PM

To Council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Concealed Carry Vote

Thank you for upholding our rights to protect ourselves and our families. David Hansen

<slemon@neb.rr.com>
07/27/2006 10:11 AM

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

I'm a Realtor in Lincoln and I hope you will really get cuts thru the budget so the 2006 taxes will not be increasing dramatically. Housing is already slowing down due to higher interest rates. If the taxes skyrocket in Lincoln, that will have a very bad effect on the housing market. Lincoln's taxes are already ridiculously high and it's about time the council took action that will stop this. I am asking that you limit the increase to inflation and take $3 million in cuts. If the taxes take a huge increase, you will see more and more people choosing to live outside of Lincoln and Lancaster County. We already see a big jump in the number of homes being built outside of Lincoln due to impact fees.

Thank you.

Mary Lemon
Home Real Estate

July 26, 2006

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Dear Folks —

I am so sorry you voted for people to carry concealed weapons on bicycles. With all the obesity problem right now in this country, why would we want to further people's ability to carry loaded guns?

Who wants non-public safety NF armed concealed weapons 130 years ago. Why would we, leap backwards to a criticism?

Respectfully, I hope you will reconsider.

Sincerely —

Lois Stiles
2161 Ridge
Lincoln, NE 68510

2416 Sewell St.
Lincoln, Ne. 68502
July 22, 2006

Mayor Seng and Lincoln City Council

Re: Concealed Weapons

I do not support the Nebraska law allowing the carrying of concealed weapons. Aside from the fact that many people have misinterpreted the Second Amendment as a blanket right to carry handguns, there are a number of problems with the new Nebraska law. It allows those convicted of crimes such as stalking, violation of a protection order, and impersonating a police office to receive concealed weapon permits.

Beyond these problems, there are economic downsides for Lincoln. If a police officer is killed by someone with a concealed weapon, will the city's insurance increase? There is also a burden on public establishments: will schools and colleges allow students to bring guns into the classroom? Or will they be forced to store and protect loaded weapons? Similar problems may arise for restaurants, bars, and other public places. The costs of dealing with concealed weapons have not been adequately discussed.

Second is tourist dollars: potential visitors may think twice about visiting if they know that anyone they meet may be carrying a weapon.

So, if weapons are important to people and are supposed to be a deterrent, then let them t be carried openly and clearly visible to the public and law enforcement.

It is a national tragedy that every year there are over 30,000 handgun deaths, far outpacing every other developed nation. Banning concealed weapons will help ensure Lincoln will not add to this sad total in the future.

Sincerely,

Anne Vidaver

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MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of July 29 through August 4, 2006-Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Randolph Street To Re-Open Friday Afternoon.

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Outdoor Water Usage Alert.

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Pavement Markings To Be Installed During Evening Overnight Hours.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Letter from Danny Walker, Representative and Board Member South Salt Creek Community Organization - RE: Deny the request for an increase in Down Zoning Fees (Council copies of this letter placed in their file folders on 07/28/06)

2. E-Mail from William Carver, President, Near South Neighborhood Association - RE: Oppose Neighborhood Down Zoning Fee Increase.

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

lincoln.ne.gov

Date: July 28, 2006
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of July 29 through August 4, 2006
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, July 30
- Volunteer at Food Share - 7:30 a.m., 4th Presbyterian Church, 5200 Francis

Tuesday, August 1
- International visitor from Hong Kong - 9 a.m., Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street
- International visitors from South America - 9:30 a.m., 555 South 10th Street
- National Night Out neighborhood event - 6 p.m., Bartlett home, 2990 Dudley

Thursday, August 3
- KLIN - 8:10 a.m., 4343 "O" Street

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NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 28, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Owen, Lincoln Water System, 441-7571

RANDOLPH STREET TO RE-OPEN FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The City's Public Works and Utilities Department announced today that Randolph Street will reopen for traffic at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon. The roadway had been closed for emergency repairs following a water main break last Sunday which damaged a large area of paving. Contractor crews have been working on repairs through the week to reopen Randolph Street before the weekend.

Lincoln Water System officials have reported several water main breaks occurring in the last two weeks. The breaks are attributed to the hot dry conditions that allow soils to dry out and shrink, causing weaker pipes to break. With these hot and dry conditions, more water is flowing through the water distribution system, which can also stress weaker pipes.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 28, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 441-7571
John Miriovsky, Lincoln Water System, 441-5932

OUTDOOR WATER USAGE ALERT

During the next week, local high temperatures are predicted to again climb to around 100 degrees with little rainfall predicted. Rainfall for 2006 is five inches below normal. The City of Lincoln 'strongly encourages' business and residential water customers to follow the City's voluntary outdoor watering restrictions to conserve water.

Property owners with street addresses ending in even numbers (including zero) are asked to limit outdoor water use to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Those with addresses ending in odd numbers are asked to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Mondays are 'no watering' days. Watering your yard completely once weekly generally is adequate.

"Since flows in the Platte River are mirroring the same levels as in 2002, the year we implemented 'Mandatory Designated Day' Watering Restrictions, it is very important that we do all we can to conserve water," said Mayor Seng. "Following the designated day schedule for outdoor watering and car-washing will make the biggest difference." Random observations, in the various neighborhoods, indicate a lot of customers are observing the 'designated day watering', however all customers need to implement the watering schedule, to hopefully avoid 'mandatory restrictions.' 2002 was the last time that the City had mandatory restrictions on outdoor water use.

Jerry Obrist, Chief Engineer for the Lincoln Water System (LWS), said water usage has topped 76 million gallons some days this year. LWS estimates that current river flows can sustain a usage rate average of about 70 million gallons per day. Water usage in July is averaging around 61 million gallons a day. Water usage this July is approaching the fourth highest monthly usage on record.

The public can track daily water usage on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: water). The site also includes suggestions for water conservation, the City's Water Management Plan and water rates. LWS water rates are structured to encourage conservation – those who use more water are charged a higher rate.

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MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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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: July 31, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Al Lee, Public Works and Utilities, 441-6092

PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO BE INSTALLED DURING EVENING, OVERNIGHT HOURS

Beginning today, City of Lincoln contractors are installing durable pavement markings on select streets from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The work is being done during the evening and overnight hours in an effort to minimize traffic disruptions. This project will include the removal of old markings, the "grooving" of the pavement and the installation of this new long lasting material, which has been used by the City for the past five years.

Citizens may experience some loud noises and/or a single-lane closure, but each area of disruption should last only one night. The entire pavement marking project is expected to take 10 to 15 days to complete *(see attached sheet for a listing of streets affected by this project).*

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Streets Affected by the Pavement Marking Project

84th Street, from Kathy Lane to Cheney Ridge
84th Street, from Montelo Road to Kathy Lane
Vine Street, from 17th Street to 27th Street
Pine Lake Road, from 40th Street to Stephanie Lane
16th Street, from Old Cheney Road to approximately Windhoek Drive
16th Street, north of Cushman Drive
9th Street, from Hill Street to Van Dorn Street
13th Street, south of South Street
16th Street, north of South Street
27th Street, south of Old Cheney Road
27th Street, from Coronado Drive to Lareado Drive
Duxhall Drive, west of 40th Street
40th Street, from Gertie Avenue to Nebraska Highway 2
56th Street, from Spruce Street to Lowell Street
Tipperary Trail, west of 27th Street
Jameson North, east of 27th Street
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Wildbriar Lane, west of 40th Street
"L" Street, west of 70th Street
14th Street, from Superior Street to Atlas Street
Adams Street, west of 14th Street
Adams Street, east of 14th Street
Beaver Creek Lane, north of Pine Lake Road
Beaver Creek Lane, south of Pine Lake Road
40th Street, from Duxhall Drive to Pine Lake Road
40th Street, from San Mateo Lane to south of Yankee Hill Road
"A" Street, from S.W. 9th Street to west of S.W. 13th Street
9th Street, from the south end of the overpass to "R" Street
10th Street, from "Q" Street to the south end of the overpass
West Fletcher Avenue, from N.W. 13th Street to N.W. 20th Street
Military Road, from 10th Street eastbound
48th and Calvert Street intersection, all four legs of intersection
70th Street, from "L" Street to Wedgewood Drive
27th Street, from the north city limit to "E" Street
Capital Parkway West, from west of Folsom to 9th Street
48th Street, from Old Cheney Road to south of Woodland Avenue
Cornhusker Highway, from west of 27th Street to 31st Street
State Fair Park Drive, from Cornhusker Highway to State Fair Park
Theresa Street, from west of 27th Street to State Fair Park Drive
48th Street, from north of Normal Blvd. to south of Van Dorn
Normal Blvd, from 33rd Street to east of 56th Street
56th Street, from Saylor Street to Van Dorn Street
Van Dorn Street, from 79th Street to 84th Street
70th Street, from Fletcher Avenue to Ballard Avenue
56th Street, from north of Nebraska Hwy. 2 to south of Old Cheney
"O" Street, from 9th Street to Centennial Mall
Havelock Avenue, from west of 70th Street to 71st Street
Adams Street, from west of 66th Street to east of 66th Street
"O" Street, from 9th Street to Centennial Mall

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City Council Members
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SUBJECT: Increase in Down Zoning Fees

Dear Council Members:

Please consider this a request from Board Members of the South Salt Creek Community Organization and numerous neighborhood residents that attended our General Meeting on the date of July 25, 2006 during which the proposed increase in Down Zoning Fees was discussed.

We ask that you please consider and **DENY** the request for an increase in Down Zoning fees. Following are but a few reasons to **DENY** said request.

1. There was no one on the select committee that proposed the increase to represent the public.
2. There was much disagreement amongst the four members of the select committee.
3. It is very hard and in some cases impossible for some of the older neighborhoods to afford the current Down Zoning fees let alone an increase.
4. Keep in mind, some of the neighborhoods rely on hand delivery to neighborhood residents to save money **OR** they cannot afford bulk-mailing fees.
5. All one has to do is look at the drop in building that has taken place in the South Salt Creek Neighborhood to see how important Down Zoning is to the older established neighborhoods in the City of Lincoln.
6. Please don't make it harder for the older neighborhoods to protect their historical importance and founding areas of the City of Lincoln.
7. Regardless of what some say, Down Zoning **ACTUALLY** does **NOT** create that much more work for the Planning Department due to the simple fact there is not that much Down Zoning done.
8. The proposed fee increase amounts to nothing more than a way to discourage neighborhoods and make it unaffordable to Down Zone.

Thank You

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Subject Oppose Neighborhood Downzoning Fee Increase

Dear Council Members,

As President of the Near South Neighborhood Association, I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed fee increases for neighborhood downzoning applications. Neighborhood downzoning is a critical tool for preserving and protecting the high quality of life in our neighborhoods. Lowering crime, encouraging home ownership and protecting property values are just a few of the many important factors that downzoning helps to achieve in our community.

While downzonings are few in number and costs to the city are negligible, the benefits to families, schools, businesses and strong neighborhoods are many. These fee increases would create a financial burden on the very volunteer organizations that are fighting to keep our city strong and keep costs down.

We have appreciated your unanimous support of downzoning in our neighborhood in the past and urge your continued support by denying any increase to these fees.

Thank You,

William Carver - President
Near South Neighborhood Association