

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents December Award of Excellence to Investigators Gregory Sims and Larry Bratt of the Lincoln Police Department.
- *2. NEWS RELEASE. Open House Planned on Storm Drain Improvements. Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 5:00 pm at Holmes Elementary School.
- *3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler Holding News Conference, Thursday, January 17, 2008, 10:00 am at the County-City Building. Topics Include Impact Fees and Sale of City Property.
- *4. Snow/Traffic Conditions Report. Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 4:00 pm.
- *5. NEWS RELEASE. City Sells Cornhusker Conference Center.
- *6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayoral Committee to Review Impact Fees.
- *7. Snow/Traffic Conditions Report. Thursday, January 17, 2008, 5:00 am.
- *8. NEWS RELEASE. City Removes Blockage in Sanitary Sewer Line.

Received Week of January 28, 2008

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule for Week of January 19 - 25, 2008. (Delivered to Council Members on 01/18/08)
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Announcement of City of Lincoln Recognized for Services to Young People on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 9:00 am in City Council Chambers.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Names One of Nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Tree Removal Part of Traffic Safety Project.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Public Invited to Open House on 2007 Wastewater Master Plan Update.
6. Washington Report. January 18, 2008.

II. DIRECTORS

CITY ATTORNEY

1. Letter to City Attorney, Dana Roper, from Aquila Gas Company. Aquila Including Insert from a Local Heating and Plumbing contractor with the November 2007 Gas Bills.

FINANCE/TREASURER

1. Monthly City Cash Report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Flu Shots Encourages and Still Available.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- *1. Waiver No. 07010. Sidewalks, Hendrick's 4th Addition, 6501 Cornhusker Highway. Resolution No. 07010.
- *2. Special Permit No. 07054. Accessory Building to be Used as Dwelling for Domestic Employee. East Side of So. 113th Street, About One-Half Mile South of A Street. Resolution No. PC-01092.

- *3. Special Permit No. 04044A. North Creek Villas Community Unit Plan. No. 27th Street and Fletcher Avenue. Resolution No. PC-01091.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

- *1. Response to Councilman Eschliman from Wayne Teten on Snow Removal Responsibilities.
- *2. Response to Don Thomas, County Engineer, from Roger Figard, City Engineer Regarding Crashes at the Intersection of Yankee Hill Road and So. 56th Street.
- *3. Correspondence from Kris Humphrey Regarding Removal of Trees Between 9th and 10th Streets South of Van Dorn.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

1. Correspondence from Richard Blair. Concern with City Using 1 Million Dollars to Help Study a Proposed Arena.
2. Correspondence from InterLine: Council Feedback, Amsberry. Question on Price Regarding Property Sold to Marriott and Totally Opposed to the Convention Center. Who Will End Up Paying!

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Correspondence from Marilynne Bergman Proposing Different Uses of the \$1.2 Million for Study of an Arena.
- *2. Email from Tracey L. Hillman Regarding the StarTran Routes.
- *3. Email from Kristin Cunnar. Strengthening Laws and Enforcement.
- *4. Correspondence from Lincoln Electric System (LES) with Copy of Lincoln Electric System Legislative Guidelines. (Council Members Received on 01/14/08)
- *5. Email from Pamela Ferris. Switched from Time Warner Cable to DISH Satellite TV.

Received Week of January 28, 2008

1. Email from Angie Bringenberg. Trouble with Time Warner Cable Continues.
2. Email from Andrea Dickey. Do Not Vote for LES to Increase Rates.
3. Email from Lynn Darling. Need Recycling of Garbage, Household Waste and Construction Waste. Saving Through Education.
4. Letter from Eugene Grabow. If City Can Find Money to Support Study on The Arena, Then Restore Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Programs Cut Last Year. (Letter Distributed to Council Members on January 23, 2008)
5. Correspondence from Cynthia Peterson. Either Consistently Enforce Grill/Patio Law Across the Board or Get It Off The Books.
6. Letter from U. S. Senator Ben Nelson Outlining Accomplishments Which Directly Benefit the City of Lincoln.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***Held over from 01/21/08**



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov

Date: January 17, 2008

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of January 19 through 25, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Monday, January 21 - *City offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Tuesday, January 22 through Friday, January 25

- U.S. Conference of Mayors' mid-winter meeting in Washington D.C.



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: January 23, 2008

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

The City of Lincoln is being recognized by a national program for its services for young people. The details are embargoed until Thursday, January 24. The local announcement will take place at **9 a.m. Thursday** in the **City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street**. The announcement will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV.

Mayor Chris Beutler is attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Washington D.C. He will discuss the national award as well as his meeting activities during a conference call with the media at **1 p.m. Thursday**. To be connected, call **402-472-6296**. This call is for **MEDIA ONLY**, and the number should not be distributed. The line will open up just a few minutes before 1 p.m. Call this line directly. Do **NOT** transfer calls to this line because it will cause the system to lock up. If you will be typing during the call, please mute your phone for the benefit of those recording.

A free national video package, including interviews with national sponsors, has been prepared in connection with the award. It is available via satellite from **3 to 3:15 p.m. Thursday**. The coordinates are AMC 3, transponder 4 (C-band analog).



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 24, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Barbara Baier, City Grants Administrator, 441-8272

LINCOLN NAMED ONE OF NATION'S **100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** *Competition honors City's efforts to help young people succeed*



America's Promise Alliance today announced that Lincoln is a winner of its 2008 *100 Best Communities for Young People* competition. More than 300 communities in all 50 states applied for the honor this year, and the winners come from 37 states. The Alliance is the nation's largest alliance dedicated to children and youth and conducts the awards program in partnership with Capital One. Lincoln is now eligible to apply for \$300,000 in grants from the Alliance.

"This national recognition confirms what we have always known – there is no better place to raise children than Lincoln," said Mayor Beutler. "This award specifically recognizes this community's efforts to help young people graduate from high school and prepare for college and the workforce. I want to thank the many organizations across the City who collaborated on telling Lincoln's story to the distinguished panel of judges." Beutler made the comments from Washington, D.C. where he is attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting. The City will be recognized at a *100 Best* reception this evening in Washington.

The *100 Best* competition was first held in 2005. To enter, cities are required to submit detailed information on existing community programs and initiatives that help deliver the "Five Promises," resources identified by the Alliance as being critical to the development of healthy, successful children: caring adults; safe places; healthy start; effective education; and opportunities to help others.

Among the highlights of Lincoln's application were the following programs and services:

- The Community Services Initiative coordinates programs in basic and emergency needs, behavioral health, child and youth development and abuse prevention.
- The Community Learning Centers make use of local schools to offer services to students, families and neighborhoods.

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- The Learn to Dream program offers scholarships to all students graduating from the Lincoln Public Schools or private schools who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. The scholarships, funded by Union Bank & Trust and Nelnet, provide tuition and fees for up to 45 quarter credit hours at Southeast Community College.
- The Parks and Recreation Department's recreational centers offer a range of social, recreational and educational opportunities to young people, including inter-generational activities, multi-ethnic community gardening, nutrition education and other childhood obesity prevention services.
- The Peoples Health Center provides healthcare to uninsured and under-insured children and families.

“The prosperity of every community and this country depends on how well we care for our children and youth,” said Marguerite W. Kondracke, President and CEO of the Alliance. “Although no place is perfect, when we have communities that make young people a priority and are working to make sure they stay in school and have all the resources necessary to lead healthy, productive lives, we must recognize them and by extension inspire other cities and towns to follow their lead.”

“At Capital One, we are committed to building stronger communities, one neighborhood at a time,” said Carolyn Berkowitz, Vice President of Community Affairs for Capital One. “That’s why we’re proud to partner with the Alliance on the *100 Best* competition to recognize the tremendous work in communities across the country to create environments where children and families have boundless opportunities as well as the support systems necessary to champion their growth and encourage their success.”

For more details about the *100 Best* competition and to see a complete list of the 2008 winners, visit www.americaspromise.org.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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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: January 17, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7711
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 441-8265

TREE REMOVAL PART OF TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT

Beginning Monday, January 21, trees will be removed from the median area between 9th and 10th streets east of Van Dorn Park to prepare for a spring traffic safety project. Trees that have been previously damaged or are diseased also will be removed.

The construction project includes the creation of two left-turn lanes for northbound traffic, new signals and a new sidewalk to improve pedestrian safety.

“This project will greatly improve public safety and traffic flow in the area,” said Greg MacLean, Director of the Public Works and Utilities Department. “We have worked closely with Parks and Recreation staff, who will replace the trees as part of an overall intersection landscaping plan. When completed, the intersection will be safer with less congestion while preserving the park atmosphere.”

Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said the trees are being removed now to prevent disruption of birds during nesting season.

More information about the project is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects) or by calling Kris Humphrey, Public Works and Utilities, at 441-7592.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Wastewater, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7961, fax 441-8735

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 23, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Brian Kramer, 441-7961

PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE ON 2007 WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The public is invited to an open house on the five-year update of the master plan for the City's wastewater facilities. The presentation outlines the short-term and long-term wastewater infrastructure requirements needed across the community to keep pace with the City's expected growth as noted in the City-County Comprehensive Plan.

The open house will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 29 in the multi-purpose room at Lux Middle School, 7800 High St. Parking is available in the north lot. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

The master plan identifies the future needs for wastewater pipelines, operations and treatment for all areas of the City of Lincoln. It recommends the City handle the increased need with two options that are more environmentally-friendly than building new facilities: expanding existing wastewater treatment facilities and using underground peak flow storage facilities at key locations in the system.

The operation and maintenance of the City's wastewater system are funded by user fees and not taxes.

For more information on the City's wastewater system, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov, (keyword: wastewater master plan).



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Washington Report

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ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN TALKS INTENSIFY

ECONOMY

Both sides agree on the need for stimulus, the devil is in the details. President Bush, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Congressional Democrats, and most of the candidates for President in 2008 believe that the economy is in need of some kind of immediate “stimulus” to stave off a recession. How that goal is achieved is still up for debate.

After some initial partisan bickering over the issue, both Democrats and Republicans appear to be in agreement that in order to have a positive effect, any stimulus will have to come quickly – something Congress and the President have not been able to do in recent years. Congress hopes to have something enacted within a month, and the White House also believes this to be possible.

President Bush had planned to unveil some stimulus proposals in his State of the Union address on January 29, but he accelerated those plans and spoke today in broad outlines about what he wants to include in a package. It is expected to include an income tax rebate similar to the \$300-\$600 rebates offered in 2001, as well as an increase in the limit on deductions businesses can make for capital expenditures.

Democrats are hoping to add an extension of unemployment benefits to that list, as well as an increase in funding for the food stamps program. House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) remarked this week that he thought it would be “highly unlikely” that any infrastructure funding would be included in the stimulus package, as most economists believe that such projects have little immediate effect on the economy.

TRANSPORTATION

Revenue study commission unveils proposal. The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission this week released its final report to Congress detailing its recommendations for the nation’s future transportation policy. The 12-member, bipartisan commission was mandated in the enactment of the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law and was tasked with recommending ways to address deteriorating conditions among the nation’s roads, bridges and highways, passenger and freight rail systems, and public transit networks.

A key finding of the report is that at least \$225 billion must be invested annually, and possibly as much as \$340 billion, over the next 50 years to bring the current transportation network into a “good state of repair.” The White House Office of Management and Budget released projections last year indicating that the Highway Trust Fund faces a \$4 billion shortfall in fiscal year 2009, despite the current surplus, unless new sources of revenue are found or spending is reduced.

The aspect of the long-anticipated report that received the most attention is a recommendation by the commissioners to increase the current federal excise tax on gasoline from 18.4 cents per gallon by as much as 40 cents a gallon over the next five years. This major investment, the commission argues, is the best short-term solution to the nation’s transportation infrastructure problems.

The commission stated that the motor fuel tax will continue to be a viable source of revenue for surface transportation at least through 2025, but indicates that a shift will have to occur to a fee system based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT), “provided that substantial

privacy and collection cost issues can be addressed.”

Also listed among the recommendations of the commission were: a paring down of the 108 existing federal surface transportation programs into 10 new programs; departing from the “block grant model” of project funding to a system of increased accountability; implementing user-based fees to raise revenues; and lifting the ban on tolling on the national interstate system.

Three of the four White House appointees to the commission, including Transportation Secretary Mary Peters, dissented on some of the final recommendations, citing concerns that raising taxes and increasing the level of bureaucracy is not “the answer...to find[ing] a better way to invest in, manage, and operate our transportation system.”

Although the Democratic Congress is unlikely to suggest increased gasoline taxes in an election year -- particularly in the face of Republican opposition and a probable White House veto -- the report does lay the foundation for debate for a new highway authorization bill in 2009.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing on Thursday regarding the Commission’s recommendation to increase substantially the federal motor fuels tax. The commissioners who testified attempted to make it clear that increasing the gas tax is not the centerpiece of their report, but rather one key component of a complete overhaul of the surface transportation system. Additional hearings to discuss the commission’s recommendations will likely be held throughout the rest of the year.

The entire 258-page report can be viewed online at:

http://www.transportationfortomorrow.org/final_report/

ENERGY

With energy block grant enacted, now comes the hard part: funding it. When President Bush signed comprehensive energy legislation into law last year (PL 110-140), local governments celebrated one of their largest victories in years: creation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). Authorized at \$2 billion a year from FY 2008 through FY 2012, EECBG will provide direct assistance to state and local governments by formula for their energy efficiency and conservation programs.

However, although the energy bill authorizes \$2 billion for the block grant in FY 2008, Congress did not include any funding for it in the FY 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act (PL 110-161) that President Bush signed just before the New Year. Program supporters hope that an anticipated FY 2008 supplemental appropriations or the economic stimulus package may present an opportunity to provide FY 2008 funding for EECBG but these possibilities are remote.

While looking for openings for FY 2008 funding, local governments will also have to mount a strong effort to obtain FY 2009 funding for the block grant. With Congress continuing to face a difficult budget atmosphere and with President Bush likely to once again insist on a tight discretionary spending cap, there will be little room in the FY 2009 budget to expand existing programs much less fund a new \$2 billion program.

The House Appropriations Committee will likely consider its version of an FY 2009 Energy Department spending bill in May or June, with consideration by the full House before the August recess. Action in the Senate is more difficult to predict, though the Senate Appropriations Committee may consider its version of the bill in June or July. After that, the fate of FY 2009 funding for EECBG will become tied up in the endgame for all FY 2009 appropriations which are likely to be clouded by the November elections.

HOUSING

House approves reauthorization of HOPE VI program. The House of Representatives approved legislation (HR 3524) this week that would reauthorize the HOPE VI program for severely distressed public housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers the program.

The measure would authorize \$800 million annually for the HOPE VI program from FY 2008 through FY 2015, although actual appropriations are expected to be much lower. The Bush Administration in recent years has suggested the elimination of the program, maintaining that it has achieved its original goal and has become inefficient. Congress, however, has restored funding for the program each year, and it will receive \$100 million this year.

The most significant change to the current HOPE VI program in the legislation is a proposal to require that HOPE VI awardees use their funding for the creation of new units in addition to demolition of old units. The measure also requires public housing agencies to have a one-for-one replacement policy for units slated for demolition. Under current law, HUD could award grants for demolition only.

The White House and some House Republicans oppose the one-for-one replacement rule, but the President stopped short of threatening a veto of the legislation in a policy statement released this week.

The next step for HR 3524 is consideration in the Senate, where no companion legislation has been introduced.

EMINENT DOMAIN

FY 2008 spending bill extends language designed to curb eminent domain. The section of the FY 2008 omnibus appropriations bill with jurisdiction over the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (THUD) contains language that prohibits the use of funds from those agencies in support of projects for which federal,

state, or local governments have used or seek to use the powers of eminent domain.

The exception to that prohibition is if the project is employed only for a public use, which cannot be defined as economic development activities that would benefit private entities.

The language is virtually identical to language in THUD appropriations bills of the previous two fiscal years. Thus far, it represents the only official response from Congress to the 2005 *Kelo v. New London* case, in which the United States Supreme Court upheld the ability of the City of New London, CT to condemn private property for use in a comprehensive redevelopment plan. The exact language reads as follows:

SEC. 411. No funds in this Act may be used to support any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use: Provided, That for purposes of this section, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private entities: Provided further, That any use of funds for mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or Brownfield as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfield Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

HUD has published regulations in recent years interpreting the language which essentially advises government entities to

check with their HUD regional offices if they intend to use eminent domain on a project that may involve the use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

BUDGET

President may target earmarks in FY 2008 spending bill. President Bush has asked his budget director to look into the possibility of eliminating funding for some of the congressionally-directed projects -- also known as earmarks -- from the FY 2008 omnibus spending measure that he signed into law in late December.

While an exact tally is difficult to determine, as the definition of earmark is of some debate, there are reports that the spending bill contains just under 9,000 earmarks worth approximately \$7.4 billion. That level represents only a small fraction of the \$933 billion federal budget, and congressional Democrats claim to have reduced earmarked spending by almost 50 percent from FY 2006 levels.

However, there has been significant public attention given to the earmarking process, and shortly after signing the omnibus appropriations measure into law, the President instructed White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Jim Nussle advise him on his options for eliminating them. Nussle, a former Chairman of the House Budget Committee, is reportedly leaning toward the issuance of an Executive Order that would cut the earmarks and reprogram the funds toward a direct rebate to taxpayers or possibly programs such as children's health care and/or bridge repair.

Conservative Republicans in Congress have been encouraging White House action on earmarks, but an Executive Order could draw the ire of vulnerable GOP Members who are facing re-election this year.

If the President decides to make a move regarding earmarks, he may make an announcement in his State of the Union address on January 29.

GRANT OPORTUNITIES

Department of Health and Human Services

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for the Older American Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) grant program. This program offers funding for communities to create services for mental health outreach, treatment, and recovery for individuals 60 years and older. Funds can also be used to improve service programs that are already established. There will be only approximately \$4.15 million available for 10 awards. The grant program requires that 25 percent is used for direct services and another 25 percent is used for the overall mental health support system. Applications are due March 28, 2008. For more information, see:

http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sm_08_008.aspx.

Department of Justice

The Office on Violence Against Women has announced guidance for the Education, Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program for FY 2007. The goal of this program is to create sustainable, systematic change that will result in effective services for individuals with disabilities who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Funding will be provided for projects that support education, cross training, capacity building and the establishment of multi-disciplinary teams at the local level. There is approximately \$600,000 available. All deadlines for letters of intent must be submitted by January 31, 2008 and all applications are due February 28, 2008. For more information see:

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/disabilities-conceptpapers011508.pdf>.



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January 18, 2008

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JAN 22 2008
CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Dana Roper
City Attorney, City of Lincoln
575 S 10 St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Roper:

This note is to respond to your recent call about Aquila including a bill insert from a local heating and plumbing contractor with its November 2007 gas bills.

A local contractor approached us last May – we didn't solicit this – about advertising in our gas bills. We agreed to a pilot with that company's insert, for a price, in the spirit of partnership and overall support of natural gas.

The insert ran for one month, in November, and we are now evaluating the pilot. We do not have any other outside inserts running now nor are any planned or scheduled. I can't say whether we will do this again or not because the evaluation isn't yet finished. We will let you know the outcome of our analysis when completed.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at 437-1865, or Don Nordell at 437-1779.

With best regards,

Alan Hersch

Cc: Lincoln City Council

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JANUARY 23, 2008

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
 FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER
 SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business December 31, 2007:

Balance Forward	\$	\$218,945,087.23
Plus Total Debits December 1-31, 2007	\$	\$23,918,716.46
Less Total Credits December 1-31, 2007	\$	(\$31,823,735.99)
Cash Balance on December 31, 2007	\$	\$211,040,067.70

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

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	\$5,698,679.24
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(\$77,342.17)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	(\$5,991.15)
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$3,291.62
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$59,620.25
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$133,248.38
West Gate Bank	\$	(\$15,028.38)
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$29,457,109.23
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$175,758,390.47
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$28,090.21
Total Cash on Hand December 31, 2007	\$	\$211,040,067.70

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

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$23,314,224.99 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Joan E. Ross
 Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



Melinda Jones
 Melinda Jones, City Treasurer

**CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007**

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7UU6	12/01/2009	\$1,191,991.00	\$29,880.37	1.02	\$30,518.40
FHLMC GOLD POOL A61256	3128KRMD3	11/01/2036	\$3,168,920.00	\$3,042,158.70	1.01	\$3,064,604.05
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/2033	\$500,000.00	\$271,692.37	0.96	\$261,708.03
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/2032	\$3,100,000.00	\$1,454,431.59	0.96	\$1,402,693.82
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/2025	\$1,600,000.00	\$25,471.87	1.02	\$25,934.92
FHLMC 3015 HF	31395XN68	08/15/2035	\$8,095,000.00	\$7,002,314.07	0.96	\$6,719,070.47
FNMA FNCL 703944	31401CBM4	05/01/2033	\$8,365,000.00	\$4,081,551.35	0.96	\$3,931,559.64
FNMA FNARM 725674	31402DFP0	07/01/2034	\$7,285,000.00	\$4,392,442.01	0.98	\$4,295,333.47
FNMA POOL 725772	31402DJR2	09/01/2034	\$8,500,000.00	\$5,816,127.21	0.96	\$5,599,118.20
FNMA POOL 761335	31403XY82	04/01/2019	\$7,275,000.00	\$4,287,558.28	0.97	\$4,171,771.48
FNMA FNCL 805211	31406BR85	01/01/2035	\$3,520,000.00	\$2,802,990.19	0.93	\$2,614,674.93
USBANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$52,600,911.00	\$33,206,618.01		\$32,116,987.41
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	08/20/2032	\$30,800,000.00	\$2,195,691.34		\$2,300,338.21
WELLS FARGO BANK NE		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$30,800,000.00	\$2,195,691.34		\$2,300,338.21
FHLB 4.00	3133XAT56	03/10/2008	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00		
FHLB 4.30%	3133XBNR2	04/18/2008	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00		
UNION BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00		
FHLB 4.10%	3133X8SD5	10/13/2009	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
FHLB 4.00%	3133X4NY3	06/25/2009	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00		
FHLB 3.75%	3133MVNP4	02/06/2008	\$833,333.33	\$833,333.33		
CORNHUSKER BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$3,033,333.33	\$3,033,333.33		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/2009	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB STEP UP 5.0%	3133X5C97	03/25/2011	\$2,000,000.00			
WEST GATE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$4,000,000.00			
FHLB DISCOUNT NOTE	313384TC3/001	02/15/2008	\$22,000,000.00	\$22,000,000.00		
TIER ONE BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$22,000,000.00	\$22,000,000.00		



Jon Camp
<campjon@aol.com>
01/18/2008 09:17 AM

To tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Fwd: City spending -

Tammy:

Please add this to our future distribution list

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-7515
Haymarket Square Office: 474-1838

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

From: Richard Blair <lobo7341@windstream.net>
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Mon, 14 Jan 2008 6:58 am
Subject: City spending -

Dear Mr. Camp,

I am concerned about the City using more than 1 million dollars to help study a proposed arena. I ask that you please consider having the individuals (Vision 2015) locate the additional funds needed for the study. This study is not a city responsibility.

We have have numerous city roads in disrepair, we are laying off city employees, because of lack of funding, we have a new ice rink the city now has a responsibility for...how much is enough? How many employees will the city lay off to pay for these new expenditures? If a new arena is built - how many years will it take to make up the million dollars, plus interest?

I question whether this is good business.

Thank you
Richard Blair
7341 Forbes Drive
Lincoln NE, 68516

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Jon Camp
<campjon@aol.com>
01/20/2008 11:38 AM

To tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Fwd: InterLinc: Council Feedback

Tammy:

Please put on appropriate list.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-7515
Haymarket Square Office: 474-1838

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

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
To: Jon Camp <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Sat, 19 Jan 2008 9:45 am
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for Jon Camp Name:
Allan Amsberry Address: 2030 Pinedale Ave City: Lincoln,
Nebraska 68506 Phone: 402-483-6144 Fax: Email:
aamsberry@neb.rr.com Comment or Question: Selling the
facility to Mariotte. Doesn't the city need to advertise
property for sale? Was that done on this property? I find it
strange the city spends almost 1 million for the corner of 48th
and O yet can only get 1/2 million for this nice facility. How
do these decisions get made. I thought the O Street gang had
been disassembled. I'm totally opposed to the Convention Center
as I see it being a money pit on a continuation basis. Why
doesn't anyone talk of the costs of con-
tinuing maintenance of the facility? Omaha has to go to the
legislature for money to operate the Quest Center and it is
considered one of the most efficient in the country. What is
proposed for Lincoln is no larger than the Devaney Center.
Can't Lincoln and UNL come to some relationship to use only
Devaney or is it the intent to tear down Devaney when the new
Convention Center is built? People from Lincoln will go to
Omaha due to all the metroplex offers. I'm not thinking that
the opposite is true. I don't think people from Omaha will come
to Lincoln, unless it is for the Cornhusker football games.
Lincoln is small and not able to compete with Omaha and when is
that basic premise going to be accepted. there are a fair
amount of us property owners that will vote against the
Convention Center. We may not have all attended the

presentations of the Vision 2015 group, however we do know how to vote in the ballot box. We just can't stand any more! increases in our property taxes. You are encouraged to bring these thoughts to the Council's discussions.

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Angie Renae
<angierenae@yahoo.com>

01/17/2008 03:35 PM

Please respond to
angierenae@yahoo.com

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Time Warner Cable

Once again, I'm waiting to hear about Time Warner Cable and whether they intend to credit anyone. Has anything come from this yet?? Heck, our cable box STILL doesn't work 100% of the time. We've had tech after tech come to our house. The last comment made by the tech was "gee, you don't have good luck - don't play the lottery". I complain and complain, and NOTHING gets done. I also just noticed in my January bill that they have INCREASED their rates by \$5.00!!! Five dollars I have to pay more for a service that is nothing but a bunch of bologna and BS. Please do something about TWC. They are scamming the City of Lincoln.

Sincerely,
Angie Bringenberg

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<none@lincoln.ne.gov>
01/21/2008 12:35 AM

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

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Andrea Dickey
Address: 7801 Lake Street
City: Lincoln, NE, 68506
Phone: 327-9555
Fax:
Email: andreasmileon@earthlink.net

Comment or Question:

I am writing to let you that I do not agree with LES asking for yet another rate increase. I would like you to vote against the 5.5 percent increase. Aren't the programs they are wanting to fund with this increase something they should have already been planning for and budgeting to pay for with the profits they already make? I do not have a problem with them increasing fees for Customer/Developer Aid to Construction and temporary service fees, but I do have a problem with across the board rate hikes. Maybe instead of trying to fund 3 programs at once pick one and figure out how to pay for it using the profits they already receive.

I'm curious in the past 10 years how many times has the council denied an LES request for a rate hike or temporary fee to be added? And in regards to the programs that they want to finance with this increase, what do they mean by they want to "work" on a more comprehensive renewable energy program? What is their plan for a more comprehensive program? Did we not have a temporary rate increase in 1998-99 for three years for a renewable energy program? And is it absolutely necessary to have a new power generation/transmission facility and why is 2.4 million not enough money to have in their rate stabilization fund after you transfer 2 million?

And another thing why is Mr. Moseman asking the board to have late fees dropped from his personal account and asking to be reimbursed. I think that is out of line and is not acceptable behavior for a council member. How flexible with late fees would he like LES to be? If you start doing it for 1 person then it would only be fair to give it to everyone. If Mr. Moseman votes yes for the rate hike and gets his fees dropped this would make me wonder.

You might think what is the big deal it is only \$3.50 a month, but for families that are already struggling to make ends meet it is a big deal. If you add it to everything else that has gone up in price it is a big deal. Our country is in a recession and people only received a 3 percent wage increase last year and are enduring a 16 percent overall rate increase with everything that has gone up. At this time how can you ask people to pay more.

I would also like to know how much of a wage increase and bonus did Mr. Bundy receive last year and what will his increase be this year? Maybe LES could look at other ways of funding their programs instead of asking for a rate hike.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Andrea Dickey



"Lynn Darling"
<waterLynn@msn.com>
01/21/2008 02:10 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject: renewable behavior

I am sorry I am not free to come to the hearing on the city wide renewable thinking and behavior. YES, have a city wide celebration to get everyone to think florescent, to think savings, to change behaviors through education. San Francisco (I think it was) had a BIG city wide party evolving as many businesses as possible. It was grand! Businesses told how they were cutting back on so many electric advertisement signs, all lighted billboards are turned off at 10:30 or 11:00 PM and back on at 6:00 AM.

While traveling out of the USA I have seen so many ways to save--no heating of the hotel and motel hallways, your door key card slips in a slot on the wall inside the room to turn on the electricity in the room, (no utilities left running), all lighting is dimmed in hallways and lobbies at night, etc... AND require franchise businesses to get on board. There were many more ideas they used. I'm sure we could come up with even more. EDUCATE and have FUN at the same time. Start with your own homes and businesses and city buildings. Enact regulations that require green building codes and to leave green space for increased livability for the community. WE are a horribly addictive society. We desperately need mandatory recycling of all our garbage, household waste and especially construction waste!!! Think incinerator power plant.

"IF" we care for our future we HAVE to start NOW!!! (yesterday)

Lynn Darling 2601 SW 23 Lincoln

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

1/22/08

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As sure as the sun comes up in the east and sets in the west, you have managed to "find" 1.2 million dollars to fund a study of your favorite boondoggle project, namely THE ARENA. This in the face of your crying "poor" in 2007 when you cut the budget of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging. You said you couldn't afford to keep on feeding all those senior citizens so you cut out some congregate feeding sites. You said you couldn't afford the Lifetime Health and Forever Strong exercise program, so you cut staff and talked of putting it on the director's block.

Now, as if by magic, you find piles of money to pay for a "study". My, my, how convenient. After 35+ years of working for state and local governments in Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Nebraska, I thought I saw all of the kinds of political mischief there was, but your action tops them all in terms of blatant crassness and outright stupidity. Remember, you are doing this on the backs of senior citizens who paid the taxes to send

you to school, build the roads you now
drive on and yes even ^{paid} ~~paid~~ to build the
building you currently occupy - and this
is how you reward their hard work.
Shame!

As a way of redeeming yourselves and
restoring some sense of social justice to
city government, I have the following
recommendations to make:

First, that you restore the Lincoln Area
Agency on Aging budget to the pre-Beuter
era so that important lost services can
be returned. I also suggest that you read
the federal 1984 Older Americans Act to see
what your responsibilities are as a
governance board.

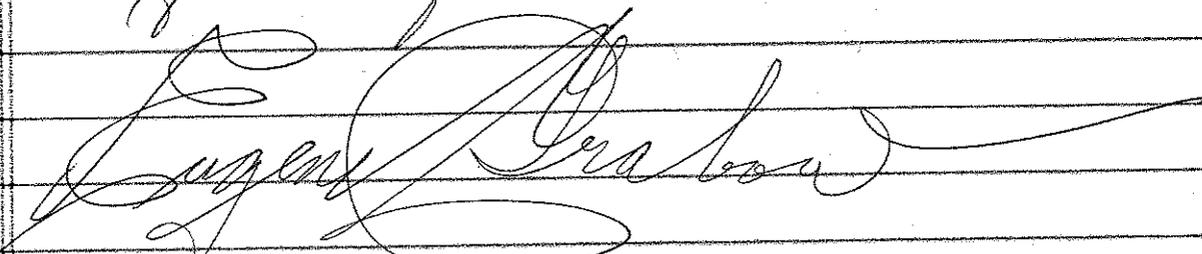
Second, on an annual basis, that you
fund a county-city wide gerontological
social research study to determine needed
present and future services. It should be
carried out by an independent qualified
agency to prevent any governmental
interference. You will need to follow
their recommendations.

In case you haven't been following
national trends, the Baby Boomer
generation is about to hit the age of 60
years old. That means that demand for

Lincoln Area Agency on Aging services will explode and you cannot look the other way.

Third, it is your responsibility as elected officials to provide the necessary funding for the anticipated demand for aging services which will be due to this increase in population cohort. No more sleight of hand and "now you see it, now you don't" shell games.

Finally, don't bother to reply by sending me form letters written by your staff, since I find them insulting to my intelligence.



Eugene C. Grabow
3008 Chisholm Place
Lincoln, NE 68516

c: Lincoln Area Agency on Aging
Seniors Foundation

Tammy J Grammer/Notes

01/24/2008 08:40 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes

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Subject Fw: InterLinc: Council Feedback

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 01/24/2008 08:37 AM -----



InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Cynthia Peterson
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City: Lincoln, NE 68510
Phone: 402-488-9344
Fax:
Email: cpeterson15@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:

I've lived at Willowcreek Apartments (70th & Teton Drive area) in a ground floor unit for a number of years. Today, I was notified that I was in violation of City of Lincoln code regarding open-flame cooking devices. As recently as last summer you addressed this very issue and pointed to the haphazard enforcement. Well, the haphazard enforcement continues. Even the JournalStar took notice in an editorial on 6/21/07, "The current haphazard enforcement of the ban in Lincoln isn't doing much to decrease overall risk in the city, judging by the number of grills that can be seen on apartment decks. It would take consistent enforcement to achieve fire safety goals and educate the public. If more people knew about the ban... A grill aficionado might look for a ground-level unit with a concrete patio, for example." Well, I have a concrete patio, and that doesn't seem to make any difference.

Perhaps there is a risk with grills on patios -- particularly charcoal grills -- but I'm not sure it's any riskier to grill on a covered gas grill sitting on a concrete slab, than it is to have a fire in the wood-burning fireplace that, in the many, many years I've lived here, has never been serviced by a chimney sweep -- creosote buildup, and its inherent risk, is a real likelihood. Why not mandate chimney sweeping and enforce it? I'm really ticked off by this grill thing!

I'm a responsible older adult. I'm fully insured. I practice good common sense. I only use my grill 7-8 times a year. Yet I receive notice that in the middle of winter, I need to get the grill off my cement patio because my landlord has received notice of violation of city code "prohibiting use or storage of charcoal and gas grills on balconies and patios." What about decks of joined townhomes? Are they similarly covered by this ordinance? Fire can spread just as easily sideways as upwards.

In a time of limited budget funds, isn't there a better use of an inspector's time than looking for barbeque grills on cement patios?

Perhaps we should also regulate how long a homeowner can use their fireplace during any given cold stretch -- wasn't there just recently a fire caused from a chimney that was overheated due to prolonged use? The possibilities for this expanding this existing ordinance are endless.

Let's either consistely enforce this law across the board or get it off the books. In the meantime, I need somewhere to store my grill and someone to move it for me (in this sub-zero weather)... any volunteers?

/C. S. Peterson

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United States Senate

JAN 24 2008

CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

January 9, 2008

The Honorable Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
555 South Tenth Street, Suite 208
Lincoln, NE 68508-2810

Dear Mayor Beutler:

Now that Congress has adjourned for the first session of the 110th Congress, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of our accomplishments which will directly benefit the City of Lincoln.

As you know, in 2007, I was pleased to accept an assignment on the Appropriations Committee, putting me in a unique position to work with local Nebraska officials to ensure that our state's priorities are being recognized in the United States Senate. Lincoln, in particular, will see a lot of investment – more than \$40 million – from the federal government via the Congressional earmarking process over the next 9 months. The following projects represent some of those receiving funding:

- **Antelope Valley Flood Damage Reduction: \$8,426,000**
- **Antelope Valley Transportation Improvements: \$490,000**
- **Antelope Valley Community Revitalization: \$176,400**
- **Wastewater Treatment Improvements at Theresa and Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plants: \$590,640**
- **Western Sarpy-Clear Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project: \$936,000**
- **University of Nebraska-Lincoln: \$18.3 million, including the following:**
 - ◊ \$5 million for the High-Energy Laser for Detection, Inspection and Non-Destructive Testing project;
 - ◊ \$1.9 million for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources;
 - ◊ \$1.8 million for the Space and Telecommunications Law Degree program;
 - ◊ \$1.4 million for the Agricultural Research Service facility on East Campus; and
 - ◊ \$656,000 for the Nebraska Innovation Center (Whittier)
- **University of Nebraska Medical Center's 21st Century Environment for Nursing facility (located in Lincoln): \$95,305**
- **Nebraska National Guard Add/Alter Security Forces and Communications facility: \$8,900,000**
- **CEDARS Children's Crisis Center and Emergency Shelter Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth: \$462,250**
- **Transcrypt International, Advanced Wireless Encryption Module: \$2,400,000**

Additionally, the Nebraska State Patrol will receive \$587,500 for its statewide methamphetamine initiative; and the Nebraska Hospital Association will receive \$454,911 for its statewide telehealth network, an interactive video and data network providing integration among the hospitals, public health departments, public health laboratories, and other entities across the entire state of Nebraska.

Another project on which I continue to work is the Joint Forces Headquarters. As you know, this will be a \$25+ million emergency operations center in Lincoln for the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Nebraska National Guard, and a communications unit from the Nebraska State Patrol. A \$2 million Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant – tied to a \$640,000 appropriation from the Nebraska Legislature, the state's financing portion of the project – came within a week of being rescinded last summer. However, after working with then-Adjutant General Roger Lempke, NEMA Assistant Director Al Berndt, and officials at FEMA, we were able to prevent the rescission; and NEMA and the Nebraska National Guard have since begun using the funding. Together, we prevented a loss of \$2.6 million for an excellent project and a beautiful new facility in Lincoln; and I look forward to working with Adjutant General Timothy Kadavy and NEMA to finalize funding for the Joint Forces Headquarters over the coming years.

Congress also considered a number of larger policy and funding issues which will significantly impact the City of Lincoln. We passed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Not only is this legislation essential to flood control projects, ecosystem restoration projects, and other similar water and environmental projects for Nebraska, it will also ensure that our nation's waterways are updated and properly maintained. With the help of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, I was able to provide an additional authorization for the Western Sarpy-Clear Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project included in WRDA. The authorized level of funding will cover cost increases due to those real estate, project design, conservation measures, and project management and administration costs which have changed since the first project estimate was prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers prior to the WRDA 2000 authorization. The purpose of this project is to construct a levee system along the Platte River near Ashland, which will, among other things, protect the City of Lincoln's water supply by preventing ice jams and flooding which can wash out transmission pipes. You undoubtedly recall when just this type of event occurred in 1993, interrupting Lincoln's supply.

On another note, Congress did not heed the President's budget request to reduce funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) by nearly 20 percent. I am happy to report that the Consolidated Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) contains \$3.6 billion for the CDBG program, approximately \$600 million more than the President requested. I believe this investment is important to our local communities. As you know all too well, CDBG funds help stimulate the economy, create jobs, add affordable housing, and assist low-income and homeless individuals and families. For every dollar in CDBG funds provided by the federal government, \$8 are leveraged in other private and public investments. As Nebraska's Governor, I learned firsthand the value of CDBG funds because, in a sparsely populated state such as ours, it is

critical to bring in outside money to help us grow. Here in Washington, I have fought to ensure the program continues to be funded at a fair level and will continue to do so.

I was also pleased to see some positive developments to aid the City's law enforcement and emergency response personnel. Despite the challenges of this year's appropriations process, we were able to restore one important aspect of state and local law enforcement funding: the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) hiring program. Together with several of my colleagues, I co-sponsored an amendment to include \$110 million for the "COPS on the Beat" hiring program. Although I was disappointed in the final overall level of funding for some state and local programs, including the cuts to Byrne grant funding, I am pleased that at least some money was allocated to the COPS hiring program for the first time since FY05.

Finally, as you may know, last year Congress passed H.R. 1, the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007. A prominent feature of this legislation was a revision of several U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant programs, including the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). A major aspect of this legislation that I was active in promoting included fighting to maintain per-state minimum allocations of SHSGP funding. After extensive debate on this issue, a responsible per-state minimum allocation for SHSGP was preserved. Some of my colleagues fought to allocate this funding based entirely on risk, with little or no minimum guarantee for less populous states such as Nebraska; but the final 9/11 legislation preserved the per-state minimums in a manner preventing Nebraska from seeing a drastic drop in funding compared with FY07 levels.

I appreciate the City of Lincoln's input and assistance throughout this past year and look forward to working with you and the City Council during the second session of the 110th Congress to pursue policies and projects which will further contribute to a strong and prosperous capital city.

Sincerely,



E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senator

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cc: Lincoln City Council members

**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008**

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln Celebration Set For February 12-Event to feature "Abraham Lincoln in Song".
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Deadline Approaches For Arts Awards Nominations.
3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of January 26 through February 1, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.
4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Antelope Valley Project Moving Forward - Tree removal begins soon; Council to be briefed.
5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Tree Mulch Now Available.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

PLANNING

1. Memo from Marvin Krout - RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment #07002 - Deadmans Run Watershed Master Plan.

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 25, 2008

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

LINCOLN CELEBRATION SET FOR FEBRUARY 12

Event to feature "Abraham Lincoln in Song"

The City's eighth annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration is set for the evening of Tuesday, February 12 at Lincoln High School Auditorium, 2229 "J" Street. The free celebration will feature Illinois musician Chris Vallillo in a program called "Abraham Lincoln in Song." Doors will open at 6 p.m., and Lincoln musician Chris Sayre will perform at 6:30 p.m. Vallillo will take the stage at 7 p.m. All children and students attending will receive free souvenirs. Area Civil War re-enactors in authentic uniforms will mingle with the crowd and answer questions. .

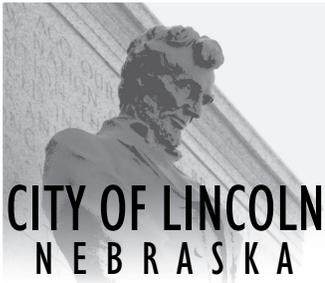
The celebration is sponsored by the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau with support from the Nebraska Humanities Council and Lincoln Benefit Life.

Vallillo researched and created "Abraham Lincoln in Song" in 2005 under the auspices of the Illinois Humanities Council. He uses historical narratives, contemporary folk music and period folk songs to bring Lincoln and his era to life. He has presented the program at locations throughout the Midwest, including the Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site. Vallillo currently serves as the Illinois State Scholar for the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition on roots music. He is a member of the Illinois Arts Council's Artists in Education and Artstour rosters, the Illinois Humanities Council's Road Scholars Speakers Bureau and Arts Midwest's Performing Arts Fund.

Sayre has performed at all seven of the City's previous Lincoln celebrations. He is self taught on more than a dozen instruments, and has dedicated more than 25 years to the performance and promotion of traditional and contemporary folk music. He has performed nationally at more than 1,000 schools and is in his 20th season in the Artists in Schools/Communities Program, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council.

The Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration has traditionally been held on a Sunday afternoon. The organizing committee changed the format this year to allow more time to prepare for the 2009 event. The nation will celebrate Lincoln's 200th birthday next year, and the local committee is planning a four-day event from February 12 through 15, 2009.

More information is available by calling 441-7831. Vallillo's Web site is www.chrisvallillo.com.



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MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 25, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 434-2787

DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR ARTS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) reminds the community that there are only three weeks remaining to submit nominations for the 30th annual Mayor's Arts Awards. The awards will be presented by the LAC the **evening of Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts**. The Mayor's Arts Awards program formally recognizes artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. Union Bank and Trust Company will again be the presenting sponsor.

Nomination forms are available by calling the LAC at 434-2787 or printing a form from the LAC Web site: www.artscene.org. A list of previous winners also is available at that Web site. **The nomination deadline is February 15, 2008.**

The award categories are:

- The **Arts Organization Award** recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Youth** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts.
- The **Gladys Lux Education Award** recognizes special initiatives or dedication to arts education.
- The **Heart of the Arts Award** recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln.
- The **Cultural Celebration Award** will now be presented in even-numbered years. It recognizes artistic work that has fostered an appreciation of a specific culture or cultures through the arts. (The **Outstanding Event Award** will now be presented in odd-numbered years.)

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Mayor's Arts Awards

January 25, 2008

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- The **Halcyon Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award** honors an individual, family, organization or business making significant financial contributions to the arts in Lincoln.
- The **Oliva "Arts for Kids" Award** honors an individual from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children.
- The **Literary Heritage Award** recognizes a writer or individual who promotes excellence in writing and literature in Nebraska.
- The **Larry Enersen Award** recognizes outstanding urban design in Lincoln.

A **Mayor's Choice Award** will also be presented.

The year's award will be created by jewelry artist Sydney Lynch, who won the 2007 Mayor's Arts Award for Artistic Achievement - Visual Arts.

The public also is encouraged to submit names of members of the Lincoln arts community who have died since the last awards ceremony in June 2007 for memorial recognition at the event.



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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Date: January 25, 2008

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of January 26 through February 1, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, January 26

- Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance, Meet Your Elected Officials and Neighborhood Hero Award presentation - 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2723 N. 50th St.

Monday, January 28

- Interview on KIBZ-104.1 The Blaze - 9:30 a.m., Three Eagles Communications, 3800 Cornhusker Hwy.

Tuesday, January 29

- Boy Scout blood drive recognition, remarks - 4:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, January 30

- West Haymarket Action Team update for elected officials - 1:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 S. 10th St.
- R. Lynn Wilson retirement reception, remarks - 5 p.m., Country Club of Lincoln ballroom, 3200 S. 24th St.

Thursday, January 31

- KLIN Morning Show - 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House, 4343 "O" St.
- News conference on Earned Income Tax Credit, remarks - 10 a.m., Bennett Martin Library, 14th and "N" streets
- North 27th Street Business Association annual meeting, remarks - 7 p.m., CEDARS Northbridge Community Center, 1533 N. 27th St.

Friday, February 1

- "Go Red for Women" luncheon, remarks and proclamation - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 25, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Wayne Teten, Antelope Valley Manager, 441-4939

J.J. Yost, Parks and Recreation, 441-8255

Glenn Johnson, Lower Platte South NRD, 441-2729

ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

Tree removal begins soon; Council to be briefed

The Lincoln City Council will be briefed Monday, January 28 on the progress of the Antelope Valley Project, which has now moved south of "O" Street. The pre-council session will begin at 4:45 p.m. in Room 113 at the County City Building, 555 S. 10th St. The session will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV, the government access cable channel.

Work could begin as early as Monday on the removal of trees between "J" and "S" streets. About 120 trees along the future Antelope Creek channel will be removed, and another 45 trees will be removed for construction of the new "J" Street bridge and the Lewis Ballfield parking lot. The remaining tree stumps will be about three feet tall. This helps the grading contractor with full removal during the later grading of the channel and makes the process less costly. The trees are being removed now to prevent disruption of birds during nesting season.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers' plans call for planting 432 new trees throughout the project from Salt Creek to "J" Street. More than half of the trees will be planted between Vine and "J" streets.

Antelope Valley is a flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization project in the core of the City. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope). This Web site will have the most current information regarding the construction schedule and traffic accommodations.

For more information, you may contact J.J. Yost, City Parks and Recreation Department, at 441-8255 or Glenn Johnson, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, at 476-2729.



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 28, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043

TREE MULCH NOW AVAILABLE

The City Recycling Office said today that free wood chips from the City's annual holiday tree recycling program are now available at the City's tree recycling sites through February 10.

This year, the holiday tree recycling program collected about 2,850 trees. Since the program began in 1987, the City has recycled more than 173,900 trees.

"I want to thank citizens for again taking their trees to the recycling sites," said Gene Hanlon, City Recycling Coordinator. "The success of the tree recycling program depends on community cooperation and the support of several other organizations. Members of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association collect trees at the curb. The City's Parks and Recreation and Public Works and Utilities Department's, Mr. Amoto Tree Services and the Lincoln Electric System all play key roles in the program."

The Woodchip mulch must be self-loaded. It can be picked up at the following sites:

- Ballard Park, 3901 North 66th St.
- Oak Lake Park, 1st Street, three blocks south of Cornhusker Highway
- Holmes Lake Park, parking lot west of the north softball field
- Sawyer-Snell Park, 2nd and South streets, west of the Fire Department Building
- Tierra Park, 29th and Tierra Drive
- Woods Park, 31st and "J" streets, southeast corner of the parking lot

Any wood chips remaining after February 10 will be taken to the City's composting operation and composted. For more information regarding the holiday tree recycling program or the City's recycling program in general, see the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle), or call the City Recycling Information Hotline at 441-8215.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board 

FROM: Marvin Krout, Planning Director

SUBJECT: *Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 07002
Deadmans Run Watershed Master Plan*

DATE: January 28, 2008

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Attached for your information is a copy of the Factsheet for Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 07002, which is scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on Monday, February 11, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

This proposed amendment is within the regulatory jurisdiction of the City Council and is being routed to the County Commissioners for your information; no County Board hearing or action is required.

If you have questions on this amendment, please feel free to contact Nicole Fleck-Tooze of Public Works & Utilities (441-6173) or Sara Hartzell in the Planning Department (441-6372).

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