

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL**

**MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor's proposed budget maintains core services.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents June Award of Excellence to a team from StarTran, Colin Clark and Toni Kent.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to welcome Special Olympics torch to Lincoln.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Open house set on road improvements. Construction to begin Monday, July 19.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference, Thursday, July 15, at 9:30 a.m., at the entrance to the Haymarket Parking Garage, 9<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets, to announce new downtown parking initiatives.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Parking initiatives include first hour free in garages.

**DIRECTORS**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Heat advisory alert.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for Thursday, July 15, 2010.
2. The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for Thursday, July 15, 2010.
3. Administrative Amendments approved by the Planning Director from July 6, 2010 through July 12, 2010.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Action by the Planning Commission, July 14, 2010.
2. Final Action, July 14, 2010.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING**

1. ADVISORY. "A" Street; 70<sup>th</sup> Street - Imperial Drive stimulus project.
2. ADVISORY. Arterial rehabilitation project #540014. "A" Street; 27<sup>th</sup> Street - Capitol Parkway.
3. ADVISORY. Sidewalk repair advisory. Neighborhood sidewalk repair project. Near South Neighborhood. 24<sup>th</sup> Street - 27<sup>th</sup> Street, South Street - A Street, Project #702368.

### **III. COUNCIL RFI'S AND CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

#### **DOUG EMERY**

1. Letter from Court Monroe showing support for the proposed gun range at the Helen Boosalis Park.

### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL**

1. Letter from Marilynn Andreasoen stating reasons why the nine Public Service Officers should retain their positions. (Each Council Member received individual letter)
2. Letter from William Lewis highly suggesting that the City of Lincoln retain the Public Service Officers. (Each Council Member received individual letter)
3. Message from Russell Irwin, President of Clinton Neighborhood Organization, urging the Mayor and City Council to restore the Forester position and the two Arborist positions in the City's budget.
4. Letter from Amy Greving strongly opposing elimination of the City Forester and two Certified Arborist positions.
5. Letter from John McGreer asking how is it a savings for Lincoln to replace the Public Service Officers? It will dilute the ranks of the Lincoln Police and decrease the abilities of an already strained Police Department.(Each Council Member received letter)
6. Email from Deb Catherall requesting reconsideration of eliminating bus routes which help people get to work, school, and shopping.
7. Email from Keith Dubas opposing the Mayor's proposal to cut the City Forester and arborists in the City's budget.
8. Letter from Carrie Erks stating reasons why the nine (9) Public Service Officers positions should not be eliminated.
9. Email from Darryll and Theresa Pederson stating reasons why the City Forester and the Arboretum positions should not be eliminated due to safety reasons and the well being of the City of Lincoln.
10. Email from June Russell writing in support of the positions of City Forester and certified Arborist. Need positions to fight the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in the next one to three years.
11. Email from Dan Russell in support of maintaining the position of the City Forester and the two Arborist positions, and stating reasons why Lincoln needs their experience.
12. InterLinc correspondence from Todd Cuddy in support of StarTran. Riders should be rewarded not punished with eliminated routes and reduced service.
13. InterLinc correspondence from Roxanne Juracek regarding the fire and rescue response times in Lincoln. Did give a personal experience.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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**CITY OF LINCOLN**  
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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

**FOR RELEASE AT 5 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010**

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

### **MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS CORE SERVICES**

Mayor Chris Beutler says his proposed budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year reflects three strategic priorities: maintain the quality of life, support the local economy as the national economy recovers and increase City sales tax revenues. The Mayor will present his budget to the City Council at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 12 in the City Council Chambers. The tax-funded budget totals \$139.7 million, a 3.6 percent increase over the current year's budget.

"The average budget increase for my first three budgets was 1.3 percent," Beutler said. "That is well below inflation, and I would wager, lower than virtually any governmental entity during the same time period. Those past cuts make it more difficult to find cuts in this year's budget."

The Mayor said the increase of \$4.9 million in the tax-funded budget is necessary to maintain core services. Personnel costs make up about 70 percent of the budget, and the Mayor said the State's Commission on Industrial Relations (CIR) creates pressure for increased wages. "While the system does provide some stability and prevents strikes, it also takes away much of the control we have over salaries and benefits," he said.

In his four budgets, the Mayor has cut 130 positions (net), a 5.8 percent decrease in the City workforce and a savings of \$5.7 million dollars. "Through reorganization, cooperative agreements with providers, the use of technology and other ingenious solutions from our City employee, we have been able to minimize the impacts of those cuts on the public," he said. "City Hall has done more with less, and I am proud of our increased efficiency and quality."

The City's property tax rate will remain unchanged at 28.8 cents per \$100,000 in assessed valuation. The owner of an average \$150,000 home can expect to pay \$431.82 in annual City property tax, which is only about 14.3 percent of the total property tax bill. The City's property tax rate has decreased 44 percent since 1993 and is one of the lowest among Nebraska's 15 largest cities..

"The theory of the growth dividend is that increased revenue from growth helps provide for increased services," Beutler said. "The City levy has actually been lowered when property valuations have risen. Lincoln has used the growth dividend largely for tax relief, and the results are beginning to show in areas like infrastructure and emergency response."

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Property taxes and sales taxes make up about 70 percent of City revenue. Beutler said the slow growth of sales tax receipts places increasing pressure on the property tax. "We anticipate the arena project will stimulate sales tax growth as construction begins, but we also must have new business growth and expansion of existing businesses," he said.

To balance the budget, the Mayor has reduced General Fund spending by \$2 million; increased cost recovery through user fees by \$500,000; and transferred about \$657,000 to other funds. The Mayor also is proposing the use of about \$3.8 million in one-time revenues, including a transfer of \$3.5 million from the Special Assessment Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund.

"I have long cautioned that the City's structural budget deficit can not be addressed with one-time funds, and that is why we have used this solution sparingly in my past three budgets," Beutler said. "But the stakes are simply too high to let the principle override the practical. Without the infusion of considerable one-time money, the City can no longer provide core services to the community. Hard times are the reason we initiated a Cash Reserve Fun in last year's budget - to preserve programs and keep pressure off taxpayers."

Beutler said the revenue increases allow for the following programs and services to be maintained:

- About \$3.5 million in police services involving 64 officers
- Pool hours at Star City Shores, University Place, Woods and Highlands
- Maintenance for 25 community parks and 78 neighborhood parks
- The community forestry program
- The Health Homes outreach program for pregnant women
- The therapeutic recreation program at Easterday
- Evening and weekend hours at recreation centers
- The kenneling contract with the Capitol Humane Society

"My budget proposal for 2010-2011 allows us to maintain the core programs that mean so much to our community identity," Beutler said. "Maintaining our quality of life is essential if we are to take advantage of new opportunities as the national recession ends."



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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** July 12, 2010

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

### MAYOR PRESENTS JUNE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

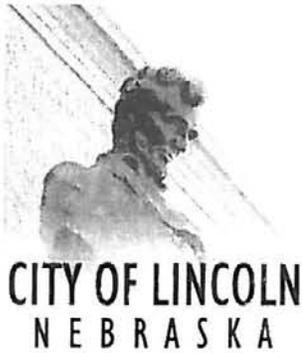
Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for June to a team from StarTran – bus operators Colin Clark and Toni Kent. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting. Clark has worked for the City since 2005 and Kent since 2007. Bus operator Dennis Newman nominated them in the category of customer relations for their assistance to a passenger.

Kent was dropping off the last of her passengers downtown when a man approached the bus and asked about going to a destination on "O" Street. Kent told the man that she was out of service, but another bus would arriving in 30 minutes. The man then began to weep and explained that he had just received word that his mother was about to pass away at the nursing home. He had no other transportation and feared the next bus might not get him there in time. Kent had already decided to take the man in her personal vehicle when she saw Clark in his vehicle across the street. She radioed him and explained the situation. Clark agreed to take the man to the nursing home to see his mother.

Newman writes, "I suspect that the man will long remember the kindness of these two dedicated City employees. In my opinion, they are deserving of the Mayor's Award of Excellence, and it makes me proud to know that I work side by side with such great people."

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are productivity, loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available on the City Web site at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** July 12, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547  
Sgt. Jeri Roeder, Lincoln Police Department, 450-1316

### PUBLIC INVITED TO WELCOME SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH TO LINCOLN

Mayor Chris Beutler today invited area residents to help welcome the Special Olympics' "Flame of Hope" to Lincoln at a ceremony at **4:30 p.m. Friday, July 16** on the **north steps of the State Capitol Building**. The Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run began Sunday, July 11 at Iowa State University in Ames, site of the last USA National Games in 2006. The 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games will take place in Lincoln from Sunday, July 18 through Friday, July 23.

The Final Leg team will include 110 law enforcement runners, Special Olympics athletes and support team members.

Mayor Beutler, Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady, Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner and Colonel Bryan Tuma, Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety for the Nebraska State Patrol, will be among the speakers, along with two members of the Final Leg team – Lincoln Police Officer Chris Weber and Evan Davis, a Special Olympics athlete. Cheer and Dance Express will lead a pep rally and perform at the ceremony, which will be emceed by Brian Eckleberry, morning co-host on FROGGY 98 FM.

"The Special Olympics' Flame of Hope symbolizes the light of spirit, knowledge and life," said Lincoln Police Sgt. Jeri Roeder, a member of the Final Leg support team. "The flame is entrusted in the care of the law enforcement community, and it symbolizes the courage and celebration of diversity that the Special Olympics movement represents."

For more information on the Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, contact Final Leg Committee Chair and team captain Michael Teem at [mrteem@hotmail.com](mailto:mrteem@hotmail.com). More information on the Special Olympics is available at [2010specialolympics.org](http://2010specialolympics.org).



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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 13, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Holly Lionberger, Engineering Services, 441-8400  
Larry Duensing, Engineering Services, 441-8401

### **OPEN HOUSE SET ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

*Construction to begin Monday, July 19*

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, July 15 on three street improvement projects:

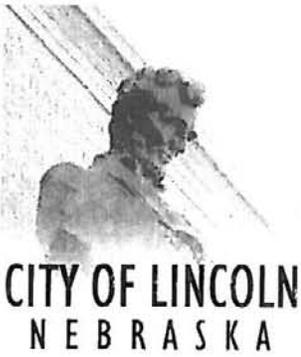
- "A" Street from 17th to 27th streets
- "A" Street from 27th Street to Capitol Parkway
- 27th Street from "A" to South streets

The meeting is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Antelope Park shelter, northeast of the Auld Recreation Center, 1650 Memorial Drive. The projects include street rehabilitation, traffic signal replacement and some sidewalk and ramp reconstruction.

Construction will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, July 19 with the closing of "A" Street from 27th to Capital Parkway. The detour route is 27th, South, 40th and "A." The Rock Island Trail also will be closed at "A" Street, and trail users will be detoured to the Billy Wolff Trail from Garfield to 27th streets. Trail access to the Children's Zoo will be maintained from 27th Street.

If the projects stay on schedule, the intersection of 27th and "A" streets and 27th Street from "A" to South streets will be closed August 2. Updates will be issued.

For more information on the open house, contact Holly Lionberger, Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-8400. For more information on the construction, contact Larry Duensing, Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-8401. Information on City street projects can be found on the City website at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: projects).



# NEWS ADVISORY

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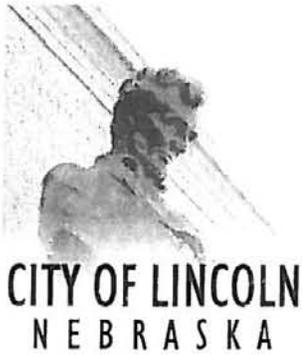
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**DATE:** July 14, 2010

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

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce new downtown parking initiatives at a news conference at **9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 15** at the entrance to the **Haymarket Parking Garage, 9th and "Q" streets**. Parking will be available in the garage. The Mayor will be joined by City Urban Development Director Dave Landis and representatives of the Downtown Lincoln Association.



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Dave Landis, Urban Development, 441-7606

Terry Uland, Downtown Lincoln Association, 434-6900

### **PARKING INITIATIVES INCLUDE FIRST HOUR FREE IN GARAGES**

*Improvements also include new high-tech meters and shopper zones*

Mayor Chris Beutler today kicked off the new First Hour Free program in downtown parking garages and displayed one of the new digital, solar-powered parking meters that may soon be installed. The City's downtown garages also now offer "shopper zones" on the lower levels for those parking for three hours or less.

"These improvements reflect a new approach to downtown parking – using it as an economic development tool to encourage more people to come downtown," said Mayor Beutler. "The goal is to make parking in downtown Lincoln a more positive experience with abundant, convenient and low-cost options."

The City-owned parking facilities and programs have been re-branded as "Park & Go," with new orange signage. The City operates 13 downtown facilities with a total capacity of more than 5,000 spaces. The First Hour Free program is available in all City-owned garages and the Iron Horse surface parking lot. The new parking meters scheduled to be installed this fall will allow users to pay for parking with their credit cards.

"For years we've heard, 'I never go downtown, it's too hard to park,'" said Dave Landis, Director of the City Urban Development Department. "These exciting changes are intended to accommodate downtown visitors and keep our parking rates among the lowest compared to comparably sized cities."

"Downtown Lincoln businesses are excited about the changes," said Terry Uland, President of the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA). "A new parking strategy has been a priority of DLA for a long time. The new initiatives are a great fit with the Downtown Master Plan completed a few years ago. It's great to see the years of study, community meetings and hard work on the parking issue pay off for businesses, residents and visitors."

Earlier steps taken by Beutler to improve downtown parking include the appointment of a Parking Advisory Council. Beutler also consolidated the entire parking system into the Urban Development Department. Functions had previously been handled by three other departments

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## **Downtown Parking**

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Earlier this month, the Mayor announced that downtown parking enforcement would be privatized, saving the City money and allowing for the adoption of a more customer-friendly “parking ambassador” strategy.

In addition to the parking facilities being planned in connection with the arena, two new garages are planned: another in the Haymarket and a new 650-stall facility on “Q” Street between 13th and 14th as part of the Urban 38 Group’s retail and housing development.

For more information on downtown parking, call City Parking Services at 441-6472 or visit [parkandgo.org](http://parkandgo.org). E-pay services include pre-paid, reserved event parking; monthly billing; the purchase and re-loading of iPark cards; and the payment of parking tickets.

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### **CITY DOWNTOWN PARKING FACILITIES:**

- Carriage Park Garage, 1128 “L” Street
- Center Park Garage, 1120 “N” Street
- Cornhusker Square Garage, 1220 “L” Street
- Haymarket Garage, 848 “Q” Street
- Market Place Garage, 925 “Q” Street
- Que Place Garage, 1111 “Q” Street
- University Square Garage, 101 N. 14th Street
- Iron Horse Lot, 7th and “Q” streets
- Lincoln State South Lot, 7th and “P” streets
- Lumberworks Lot, 7th and “O” streets
- Starship Lot, 14th and “Q” streets
- 13th and “P” Lot
- County-City Parking Garage, 10th and “K” streets



# NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** July 14, 2010  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Mike Heyl, 441-3889  
Julie Anderson, 441-8071  
Charlotte Burke, 441-8011

## Heat Advisory Alert

The extended forecast for temperatures to reach into the upper ninety degree range has placed the City of Lincoln into a hot weather alert. These temperatures, combined with extremely high relative humidity levels, will make work and play outside dangerous and possibly life-threatening for young children, older adults, and people with chronic illnesses such as respiratory disease and heart conditions.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourages everyone to become familiar with the signs of heat-related illness and to practice preventive measures to reduce their chance for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

“People suffer heat-related illness when the body’s temperature rises and precautions are not taken to prevent it,” said Mike Heyl, a Health Educator with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. With so many outdoor activities taking place during this heat advisory, basic preventive measures should be followed. These measures include:

- Drink plenty of water. Individuals should increase their fluid intake by drinking 2-4 eight ounce glasses of water each hour during strenuous physical activity.
- Stay out of the direct heat of the sun as much as possible and stay in a cool environment whenever possible. Avoid being outside during the peak sun hours of 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Schedule outdoor activity carefully.
- Wear appropriate clothing and sun screen. Choose light-weight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing and wear a broad-brimmed hat to shade the head. Select a sun screen SPF of 30 or more to protect your skin from the sun. Apply the sun screen a half hour before going outside.

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Heat Advisory Alert

- Infants and children are susceptible to dehydration and especially at risk during times of high heat and humidity. Be sure they drink plenty of fluids - especially water, stay in a cool place, wear loose-fitting light-weight clothing, and avoid direct sun exposure.
- Never leave children in a vehicle with the windows rolled up. Children's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times more rapidly than an adult's body temperature in a car with the windows rolled up.
- Adjust to the environment slowly, pace your physical activity, STOP any activity and get into a cool area away from the direct heat of the sun if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine as these promote fluid loss.
- If you do not have air conditioning or a cool place to be, consider going to a library, a movie theater, shopping mall, or other air-conditioned public location.
- Pets are also at risk during times of high heat and humidity. Pets who spend their days outdoors need a consistent supply of fresh water and plenty of shade. When possible during the hottest part of the day, bring pets into a cooler environment. Never leave pets in a car with the windows rolled up.

"Sweating is the body's natural mechanism to control body temperature. Under some conditions, sweating is not enough to cool the body, causing a person's body temperature to rise rapidly," says Bruce Dart, Health Director. "Both air temperature and humidity affect the body's ability to cool itself during hot weather. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, thus preventing the body from releasing heat efficiently," Dart added.

Symptoms of heat stress include clammy, sweaty skin, light-headedness, weakness, and nausea. Victims of heat exhaustion should be treated by moving them to a cooler area and by removing restrictive clothing. If conscious, individuals with heat exhaustion can be given cold water to drink. Salt tablets, unless under a doctor's orders, should be avoided. Plenty of rest will help the victim.

Heat Stroke is a more serious condition and should be treated as a medical emergency. Symptoms include hot skin, body temperatures above 103 degrees Fahrenheit, rapid breathing and pulse, incoherent behavior, mental confusion, convulsions, or unconsciousness. Victims of heat stroke need to be moved to a cool place and medical assistance must be summoned immediately.

## Historic Preservation Commission

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **July 15, 2010**. The meeting will convene at **1:30 p.m.** in **Room 203, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 441-7491.

### July 15, 2010

1. Approval of meeting record of May 20, 2010; receipt of meeting notes of June 17, 2010.
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

### PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

3. Application by Lincoln Urban Development Department for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 1114 C Street in the Everett Landmark District.
4. Application by Steve Wisthoff for a certificate of appropriateness for work at 2305 S Street in the Hawley Landmark District.
5. Application by Gary Butts on behalf of Vincenzo's for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 808 P Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.
6. Review of supplemental funding application from the City of Lincoln, a Certified Local Government, to the Historic Preservation Fund of the U. S. Dept. of the Interior through the Nebraska State Historical Society.

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

7. Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of Agricultural Hall/Industrial Arts Building at former State Fairgrounds.
8. LES Central Lincoln Reliability Project--recommendations on proposed alternatives.
9. Misc.: LES distribution line modification on S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Blvds. Historic District (overhead to underground) , etc.
10. Staff Report.

The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at  
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/hpc/index.htm>

For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit  
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/hist/index.htm>



**City of Lincoln  
Planning**

**Nebraska Capitol Environs  
Commission Agenda**

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The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2010. The meeting will convene at **8:00 a.m.** in **Development Services Center Room 203/214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 441-7491.

**Agenda of July 15, 2010**

1. Approval of meeting notes of [May 27, 2010](#)

**Public Hearing and Action**

2. [Certificate of Appropriateness](#) for work at the Gathering Place, 1448 E Street.
3. [Certificate of Appropriateness](#) for work at 234 N 14th Street.

**Update and Discussion**

4. [Central Lincoln Reliability Project](#), Rob Schmidt, LES
5. Centennial Mall redesign, Design team/ Parks & Rec
6. [Goodhue Blvd street tree planting](#), City Forestry
7. Staff report/misc.

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# Memorandum

**Date:** ♦ July 13, 2010  
**To:** ♦ City Clerk  
**From:** ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.  
**Re:** ♦ Administrative Amendment approvals  
**cc:** ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from July 6, 2010 thru July 12, 2010:

**Administrative Amendment No. 10026** to Change of Zone No. 07018, Glynoaks Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on July 8, 2010, requested by REGA Engineering Group, Inc., to reconfigure Lots 45 and 46, Block 2, to accommodate the proper right-of-way dedication and planned turn lane in S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, and to show a five foot wide public access easement on Lots 45 and 46, Block 2, adjacent to S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street for a sidewalk, and to show a ten foot wide public access easement on Lot 46, Block 2, adjacent to Glynoaks Drive for a sidewalk, and to allow a bank with a drive-through facility on Lot 46, Block 2, on property generally located at S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Glynoaks Drive.

**Administrative Amendment No. 10030** to Special Permit No. 893A, Fairfield Park 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, approved by the Planning Director on July 9, 2010, requested by Nebraska Surgery Center, to add a note stating that the rear yard setback is 19 feet for lots north of Parkside Lane, on property generally located at N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Fairfield Street.

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Lincoln NE 68508  
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**\*\*\*\* ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION \*\*\*\***  
**July 14, 2010**

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The LPlan Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in Training Rooms B & C of the Lincoln Police Department on the first floor of the Justice & Law Enforcement Center, 575 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, immediately following the regular meeting in the Development Services Center Conference Room 214 on the second floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, for a workshop on “Buffers and Transitions”.

**\*\* 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 14, 2010**

**[All Members present]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 30, 2010. **\*\*APPROVED, 9-0\*\***

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**  
**(Public hearing and Administrative Action):**

**PERMITS:**

Page 1.1 Special Permit No. 10026, for expansion of a nonconforming use, to expand  
01 the area authorized for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises,  
on property generally located at NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street and W. Adams Street.

**\*\*\* FINAL ACTION \*\*\***

**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 29, 2010, 9-0.**

**Resolution No. PC-01209.**

**2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.**

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

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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: None***

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which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday  
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**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION  
NOTIFICATION**

**TO** : Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM** : Jean Preister, Planning

**DATE** : July 15, 2010

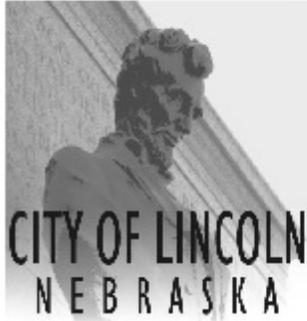
**RE** : Final action by Planning Commission: July 14, 2010

Please be advised that on July 14, 2010, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution No. PC-01209**, approving the request of Duane Hartman Investments, Inc. for authority to expand a nonconforming use to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises in an expanded outdoor beer garden on the premises of Slick's, generally located at 2801 N.W. 48<sup>th</sup> Street. (**Special Permit No. 10026**).

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. SP10026). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.



# PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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July 13, 2010

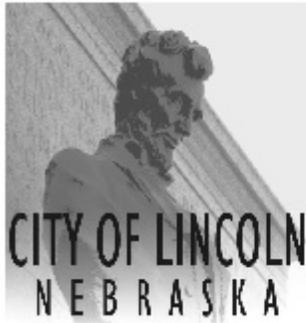
## **‘A’ STREET; 70TH STREET - IMPERIAL DRIVE STIMULUS PROJECT**

‘A’ Street is scheduled to close tomorrow, July 14, 2010. During this resurfacing/rehabilitation work, there will be total closures at 70th Street and 84th Street. Your only access will be the residential side streets. As the milling operation, base repair, and asphalt surfacing progress, some streets may be temporarily closed and driveways restricted. We apologize for the inconveniences this may cause. This project will be complete in a few weeks barring any weather delays.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following people:

Constructors Inc.  
Steve Samuelson  
(402) 430-8314

City of Lincoln, Engineering Services  
Brian Dittmann  
(402) 525-5646



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## **ARTERIAL REHABILITATION PROJECT #540014 'A' STREET; 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET - CAPITOL PARKWAY**

The City of Lincoln Public Works Engineering Services Department would like to take this opportunity to update you on an upcoming project in your area. Pavers Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska has been awarded the contract for this project.

The contractor will begin Phase I work on 'A' Street between 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Parkway on Monday, July 19, 2010. The work will include milling the existing street, concrete base repair, and placing new asphaltic concrete surfacing. This will require the closure of 'A' Street, 27<sup>th</sup> to Capitol Parkway. A detour route will be established for eastbound vehicular traffic on 'A' Street, south on 27<sup>th</sup> Street, east on South Street and north on 40<sup>th</sup> Street to 'A' Street. Westbound detour for 'A' Street will be north on Capitol Parkway, south on 27<sup>th</sup> Street to 'A' Street.

The Rock Island Bikeway will be closed at 27<sup>th</sup> Street and will be detoured at Garfield Street to Memorial Drive to the Billy Wolfe Bikeway.

Driveways in the work zone will be open as much as possible. Disruptions for short periods may be expected during the asphaltic concrete paving placement to allow for cooling of the new roadway. Please use caution while driving in the construction area.

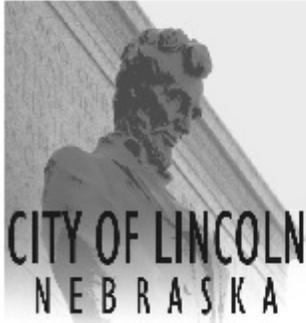
The remaining phase of work on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 'A' intersection will begin August 2, 2010. It will require a total closure of the intersection. Updates will be given prior to closure.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact one of the following people:

Larry G. Duensing  
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services  
(402) 441-8401

Holly Lionberger  
City of Lincoln Engineering Services  
(402) 441-8400

Mike Tidball  
Pavers Inc.  
(402) 786-5900



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## **SIDEWALK REPAIR ADVISORY** **NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT** **Near South Neighborhood** **24<sup>th</sup> Street - 27<sup>th</sup> Street, South Street - 'A' Street** **Project #702368**

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for sidewalk repair at various locations in the Near South Neighborhood from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 27<sup>th</sup> Street between South Street and 'A' Street. This contract includes sidewalk repair adjacent to your property. The contract for this work has been awarded to K2 Construction of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The contractor is expected to start work in the next 7 to 10 days. The repair work will involve removal and replacement of marked sections of sidewalk. There will be some inconvenience to residents in this area as sidewalk sections are removed and replaced and sidewalk locations are closed and barricaded. Driveways may also be closed for short durations to complete work on sidewalk through the drive. The work will also include reconstruction of curb ramps.

We request the patience and cooperation of pedestrians in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. This project is funded with funds budgeted in the City's Street Construction Funds. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract, and you may contact the Sidewalk Section at 441-7541 with any questions. Contacts for the project are listed below.

Harry Kroos  
Sidewalk Services Manager  
Public Works/Utilities  
(402) 441-7541

Ron Edson  
Project Manager  
Public Works/Utilities  
(402) 525-9294

Travis Sonderoth  
Project Manager  
K2 Construction  
(402) 467-2355

Court Monroe  
6411 Foxglove Lane  
Lincoln, NE 68504

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Mr. Doug Emery  
City Council  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

July 13, 2010

Greetings,

I write you this letter to show my support for the proposed gun range at the Helen Boosalis Park.

I think that the range is needed, and it is warranted in this area. I know that I will use it, as will some of my friends. It looks to be near open areas, is in a developing part of town, and has easy access. The gun range is a great idea, and the location is well planned.

Some members of the Northridge Heights Home Owners Association, which I am forced to be a member of, are evidently making noises that there is unified opposition. Those who have these views are not representative of the people in this area. They are just the loudest. I have attached a *google* map, just to show how far away from the park these people actually are.

I will be working during the "important meeting" on July 19<sup>th</sup>, and I am sure that it will seem one sided, but that is just an illusion created by those who have organized the spectacle, and are using it to their advantage.

The gun range will give recreational opportunities to the entire City community, a couple of jobs to a couple of people, and I welcome it. Those who oppose it seem very unreasonable in their requests.

Best regards,



Court Monroe



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# Northridge Heights Homeowners Assn.

The quarterly meeting of the N.H.H.A. will be held July 19, 2010 at 7:00pm at THE BLEND (4900 No. 26th).

We have guest speaker Jeff Rawlinson from Nebraska Games and Parks coming to tell us more and answer questions about the plans of developing Boosalis Park into a major shooting sports facility.

City Councilman Doug Emery plans on attending to hear our concerns such as "increased noise levels", "an increase in number of events generated", and "potential lowering of our homes' values".

The usual NHHA quarterly reports will be worked into the meeting as time permits.

This is an important meeting,  
please plan on attending.

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Mr. John Spatz  
City Councilman

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This letter is regarding the Mayor's recent decision to eliminate the jobs of 9 Public Service Officers. My husband, Dave Andreasen, is one of those Officers. I hate to see anyone lose their job due to budget cuts, but I have serious reservations about this decision. This position has been part of the Lincoln Police Department for many years. In fact, Dave held this position back in the 1960's, but they were called cadets then. This past May he celebrated his 45<sup>th</sup> year on the Lincoln Police Department. Thirty one of those years were as a commissioned Police Officer. Dave has many years of experience doing both of these jobs. He is very versed on the negative effect this cut will have on the commissioned Officers.

This past winter and the many snow storms is a perfect example. Last year the Public Service Officers handled over 5,000 calls for service. This year they have already handled over 8,000 calls for service. Without the Public Service Officers I believe there will be a great deal of frustration not only among the over burdened Officers but also from the public who may not get their calls answered in a reasonable time, if at all.

Dave has a large team area to cover and many of these calls require several follow up checks which are not counted in the official number of calls for service. Dave has commented several times over the past 12 years that the commissioned Officers appreciate his work as a Public Service Officer more than when he was a commissioned officer. The officers are always very happy when he comes back from vacation because they don't have the time to devote to the calls that the Public Service Officers handle.

Dave has spent his entire adult career working faithfully for the Lincoln Police Department. Many of the other Public Service Officers have put in many years of service as well averaging over 23 years. This is not the way we envisioned Dave ending his career. I am thinking back to a Lincoln Journal Star newspaper article about Dave entitled, "When Change Comes, This Officer Stays." I would like to see the city council make an informed decision to keep the Public Service Officers. I cannot imagine why you would want to take jobs away from loyal Lincoln employees and give those jobs to an out of State company.

I feel these Public Service Officers are doing a fine job and deserve to retain their jobs.

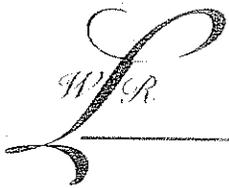
I believe that Dave's years of experience dealing with people and also directing traffic make him a very valuable asset to the Police Department. Chief Cassidy has always been very supportive of the Public Service Officers, and it is my understanding that he himself does not support this action.

I am very much aware of the grim economic situation that the city and our country are in. I believe that the place to begin is the nonessential activities such as the Star City Parade, 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, and care of the city parks. These could be funded privately or by volunteers, as has been previously suggested. Volunteers can help out in this way, but they cannot do the Public Service Officer's job.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this very serious decision.

Sincerely,

Marilynn Andreasen



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Mr. John Spatz  
City of Lincoln  
City Council Office  
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Lincoln, NE 68508

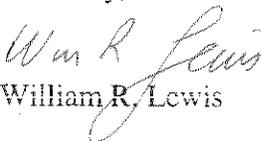
Dear Mr. Spatz,

I am writing to you today in reference to the Mayor's proposal to terminate the public service officers who are responsible for enforcing parking laws in the city of Lincoln, NE. His proposal will turn the enforcement of the downtown area over to a private firm, while the enforcement of the parking laws for the rest of the city will apparently be handled by the city's regular police officers.

I have no problem with the enforcement of the downtown area being privatized, but I have a real concern about having no one to enforce parking laws in the residential areas. Between the parking complaints, abandoned cars, wheel tax violations and traffic control at accidents, it is a full time job. In fact, I was involved in an automobile accident about four years ago when Lincoln experienced a major ice storm. Interestingly enough, the first officer on the scene of my accident was a public service officer. He was very helpful in my time of great distress. I hear that the public service officers handle about 5,000 complaints per year. If these officers are let go, then who is going to handle their duties. The reason these public service officer positions were created in the first place was to relieve regular officers from the responsibility of enforcing the parking laws so the regular officers could handle more serious violations.

In conclusion, I would highly suggest that the City of Lincoln retain the four public service officers in their current capacity in order to better serve the citizens of our great city.

Sincerely,

  
William R. Lewis

Lincoln City Council

Voice message from:

Mr. Russell Irwin  
President of Clinton Neighborhood Organization

At Monday night's meeting the Clinton Neighborhood Organization voted to urge the Mayor and Council to restore the Forester position and the two (2) Arborist positions in the City's budget.

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Dear City Council Members:

I am strongly opposed to eliminating the City Forester and two Certified Arborist positions and replacing them with a planner and volunteer program as proposed in the Mayor's 2010-11 fiscal budget.

Our City Forester is charged with the care of Lincoln's trees. Besides formal schooling, this professional is trained and certified in all areas of tree care including physiology, pruning, disease and insect infestations. The City Forester is on call 24-7, especially during and after storms. You will not find this knowledge base or dedication from a general planner.

The two Certified Arborist positions the Mayor proposes to eliminate are also highly trained. Tree pruning is a skill that takes time and practice. In towering trees under extreme conditions it can be very dangerous. Even under optimum conditions, this is not safe work for inexperienced and uninsured volunteers.

With the approaching Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation, our city will lose many of its 100,000+ ash trees. The devastation and tree loss from EAB is projected to be more than 10 times as many trees as were lost to the October 1997 blizzard. Steve Schwab, our City Forester, has implemented an EAB Readiness Plan. We need an experienced City Forester and all of our arborists on staff when this infestation reaches Lincoln in the next 1-3 years.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



Amy Greving  
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July 12, 2010

John Spatz  
City Council Office  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Councilman Spatz,

It has come to my attention that the City of Lincoln Nebraska is considering replacing the Lincoln Parking Force. These are the Officers who check parking meters in downtown Lincoln and those in the rest of the city who check out vehicles parked on the city's streets and collect abandoned bicycles.

These Officers are also called upon to divert and direct vehicular traffic throughout the city when an emergency happens and help traffic run as efficiently as possible.

It is my understanding that members of our full-time Police Officers will replace these Officers whose compensation is approximately twice that of the Lincoln Parking Force.

How is this a savings for the Budget of the City of Lincoln?

To me it will only dilute the Ranks of the dedicated Lincoln Police Department and decrease the abilities of an already strained Lincoln Police Department.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



John McGreer  
2734 Bonacum Drive  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502-5720

(402) 423-2028

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** DCatherall@unificompanies.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:26 AM  
**To:** Adam A. Hornung; Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Jayne L. Snyder; John Spatz; Mayor; Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** 56th & 57th South/North buses

I have heard that Mayor Beutler proposes to eliminate the Neighborhood North route from Westfield Mall to Walmart on 84th street and the Neighborhood South route from Westfield Mall to the Edgewood Shopping Center.

I strongly urge you all to reconsider this and/or research and seriously consider alternatives to cutting these routes completely. Even with my lack of research on the subject, a couple of alternatives come to mind right away: 1 - smaller buses and/or 2 - combine the north/south routes into one big loop (but do NOT make these people go all the way downtown with the loop).

Although I personally do not ride the bus, I drive this route every day at 7:20 am and see people at each stop along the way on 56th Street, from Edgewood to South Street. I am advocating on behalf of the Lincoln citizens who ride this route daily.

I realize you are all in a very difficult position attempting to get our budget in line - however, I respectfully request that you take these peoples lives into consideration - these bus routes help people get to work, school, and shopping. Thank you for your consideration of this matter....

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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Keith Dubas [kwdubas@windstream.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 11:20 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** City Forester and Arborists

Dear City Council:

I am very oppose to the mayor's proposal to cut the City Forester and the reduction of arborists in the City's budget. Lincoln has been the recipient of Tree City status and is recognized for it nationally. While there are items in the budget that can be reduced or eliminated at this time and added back in at a more prosperous time with little long term effect the loss of these positions is not one of them. Professional leadership and trained tree cutters are crucial to the maintenance and evolution of our tree stock. The idea that vigilantly, rambo"volunteers" with their power saws are capable of maintaining our City's tree stock is incredulous.

I urge you to maintain these positions and place them back in our City's budget.

Yours truly,

Keith Dubas  
1712 E Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

July 14, 2010

Lincoln City Council  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Mayor's proposal to cut 9 Public Service Officers

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I am writing to let you know my position regarding Mayor Beutler's proposal to cut the positions of 9 Public Service Officers (PSO's) from the Lincoln Police Department's upcoming budget.

First off, I should let you know that my father, David Andreasen is one of the PSO's who stands to lose his position, should you as a City Council approve the mayor's proposed budget. Obviously having said that, you can stand to reason that I am not in favor of the loss of these positions. However, you might think that my opinion rests solely on the effects that this loss of position might have on my father and mother. This is true; I am concerned about the effects to my father and mother. My father is 63 years old and has worked for the Lincoln Police Department since he was 19. My mother is a 64-year-old retired nurse. My father is the sole income earner and my parent's health insurance is provided through his employee benefits. The idea of my father having to search for new employment, which carries health insurance for he and my mother, or being forced into an early retirement, is one that he is certainly not looking forward to. But despite these personal issues affecting my parents if the proposed budget goes through, that is not what I want to spend my time or your time dwelling on.

The focus of this letter is about the price the city, yourselves and your constituents will pay, should this proposed budget go through. To help exemplify this effect I will share with you a short personal experience. In December of 2008, I was on my way to work and was in an accident. An elderly gentleman from out of town was trying to find a doctor's office. He turned the wrong way on a one-way street. Being surprised and nervous upon discovering the mistake that he made, he proceeded to reverse into the main intersection without looking for oncoming traffic. Unfortunately for me, I was the oncoming traffic. I swerved my vehicle in order to miss a collision with his and was hit by a vending truck in the lane next to me.

As would make sense, my first call was to the LPD dispatch, requesting they send an officer to assist. Then, knowing that this was a complicated situation and that my father worked in the jurisdiction where the accident occurred, I called to see if he could come to assist as well. Luckily for me I made that decision, because the officer who responded was very pleasant but fairly new to his position. Because of my father's experience and knowledge of traffic laws, my father saved me much time and anguish and thousands of dollars, by helping to educate this new officer in how the traffic law is interpreted and the course of action the officer should take.

I read in the paper that the average length of service amongst the PSO's is 23 years. My father has devoted the last 45 years of his life to the people of this city via the Lincoln Police Department. The knowledge that these PSO's have of the community, the laws of our city, and the collaborative working relationship they have with the commissioned police officers as well as other first responders (fire, ambulance), will be lost if these PSO's lose their jobs and the parking enforcement is turned over to a private, out of state contractor.

When my father retired from being a commissioned officer of 31 years, in 1998; to take on the job of Public Service Officer, the Journal Star wrote a article about him entitled: "When Change Comes This Officer Stays." Fast forward 12 years, he is still there, serving the people of Lincoln. Why has he been with the department for 45 years? Because he and the other long time PSO's on the department are valuable to the police department and to the citizens of Lincoln!

The local paper has inaccurately referred to these positions that are in jeopardy, as parking meter or parking enforcement positions. As I have referenced in this letter, their proper title is "Public Service Officer." This title of Public Service Officer is very fitting. Serving the public is what they do. When I hear about the 8000 calls that the Public Service Officers have responded to thus far this year, or I drive across town and see the Public Service Officer's directing traffic for hours at a time, in a down pour, because a thunder storm has knocked out a traffic light, or there has been a fatality accident and they are assisting emergency and investigative crews by diverting traffic, I know they are serving the public. When I read the commendations and praises of my father's supervisors for his assistance in apprehending people who pose a danger to our city, or my personal experience of him mentoring a young officer, I know our Public Service's Officers are doing their job. They are providing a service to the community, one that we should be more aware and more appreciative of!!!!

Before you vote on this important decision affecting our city, please consider the price vs. cost for the citizens of Lincoln.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Carrie Erks

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Darryll Pederson [dpederson527@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:01 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Forester position

Mayor and City Council:

I urge you not to cut the city forester and the arboretum positions for safety reasons and for the well being of the city of Lincoln. One needs only to look at the city from the viewing deck of the State Capital to recognize the importance of trees to Lincoln citizens. Many of these trees are on city property with many more lining streets between residential sidewalks and the street. The suggested alternatives to having the services of the current professionals are ineffective at the best to downright dangerous at the worse. I will give several examples of actual situations that I know of personally.

The tree in front of our house between the sidewalk and the street blew down during a windstorm. The tree blocked the road which is also a bus route and a busy street. The City Forester and workers promptly removed the tree. To suggest that people living along the street should “band together” and take care of trees like this involves unwarranted assumptions such as the residents will have the chain saws, the trucks to haul the debris, the physical ability to lift heavy sections of trunks, and the time to undertake the work in a timely fashion, This is a job for professionals which begs the question of who will make these arrangements and pay for the work.

Another situation I am aware of involved an extremely large tree that was between the sidewalk and a street in an older neighborhood. Over a period of a day the tree started leaning toward the a house. The residents of the house called the city forester who saw to the removal of the tree that evening. The tree was large enough to have destroyed the house and caused serious to fatal injuries to anyone in the house. Would the local residents have been able to undertake this task? No!!

There is a real safety issue involved in cutting these positions that is not limited to the above two examples. How many people walking through a park have the ability to spot a tree that is in eminent danger of falling? How many people driving down a street during a high wind have the ability to recognize that the next tree is weakened to the point that it will fall on their car and kill them? Most residents do not have these skills even with the mentioned training. The suggestion that “volunteers” can replace the people in the positions being proposed for cutting represents ignorance and disregard for the safety of the citizens of Lincoln.

The city “fathers” always talk about planning for the future. Cutting these positions sends the clear signal that there is total disregard of the importance of trees to Lincoln and liability of the city for these trees. The suggested light-weight coordinator directing volunteers is not a substitute.

The cost of these services is small compared to the potential impact of cutting the positions with the likely liability exposure of the city let alone the impact on the present and future aesthetics of the city of Lincoln. You, as the elected leaders of the city, need to pay attention to basic city needs and not focus only on the desires of those seeking city funds in one form or another for their financial gain in the guise of creating jobs.

Darryll and Theresa Pederson  
527 Rockhurst Dr.

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** june russell [jrussell2@neb.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:04 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Restore the order!

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of the position of City Forester in the 2010 Lincoln City Budget.

In the proposed budget, Mayor Beutler has cut the Community Forestry program by eliminating the position of City Forester and 2 certified arborist positions.

Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forester now more than ever to maintain and protect Lincoln's more than 1.5 million trees. In the next 1-3 years, Lincoln's Ash trees will be damaged and/or killed by the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

The City of Lincoln has adopted the Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan and we will

need an experienced City Forester to implement and lead the plan. The devastation and tree loss is projected to be more than 10 times as many trees as

the 1997 blizzard.

Please vote to restore these positions to the Forestry Program in the City Budget.

Sincerely, JRussell

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** daniel russell [drus007@neb.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:03 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please stop and think

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of the position of City Forester in the 2010 Lincoln City Budget.

In the proposed budget, Mayor Beutler has cut the Community Forestry program by eliminating the position of City Forester and 2 certified arborist positions.

Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forester now more than ever to maintain and protect Lincoln's more than 1.5 million trees. In the next 1-3 years, Lincoln's Ash trees will be damaged and/or killed by the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

The City of Lincoln has adopted the Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan and we will

need an experienced City Forester to implement and lead the plan. The devastation and tree loss is projected to be more than 10 times as many trees as

the 1997 blizzard.

Please vote to restore these positions to the Forestry Program in the City Budget.

Sincerely, Dan Russell

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 10:05 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** Todd Cuddy  
**Address:** 4400 High Street  
**City:** Lincoln, NE 68506

**Phone:**  
**Fax:**  
**Email:**

**Comment or Question:**  
Dear City Council,

First of all, let me thank you for your service on the City Council. I'm writing to show my support for Star Tran, the city bus system. I realize most of the residents of Lincoln have never used the city bus, and don't care whether bus services are diminished or eliminated. But there is a small population who depend on the city bus... for example, those who can't afford to own a car, car insurance, or can't pay for downtown parking (the poor and economically challenged, if you will); those who are physically or mentally challenged, the elderly, single parents, students, the homeless, and many other folks who I have left out. There are also those who take the city bus to be "green"... reducing pollution, traffic, street wear and tear, and parking problems in the downtown areas. City buses provide an important and green service to the residents of Lincoln. Star Tran and bus riders should be rewarded for their efforts, not punished with eliminated routes and reduced service. This only frustrates riders and undermines public transportation.

I would challenge you, the mayor, and the city of Lincoln to find ways to support Star Tran.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Todd Cuddy  
4400 High Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** Roxanne Juracek  
**Address:** 5391 West Katleman Drive  
**City:** Lincoln, NE 68521

**Phone:** 402-438-5966  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** [juracek6@aol.com](mailto:juracek6@aol.com)

**Comment or Question:**

I am writing to thank you for questioning the fire and rescue response times in Lincoln. I would like to share my experience with Lincoln Fire and Rescue in hopes that changes are made to improve the services that they offer.

On December 23, 2008, at 11:30 PM, my nine year old son went into a first time grand mal seizure. He was cyanotic, foaming at the mouth and appeared to not be breathing. His seizure lasted several horrifying minutes. While on the phone with 911, I had my oldest son call his grandparents to come over. He then turned the porch lights on and opened the front and garage doors. I had him and another sibling stand by the door watching for help to arrive.

Once the seizing had stopped, my husband rolled our son onto his left side. He was still unresponsive but breathing at this time. I ran outside twice, hoping that help would be pulling up. When the fire truck finally did arrive, I ran back out of the house for a third time. I was shocked at the leisurely way the firemen got out of the truck, got their equipment, and walked up to my house. One fireman did come in while the others were still across the street and just stood by the front door. I told him where to find my son and he then told me that he was going to wait for the other firemen. I assure you, those are not words a parent wants to hear when their child is unresponsive.

In the days that followed, many people asked us about that night and wondered if help arrived quickly. My answer was no. I knew that too many minutes had passed from the time I hung up with the 911 dispatcher and the time that help had arrived. I pulled up the Interlinc:Fire:Daily Run Report and was amazed that it took 7 minutes for the fire truck and 13 minutes for the ambulance to arrive on scene. These are not acceptable run times.

My Father, who was a volunteer fire fighter and EMT for thirty years was also concerned and contacted Chief Ford in January. On March 18, 2009, Chief Ford's explanation to my father was that because it was dark outside the firefighters could not find my house and had to circle the block twice. What more could we have done to let them know which house to go to? Lights on and front and garage doors open. We have lived in the Highlands since December of 1996. More than once, we have seen fire trucks with lights and sirens on, driving in circles lost in our neighborhood. We used to make light of this until it happened to us.

After reading the article "Fire response times questioned" in the Lincoln Journal Star, I am wondering who sets the response time goals? An ambulance response time of eight minutes sounds ridiculous to me. I looked into oxygen deprivation to the brain and found that when

oxygen levels are low for four minutes or longer, brain cells begin to die. After five minutes, permanent brain injury can occur. With a goal of an eight minute response time, the odds are not looking good for our community.

I would like to bring one other issue to light before I close. Why is it that the firemen are seen in fire trucks every day at local grocery stores? I understand that they need to eat while on long shifts but I know of no other job where an entire department can shop together while driving city vehicles to and from. I wonder how much money could be saved in fuel by not driving fire trucks to the grocery store every day?

In the name of public safety, please audit Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Let's be proactive and make positive changes for our community.

Thank you,

Roxanne Juracek

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA  
ADDENDUM  
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS**

**MAYOR**

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for week of July 17, 2010 through July 23, 2010.
2. Boards and Commissions update from Denise Pearce, Aide to the Mayor.

**DIRECTORS:**

**CITY LIBRARIES**

1. Library Board meeting agenda for Tuesday, July 20, 2010.
2. Library Director's Report for June 2010.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Announcement: Lincoln/Lancaster County Comp Plan Update. Submit Bright Ideas at [lplan2040.org](http://lplan2040.org).

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

1. Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee letter to Mayor Beutler. Support for Shared Lane Facility along "G" Street between Capitol Parkway and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee letter to Mayor Beutler. Support for Complete Streets Concept.

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

1. ADVISORY. 48<sup>th</sup> Street; Garland Street - Holdrege Street, Project #540009.

**III. COUNCIL RFI'S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL**

1. Email from Terri Bailey in support of keeping the City Forester and certified Arborists positions on the forestry crew.
2. Email from Ray and Jan Holliday. Eliminating the jobs of City Forester and two City Arborists is extremely short sighted and will result in greater expense in the future.
3. Email from Beth Learmouth. Do not support the proposed cuts to the City's Forestry Program. Do not eliminate the City Forester and Certified Arborists positions.
4. Email from Tim Johnson. It is a large mistake to eliminate the City Forester and Two Certified Arborists.
5. Email from Mike Dowty. Do not eliminate our City Forester, the two Arborists, or reduce our number of tree crews from five to four.
6. Email from Katie Skean. Do not support the proposed cuts to the City's Forestry Program. We cannot expect volunteers to replace three full-time professional positions.

7. Email from Carolyn Barber. Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forestry team more than ever to maintain and protect Lincoln's 1.5 million trees.
8. Email from Vanessa Hanna. Do not eliminate our City Forester and Arborist positions.
9. InterLinc correspondence from Michael and Becky Haskins. Terrible road conditions on Holdrege Street from North 68<sup>th</sup> to North 79<sup>th</sup> Streets. (Sent to Public Works & Utilities on 07.19.10)
10. Fax from Jim Otto with questions on the proposed 6% occupation tax on telecommunications equipment. (Each Council Member received individual fax)

## **11. INVITATIONS**



# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

[lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)

Date: July 16, 2010

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

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of July 17 through 23, 2010**  
*Schedule subject to change*

***WELCOME SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA NATIONAL GAMES!***

Sunday, July 18

- Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies, escort Nebraska delegation in parade of athletes - 3 p.m., Devaney Sports Center
- Special Olympics Founders Reception (invitation only) - 7 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott Grand Ballroom, 333 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Monday, July 19

- M.A.D. Dads bike give-away for Special Olympic athletes - 10:30 a.m., Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall South
- International visitors from Iraq - 1:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, July 20

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m.
- Coca Cola rain barrel give-away, remarks - 2 p.m. Coca Cola Enterprises, 1200 Kingbird Road

Thursday, July 21

- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
- Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 1 p.m., room 303 and Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) meeting - 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building

Friday, July 23

- Special Olympics Closing Ceremonies - 7 p.m., Devaney Sports Center

**MEMO**

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Denise Pearce  
Aide to the Mayor  
**DATE:** July 19, 2010  
**RE:** Boards and Commissions Update

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**Council Vote in July or Early August**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Wayne Bauer	Aging Partners Areawide Ad. Council	7.1.12/New
Joy Citta	Alarm Review Bd.	7.1.12/New Bd.
Roger (RJ) Lippert	“ ”	7.1.12/New Bd.
Russ F. Neil	“ ”	7.1.11/New Bd.
Tom Wright	“ ”	7.1.11/New Bd.

**(Still have one seat left to fill—the “neighborhood association” spot)**

Donald R. Stading	Charter Revision Comm.	7.15.14/Reappt.
Rick Poore	“ ”	“ ”
Kathleen Neary	“ ”	“ ”

**Done Via Executive Order**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Allen L. Neemann	Taxicab Review Bd.	2.24.13/Reappt.

## MEETING NOTICE

**DATE:** July 13, 2010  
**TO:** Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Media  
**FROM:** Pat Leach, Library Director  
**SUBJECT:** Library Board Meeting  
**DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:** Tuesday, July 20, 2010  
Bennett Martin Public Library  
136 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**STARTING TIME OF MEETING:** 8:00 a.m.  
**CHAIRMAN OF MEETING:** Jeff Kirkpatrick, President  
**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Board Meeting

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### AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items
3. Approval of June 15 & June 21, 2010, Meeting Minutes
4. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Committee on Administration
    - i. Adoption of Changes in ByLaws\*
    - ii. Action on Committee Recommendation for Library Board Vacancy\*
  - b. Committee on Buildings & Grounds
    - i. Approval of Renewal of Security Guard Contract\*
    - ii. Approval of Renewal of Building Maintenance Contract\*
  - c. Committee on Finance
    - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures\*
    - ii. Approval of Operational Budget Line Item Adjustments Fiscal Year 2009-2010\*
    - iii. Quarterly Meeting Report
  - d. Nominations Committee
    - i. Presentation and Approval of FY 2010-11 Slate of Officers\*
5. Special Committee Reports
  - a. Bookmobile Committee
  - b. Downtown Library Development
  - c. Foundation Liaison & Executive Director Report
  - d. One Book - One Lincoln
  - e. Polley Music
  - f. Strategic Planning
  - g. Technology
  - h. Trustee Development
    - i. Public Library Association Virtual Conference Report – Library Staff
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. President's Report
9. Director's Report
  - a.. Library Closing Schedule FY 2010-11
10. Assistant Library Director's Report
11. Public Comment - Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda, may do so at this time.

\*Action Item

Copy of current Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska available for inspection in meeting room.

Proposed agenda kept continually current and available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the Bennett Martin Public Library, but the Board shall have the right to modify the agenda at said public meeting when convened. Requests for sign language interpreters will require a minimum of 48 hours advance notice to Library Director - 441-8510.



Lincoln City Libraries - 136 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-8500  [lincolnlibraries.org](http://lincolnlibraries.org)

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2010

Overall, circulation in June increased 4.32% over June of 2009, with the year-to-date total running even with last fiscal year.

The number of people registered for our Summer Reading Programs is surpassing expectations. Our school-age program, "Make a Splash!" has 8745 registrants, a 10% increase over June of 2009; the teen program, "Express Yourself!" is at 1636 registrants, a 19% increase, and the adult program, "Water Your Mind" has 1633 registrants, a 63% increase over last June. Youth program attendance totaled over 11,600.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

**Lincoln City Libraries will provide a welcoming and inviting environment.**

### Objectives

- Provide well maintained facilities – physical and virtual
  - Virtual Service Librarian Peter Jorgensen noted that Sean Story, Virtual Services Librarian, "set-up, configured, and tested a new open source self-check; this may enable us to provide self-service capabilities at a lower cost in the future." Sean's work is based on other libraries' seeking self-check solutions less expensively than purchase of the 3M machines we currently use.
  - Eiseley/Williams Branch Supervisor Julee Hector reported, "We have beautiful artwork from several area Elementary Community Learning Centers on display again this year. Many City Employee Art Contest pieces are on display at Eiseley."
  - Bennett Martin Library Public Services Supervisor Julie Beno reported, "Day lilies, shrub roses, and marigolds were planted in the flower beds outside of BMPL to increase curb appeal."
  - Assistant Library Director Greg Mickells noted, "I have received sample RFPs (Request for Proposal) for bookmobiles from Denver Public, San Antonio, Arapahoe Library District (CO) and Leon County (FL). Rebecca Hueske, Julee Hector, and I will be reviewing and then doing a "mashup" of sorts to create a RFP for Lincoln City Libraries." Greg is administering several building projects, including the new electrical panel and replacement of two HVAC units at Bennett Martin Public Library.
  - Gere Branch Library Supervisor Carol Swanson reported, "Matt Harvey, an intern with the Mayor's Environmental Taskforce, under the direction of Milo Mumgaard, made visits to Gere Branch this month to follow up on lighting and HVAC issues and will continue to work through July."
- Provide hours of service that are convenient for the community
  - Our summer outreach sites are about providing PLACES of service convenient to communities. Outreach Librarian Sheila Jacobs noted, "Summer Reading is the name of the game at Library facilities as well as Outreach sites. Both City & County sites are doing well. Lisa has signed up seven teen volunteers in the county, Jane has a very active Mother-Child group in Firth (it appears the Moms are just now getting to know one another and the site has turned in to a great

socializing opportunity) and Diane is seeing many of the same youth at the Indian Center as she did last year.”

- Complete public library project at Arnold School – Completed September 2009
- Refurbish Bethany Branch Library for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
  - Final details are being completed at Bethany Library. Supervisor, Kim Shelley, noted, “The Bethany Branch parking lot was re-stripped in May. The traffic flow was reversed. Some customers have commented that the new arrangement is taking some getting used to. Other customers have commented on how nice it is to have the exterior book drop on the ‘correct’ side of the driveway.”

### **Lincoln City Libraries will provide innovative delivery of services.**

#### **Objectives**

- Experiment with open cataloging and innovative shelving arrangements
- Provide customer-centered service
  - We were presented with a dilemma in May when some building capacity numbers that the Building and Safety inspector provided were lower than expected. In order not to turn away people from events in those locations, we re-located some events to the Cotner Center (for Bethany) and Westminster Presbyterian Church (for South). This has worked reasonably smoothly, although it requires more staff to be on duty, and we wonder if it discourages people from checking out materials at the library itself. We did field complaints from customers who were unhappy at being turned away from Anderson Branch Library, since we were working with a lower meeting room number there. We remain committed to following recommendations of safe occupancies in our buildings.
  - Gere Branch Library Supervisor Carol Swanson noted, “103 Summer Reading Volunteers gave 585+ hours providing high energy interaction with summer readers as well as providing support to our everyday tasks that need doing when they were not in peak busy time.”
- Maintain a strong virtual presence
  - Eiseley/Williams Branch Supervisor Julee Hector reported, “The OVERDRIVE DIGITAL BOOKMOBILE visited Eiseley Branch on June 8. We had a whopping 155 people tour the bookmobile that day! Special thanks to all of the techno-savvy Eiseley staff who assisted visitors on the bookmobile.” The vehicle also spent one day at Gere Branch Library. Collections Librarian, Suzan Connell noted, “LCL introduced a new collection of MP3-compatible downloadable audio in conjunction with Overdrive visit.
  - Bennett Martin Library Public Services Supervisor Julie Beno noted “Mosio, a text reference service, went live on Wednesday, June 16.”

### **Lincoln City Libraries will be an advocate for community-wide literacy.**

#### **Objectives**

- Provide equitable access to collections and services
  - Vicki Wood, Youth Services Supervisor, reported, “I worked on plans for a Spanish Language storytime to be led by Lorena Pulgarin. This storytime will be held at Gere Branch on six Monday mornings in July and August.”
- Collaborate with community entities to enhance literacy
  - Bennett Martin Library Public Services Supervisor Julie Beno reported on the following projects:
    - The collaboration with Lincoln Literacy Council began on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Literacy staff is using the lab to teach very beginning computer classes to Sudanese and Burmese women. We are providing crafts and a storytime for the children in Youth Services. The program is held from 9-10 a.m. before we open.
    - Kathryn Kelly, Public Services Librarian, is presenting a brief storytime to children attending the Lincoln Children’s Museum summer camps. She also provides materials on the weekly camp themes.

- Outreach Librarian Sheila Jacobs noted, “Corey Goettsche, Prime Time intern Joanna Harris, and I staffed a booth at the annual Juneteenth event. This event was very well attended which sometimes made it difficult to carry on extended conversations with those visiting the information tables. 250 people came by the Library table.”
- Polley Music Librarian Carolyn Dow reported, “I participated in Music in the Mall, an Eagle Scout project to introduce people (especially children) to various instruments. I performed and served as a woodwind demonstrator, answering questions and helping people try various instruments as part of a musical petting zoo. The project involved the collaboration of LPS, several music stores, and some of the businesses at Westfield Gateway Mall (and the mall itself), all coordinated by the Eagle Scout. I made several music contacts, and I was able to promote the music library as I talked to people.”
- Provide collections that represent the growing diversity of our community
  - Walt Branch Library Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann noted, “New ELL materials were received! We are especially excited about the “Ingles sin Barreras” materials.”

**Lincoln City Libraries will protect freedom to read and view all library information.**

**Objectives**

- Provide a broad range of print and non-print materials in collection and online
  - Virtual Services Librarian Peter Jorgensen noted that in its monthly total, “OverDrive passed the 2000 checkout mark for the first time.” OverDrive is our service for downloadable audio books.
  - Heritage Room Curator Meredith McGowan reported, “‘Tis the season for Weldon Kees. Four requests in the past month or so: one to publish a Kees short story in an anthology, “The Greatest Stories Ever Told,” another to borrow items to supplement a Kees art show at the Pierre Menard Gallery, Cambridge, MA, a third to obtain a photo for a history article about Kees in the “Omaha World Herald,” and another to find copies of reviews written by Kees in the 1940’s.
- Provide access to the Internet

Prepared by Pat Leach, Library Director  
July 16, 2010

**Lincoln City Libraries  
June 2010**

Branch	Adult Print Loans	Youth Print Loans	Adult NonPrint Loans	Youth NonPrint Loans	Polley Music Loans	2010 Loan Total	2009 Loan Total	% Change
BMPL	20,455	10,373	12,777	2,918	1,166	47,689	51,740	-7.83%
Anderson	8,090	10,957	3,732	3,268	14	26,061	24,108	8.10%
Bethany	3,883	6,300	1,743	1,551	15	13,492	9,471	42.46%
Eiseley	16,091	29,339	6,578	7,492	38	59,538	57,696	3.19%
Gere	38,575	46,698	15,046	10,543	71	110,933	106,589	4.08%
South	5,232	7,227	1,789	1,900	13	16,161	14,290	13.09%
Walt	19,303	40,133	7,076	9,723	36	76,271	73,295	4.06%
Williams	292	2,089	624	951	0	3,956	2,123	86.34%
Bookmobile	511	1,375	145	287	2	2,320	2,787	-16.76%
Outreach	426	974	253	6	3	1,662	1,971	-15.68%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>112,858</b>	<b>155,465</b>	<b>49,763</b>	<b>38,639</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>358,083</b>	<b>344,070</b>	<b>4.07%</b>
				Interlibrary Loan		1,115	1,259	-11.44%
				Downloadable Audio		2,453	1,511	62.34%
				Electronic Books		480	289	66.09%
						<b>362,131</b>	<b>347,129</b>	<b>4.32%</b>
				Inhouse Collection Use		32,415	25,477	27.23%
				Gate Count		174,160	176,317	-1.22%
				Web Site Visits		190,977	142,665	33.86%
				Total Unique IPs		33,009	29,343	12.49%
				Electronic Resource Uses (databases)		18,564	19,083	-2.72%
				Computer Use		20,744	21,977	-5.61%
				Reference Transactions		34,065	33,378	2.06%
				Polley Music Reference		2,985	4,632	-35.56%
				Youth Program Attendance		11,642	10,717	8.63%
				Adult Program Attendance		276	120	130.00%
				Registrations				
				Resident		187,240	175,086	6.94%
				County		13,497	13,116	2.90%
				Non Resident		1,753	1,642	6.76%
				Reciprocal		462	386	19.69%
				Limited Use		9,016	8,103	11.27%
						<b>211,968</b>	<b>198,333</b>	<b>6.87%</b>

Library Holdings	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned 06/01/10	434164	288184	91092	39541	852981
Added	2819	4060	429	286	7594
Withdrawn	-1598	-170	-30	-188	-1986
Owned 06/30/10	435385	292074	91491	39639	858589

# LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

## Monthly Categorical Report

June 30, 2010

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
<b>Administration-Div. 1</b>					
Personnel	\$ 593,721.00	\$ 494,767.50	\$ 486,859.03	\$ 106,861.97	\$ 42,796.77
Supplies	32,000.00	26,666.67	23,970.70	8,029.30	2,760.71
Services & Charges	62,991.00	52,492.50	48,630.00	14,361.00	3,128.26
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 688,712.00</b>	<b>\$ 573,926.67</b>	<b>\$ 559,459.73</b>	<b>\$ 129,252.27</b>	<b>\$ 48,685.74</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>83.33%</b>	<b>81.23%</b>		
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds-Div. 2</b>					
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	30,000.00	25,000.00	18,614.39	11,385.61	1,683.01
Services & Charges	855,564.00	712,970.00	717,633.77	137,930.23	54,102.48
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 885,564.00</b>	<b>\$ 737,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 736,248.16</b>	<b>\$ 149,315.84</b>	<b>\$ 55,785.49</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>83.33%</b>	<b>83.14%</b>		
<b>Public Service-Div. 3</b>					
Personnel	\$ 3,601,662.00	\$ 3,001,385.00	\$ 2,847,969.40	\$ 753,692.60	\$ 282,101.46
Supplies	39,800.00	33,166.67	36,655.37	3,144.63	4,861.90
Services & Charges	31,500.00	26,250.00	24,416.56	7,083.44	4,306.39
Other	-	-	608.58	(608.58)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,672,962.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,060,801.67</b>	<b>\$ 2,909,649.91</b>	<b>\$ 763,312.09</b>	<b>\$ 291,269.75</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>83.33%</b>	<b>79.22%</b>		
<b>Support Services-Div. 4</b>					
Personnel	\$ 1,021,833.00	\$ 851,527.50	\$ 784,837.57	\$ 236,995.43	\$ 75,866.32
Supplies	60,000.00	50,000.00	37,263.48	22,736.52	1,234.83
Services & Charges	209,500.00	174,583.33	163,392.76	46,107.24	13,290.44
Other	805,000.00	670,833.33	782,913.35	22,086.65	57,452.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,096,333.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,746,944.17</b>	<b>\$ 1,768,407.16</b>	<b>\$ 327,925.84</b>	<b>\$ 147,844.19</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>83.33%</b>	<b>84.36%</b>		
<b>Total Library Operational</b>					
Personnel	\$ 5,217,216.00	\$ 4,347,680.00	\$ 4,119,666.00	\$ 1,097,550.00	\$ 400,764.55
Supplies	161,800.00	134,833.33	116,503.94	45,296.06	10,540.45
Services & Charges	1,159,555.00	966,295.83	954,073.09	205,481.91	74,827.57
Other	805,000.00	670,833.33	783,521.93	21,478.07	57,452.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,343,571.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,119,642.50</b>	<b>\$ 5,973,764.96</b>	<b>\$ 1,369,806.04</b>	<b>\$ 543,585.17</b>
<b>Percent Expended</b>		<b>83.33%</b>	<b>81.35%</b>		
<b>Other Library Fund Appropriations</b>					
	<b>Amount Appropriated</b>		<b>Expended Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Current Month Expended</b>
FY 2008-09 Enc. & Reapp.	\$ 320,825.72		\$ 204,587.46	\$ 116,238.26	\$ 12,503.45

**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES**  
**June 2010**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b><u>GRANT FUNDS</u></b>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 2,895.73	\$ 169.98	\$ 15.00	\$ 3,050.71
NLC Continuing Education PLA	(651.30)	-	445.50	(1,096.80)
NLC Continuing Education ILL	(119.76)	-	-	(119.76)
NLC Continuing Education Circ	-	750.00	300.00	450.00
NLC Continuing Education Vol	-	485.00	-	485.00
NLC Youth Grant	50.06	-	62.30	(12.24)
NLC Gates Grant	10,052.74	-	1,000.00	9,052.74
State Aid 2009	13,111.13	-	5,650.69	7,460.44
State Aid 2009	54,000.00	-	-	54,000.00
Library Improvement Grant-Gere	(4,025.57)	5,500.00	7,105.10	(5,630.67)
Urban Library System 94-95	5,849.16	-	-	5,849.16

**DONATED FUNDS**

Heritage Room	\$ 74,197.78	\$ 70.87	\$ 3,388.88	\$ 70,879.77
Polley Music Library	177,903.49	196.18	6,738.61	171,361.06
Joseph J. Hompes	40,987.23	40.83	40.29	40,987.77
Misc. Library Donations	193,273.13	5,237.82	9,738.75	188,772.20
Charles H. Gere Library	32,079.41	33.92	-	32,113.33
Alice Nielson	225,631.35	238.60	-	225,869.95
Dorothy Holland	122,919.52	129.99	-	123,049.51
Glennis Leapley	143,974.89	144.64	5,624.22	138,495.31

**APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>		<b>Balance</b>
		<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	
Heritage Room FY 2009-10	\$ 47,175.00	\$ 3,388.88	\$ 37,154.03	\$ 10,020.97
Polley Music Library FY 2009-10	89,852.00	6,738.61	69,813.60	20,038.40
<b>Keno</b>				
FY 2008-09 Appropriation	62,978.32	-	62,960.96	17.36
FY 2009-10 Appropriation	504,061.00	121,398.25	331,536.42	172,524.58
Williams Branch	419,731.00	-	409,073.61	10,657.39

**Jean Preister**

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**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** FW: Announcement: Lincoln/Lancaster County Comp Plan Update

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July 15<sup>th</sup> is the kick-off for the public to submit their “**Bright Ideas**” at Virtual Town Hall at [lplan2040.org](http://lplan2040.org). Bright Ideas is a visionary brainstorming exercise for Lincoln and Lancaster County 30 years into the future. Members of the community are invited to tap into their creative energy and share their unexpected, extraordinary, or far-reaching ideas.

At Virtual Town Hall, people will be able to share their Bright Ideas, say what they like about ideas that are submitted and what they would do to improve them, then vote on their favorites.

Virtual Town Hall will rotate five different Bright Idea Topic areas: Beautiful Places, Getting Around, Where We Live, How We Play, and Where We Work. Participants whose ideas receive the most votes will receive a certificate for their efforts. To check out Bright Ideas, go to [lplan2040.org](http://lplan2040.org) and view the topic descriptions, then sign up to participate!

If you have any questions about Virtual Town Hall, please contact Sara Hartzell in the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

**Michele Abendroth**

Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-6164

Mayor's Pedestrian / Bicycle Advisory Committee  
2740 "A" Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502

July 13, 2010

Mayor Chris Beutler  
City of Lincoln  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 208  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Support for Shared Lane Facility along "G" Street between Capitol Parkway and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dear Mayor Beutler:

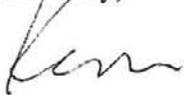
The Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) strongly endorses the implementation of a shared lane on-street bike facilities along "G" Street from Randolph and Capitol Parkway on the east with 8<sup>th</sup> Street on the west. We also encourage the use of appropriate signage that follows the AASHTO guidelines.

PBAC has been discussing on-street bike facilities during the past several years and members of the Committee have been working with City staff to help develop a good plan to implement these programs. At our meeting of June 8, 2010, the PBAC unanimously supported sending this letter of support to you.

The members of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee hope that continued discussion occurs regarding other streets throughout our community that can include on-street bike accommodations in their design and look forward to being involved in the possible changes to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan that is undergoing an update.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important topic.

Sincerely,



Ken Vice, Chair  
Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee

cc: City Council  
Greg MacLean, Director, Public Works & Utilities

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Mayor Chris Beutler  
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555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 208  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Support for Complete Streets Concept

Dear Mayor Beutler:

The Pedestrian / Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) strongly endorses the implementation of Complete Streets concepts in Lincoln. It also endorses the inclusion of this important topic in the new 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The PBAC has discussed this topic at multiple recent meetings, and several members of the Advisory Committee attended both the Complete Streets workshop on June 7 and the Complete Street public meeting on June 8. At our meeting of July 13, 2010, the PBAC unanimously supported sending this letter of support to you.

The implementation of Complete Streets concepts on Lincoln and Lancaster County roadways will further the community's efforts to become more pedestrian, bicycle and transit friendly. These are all items of importance for the PBAC. Including this information in the new 2040 Comprehensive Plan will better identify how this topic may be implemented locally, as well as identify what next steps to take to formalize the concepts.

The members of the Pedestrian / Bicycle Advisory Committee hope that continued discussion occurs regarding street projects throughout our community that may include Complete Streets concepts.

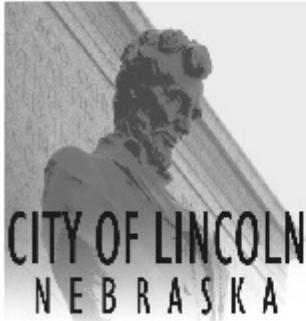
Thank you for your time and consideration of this important topic.

Sincerely,



Ken Vice, Chair  
Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee

cc: City Council  
Greg MacLean, Director, Public Works & Utilities  
Marvin Krout, Director, Planning Department



# PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

[lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)

July 19, 2010

## **48th Street; Garland Street - Holdrege Street Project #540009**

The City of Lincoln proposes to mill and overlay 48th Street from Garland Street to Holdrege Street starting the week of July 26, 2010 weather permitting. The existing pavement will be milled and overlaid with new asphalt. Sub-standard ADA facilities (i.e. curb ramps and truncated domes) will be reconstructed to meet minimum requirements at all intersections. 48th Street will be closed to through traffic for approximately 10 days. There will be lane closures before or after the closure for incidental work. The City will work with local businesses regarding access during construction. Access to local residences will be restricted at times. The contractor will be Constructors Inc.

If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

Ron Edson, Project Manager  
Engineering Services  
(402) 525-9294  
[redson@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:redson@lincoln.ne.gov)

Gregg Leber  
Constructors Inc.  
(402) 430-2748

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Terri Bailey [tbailey910@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 11:07 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Lincoln's Forestry Department

To Lincoln City Council,

I am writing in support of keeping the City Forrester position as well as the certified arborists that are on the forestry crew. While I could state all the reasons that are obvious, I know you have heard them by now - liability issues, quality of life issues, etc. Lincoln's attractions are not just the University and football team, the state capital, shopping, etc., but also the green space, including its trees. When I tell people we lived in Lincoln for over 20 years, the comments always include what a lovely community Lincoln is. Do away with the forestry department and that will no longer be the case in a very few years.

Spending time in Lincoln on a very frequent basis, at least once a week since we've moved, I have already noticed a major deterioration of streets and of how bad the streets are during wintry weather. It was not like this while we lived there. Do NOT allow the green space, which includes the trees, to become part of this demise. Streets are more readily repaired than replacing a stately tree that wasn't taken care of.

Having moved from Lincoln (and hoping to return upon my husband's retirement) and now living in a city with no requirements for certification and no arborist on staff, I have experienced first hand what happens when a forestry department does not exist. A large Hackberry tree branch was blown into our street during a severe storm. The contracted workers, not certified, came through and rather than cutting off the limb, ripped it from the tree, assuring the tree's demise. A stately elm that survived the Dutch Elm disease rampage through this area many years ago, died within 3 months of an uncertified tree crew trimming the tree with contaminated saws. Two trees over 30 years old that no longer supply shade and environmental benefits. This is on just one small section of a street. However, it is indicative of what is happening throughout our current community. The tree loss will happen in Lincoln, too, if the trees are not taken care of by those who know what they are doing!

Quality of life includes trees. Should Lincoln continue to decrease taxes (or refuse to increase taxes) for political reasons, and ignore the things that contribute to quality of life, my husband and I will be looking to move a place other than Lincoln in our retirement.

Sincerley,

Terri Bailey  
PO BOX 4609  
Sioux City IA 51104

430-6951 (Yes, I've kept a Linccoln cell phone number.)

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** RaWiJaGa@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2010 12:05 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Elimination of City Forestry jobs

Dear Council Members;

I feel the Mayor's request to eliminate the job of City Forester, and three Arborists is extremely short sighted and will only result in much greater expense in the future. The current Pine Wilt disease, and the projected Ash Borer disease require professional help and city wide backing to control this current and near future problem.

The city budget, hopefully, will improve in the next few years allowing the hiring of a new City Forester. However, the trees we lose in the meantime will take decades to replace and grow to maturity and at a far greater cost than protecting and maintaining those we have.

Thank you,

Ray & Jan Holliday  
3830 J St.

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** beth plein [sassy\_689@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2010 10:43 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** Arborist

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to ask that you NOT support the proposed cuts to City's Forestry Program. I believe eliminating Lincoln's City Forester and two certified arborists and replacing them with volunteers will hurt Lincoln.

Certified arborists are critical to Lincoln. A trained volunteer is not a satisfactory substitute for a paid, accountable employee. Even if the volunteers were to limit their work to immature trees, we would still be reducing our number of certified arborists who could care for and maintain the mature trees. This leads us to a very real public safety danger.

Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forester to manage the financial investment we have in our trees. We also need a City Forester as we face immediate threats to our tree population such as the Emerald Ash Borer, which by now you've heard quite a bit about. The potential loss of over 100,000 Ash trees is not a danger Lincoln should handle without knowledgeable guidance.

No matter how much we appreciate the dedicated volunteers in our community, we cannot expect them to replace three full-time professional positions. Please reinstate our City Forester and 2 certified arborists to the Forestry Program in the City Budget.

Sincerely,

Beth Learmouth

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Tim K Johnson [timkjohnson1947@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2010 10:09 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Budget cuts

Dear City Council Members,

Lincoln is the home of the National Arbor Day Foundation and one and a half million trees. It is a large mistake to eliminate the City Forester and the two certified arborists. We may have to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer soon and with over a hundred thousand ash trees and volunteers will certainly not be up to the task. Trees are part of our parks and our communities and provide much more than cooling, filtering our air and consuming carbon dioxide. It provides a psychological and spiritual aspect and helps draw people to our city. Lets look at other areas. Thank you.

Tim K Johnson  
Lincoln, Ne

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Chopper [chopper@inebraska.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2010 2:05 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Reduction in arborists

\*Please do NOT eliminate our City Forester, cut two Arborists, or reduce our number of tree crews from five to four.

Thank you

Mike Dowty  
1611 S 16th Street  
Lincoln  
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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Katie Skean [katieskean@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 18, 2010 12:44 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please don't cut Forestry budget

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask that you NOT support the proposed cuts to City's Forestry Program. I believe eliminating Lincoln's City Forester and two certified arborists and replacing them with volunteers will hurt Lincoln.

Certified arborists are critical to Lincoln. Even if the volunteers were to limit their work to immature trees, we would still be reducing our number of certified arborists who could care for and maintain the mature trees. This leads us to a very real public safety danger, not to mention liability issues.

Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forester to manage the financial investment we have in our trees. We also need a City Forester as we face immediate threats to our tree population such as the Emerald Ash Borer, which by now you've heard quite a bit about. The potential loss of over 100,000 Ash trees is not a danger Lincoln should handle without knowledgeable guidance.

No matter how much we appreciate the dedicated volunteers in our community, we cannot expect them to replace three full-time professional positions. Please reinstate our City Forester and 2 certified arborists to the Forestry Program in the City Budget.

Sincerely,  
Katie Skean

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## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Carolyn A Barber [cbarber@unlnotes.unl.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2010 2:44 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Community Forestry Program

Dear Councilmembers,

In the 2010-2011 budget for the City of Lincoln, Mayor Beutler has proposed to cut the Community Forestry Program by eliminating the position of City Forester and three certified arborist positions.

Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forestry team now more than ever to maintain and protect Lincoln's more than 1.5 million trees. In the next 1-3 years, Lincoln's 108,000 ash trees will face an infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer resulting in severe damage or total loss of these trees.

The City of Lincoln has adopted an EAB Readiness Plan and we will need an experienced City Forester to implement the plan and lead the Community Forestry effort throughout this crisis. The devastation and tree loss from EAB is projected to be more than 10 times as many trees as the October 1997 blizzard.

Please vote to restore these positions to the Community Forestry Program in the 2010-2011 City Budget.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Barber  
5325 L Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** vjhanna@windstream.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 3:02 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Concerned citizen/forester and arborists

Mayor Beutler,

I value Lincoln's trees, parks, and trails. Please do NOT eliminate our City Forester and Arborist positions.

Vanessa J. Hanna  
6400 Cleveland Avenue  
Lincoln NE 68507  
402.466.3625

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 7:43 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** michael and becky haskins  
**Address:** 1718 north 76th street  
**City:** Lincoln, NE 68505

**Phone:** 402-742-9896  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** [mhaskins@windstream.net](mailto:mhaskins@windstream.net)

**Comment or Question:**

I would invite every memeber of the council to drive Holdrege from north 68th to north 79th on either lane and tell me that this area does not deserve A LITTLE ATTENTION to the terrible road conditions. I realize this street is slated for overhaul the following year, but without some attention, right now there will be a huge up rising of angry people. This is so bad, that I have had to have my suspension on 2005 Malibu worked on, and 2 year old tires repaired. There are holes on top of holes. Turn onto an attached street and fall into the holes. Take my challenge and tell me we are crazy about the condition of this street. Every seam where the pads meet have holes that have never been filled. People hug the middle which will eventually cause an accident. Dare you to drive your car 15 times a week up and down this street and not get madder than hell.



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To	JOHN SPATZ	From	Jim Otto
Co./Dept.		Co.	
Phone #		Phone #	
Fax #	441-6533	Fax #	

## 7 Days

From: Jim Otto (nebretailfed@hotmail.com)

Sent: Mon 7/19/10 9:00 AM

To: demery@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov; jsnyder@lincoln.ne.gov; ecarroll@lincoln.ne.gov; ahornung@lincoln.ne.gov; jspatz@lincoln.ne.gov

I respectfully suggest that there are many unanswered questions about the proposed 6% occupation tax on telecommunications equipment and that it at least deserves 7 days to get more clarification.

If it is enacted, I assume the City will include a cost of collection reimbursement for the retailers similar to the cost of collection fee that will be paid to the restaurants and bars for their collection of the arena occupation tax.

Jim Otto  
402-474-5255

I HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANSWERS  
ON THE CONCERNS OUTLINED  
ON THE NEXT 2 PAGES  
Jim Otto

From: nebretailfed@hotmail.com  
To: demery@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov;  
jsnyder@lincoln.ne.gov; ecarroll@lincoln.ne.gov; ahornung@lincoln.ne.gov;  
jspatz@lincoln.ne.gov  
**Subject: Please Postpone!**  
Date: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 10:54:20 -0500

I am compelled to again contact all members of the Council concerning the pending 6% City occupation tax. The revised language does not solve the basic problems. The Nebraska Retail Federation continues to urge your aggressive opposition. At the very least, we respectfully request that the vote be postponed until many details are worked out. Please seriously consider the following points:

1. **THIS IS NOT A JUST A CLARIFICATION!** At the Public Hearing, City Staff termed this as a "clarification". This is much more than a clarification. As near as I can determine, it will make Lincoln the only city in the United States with this tax in retail stores. It will not just impact the large electronics retailers but grocery stores, pharmacies, and convenience stores as countless locations sell long distance phone cards.
2. **Interstate vs Intrastate?** As I understand it, interstate long distance charges would be subject to the tax and intrastate long distance charges would not be subject to the tax. How can that be separated on a long distance phone card purchased in a retail store? If the determination is to tax the entire amount, this results in an unfair and regressive tax on our most economically disadvantaged citizens.
3. **Multi Function Products.** A similar concern exists for Multi Function Products (MFPs). Traditionally businesses have relied upon a variety of hardcopy tools, including printers, fax machines, scanners, and copiers. The overwhelming trend is to combine all of these into one machine, an MFP. That means the vast majority of printers, scanners, and copiers sold today are also fax machines and are therefore "telecommunications equipment". If the entire purchase price is subject to the tax, it is inherently unfair. If only a percentage is subject to the tax, it is a bureaucratic mess to collect, remit, and enforce. Also the penalties for non compliance are very unfair even if the language was clear. With this vague language, it would be virtually impossible for retailers to be sure they were in total compliance.
4. **Streamlined Sales Tax Compliance?** Nebraska is one of the leading states in the Streamlined Sales Tax (SST) effort as millions dollars in sales taxes due through on line and catalog retailers are going uncollected. The Main Street Fairness Act was introduced in 2009 by Senator Mike Enzi and Representative Bill Delahunt and is pending in Congress now. The bill would authorize those states that have implemented the Streamlined Sales Tax (Nebraska) to require large online and catalog retailers to collect and remit sales taxes. I sincerely question how this can be compliant with Nebraska's SST efforts. At best the 6% occupation tax would go uncollected by on line and catalog retailers. At worst it could jeopardize millions of dollars of Nebraska sales tax collections.

5. **This tax will make Lincoln and "Uncompetitive Island" in the telecommunications equipment industry.** I understand that Lincoln's economic development efforts have the recruitment of call centers as one of their focus points. As I read the proposed language, a Verizon, Windstream, or AT&T call center would be exempt but a Cabela's, Lincoln Benefit Life, Ameritus, etc. call center would not be exempt. It makes no sense for the city of Lincoln to put an additional tax on an industry they are spending tens (if not hundreds) of thousands of dollars to recruit. Especially when that tax does not exist elsewhere. Any new telecommunications equipment purchased by existing or new Lincoln call centers that are not in the "telecommunications business only" would be subject to the 6% occupation tax.
6. **This is a can of worms that will encourage litigation** I am told that the catalyst for this effort was to clarify the issue due to existing litigation. If this passes, there will be more litigation not less. Instead of solving a problem, it complicates the issue. I respectfully suggest that the prudent and logical thing to do is to wait for the outcome of the pending litigation.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Jim Otto, President  
Nebraska Retail Federation  
474-5255