IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010

I. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from Emergency Medical Services, Inc., Tami Meyers, with attached 2010 second quarter response time report for Lincoln Fire & Rescue.

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Senator Haar, and Councilman Spatz will hold a news conference on August 5, 2010 to discuss safety for Highlands students attending Schoo Middle School.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Haymarket streets reopen.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Open house set on improvements to Old Cheney.
4. NEWS RELEASE. New Safety measures added for Schoo students.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to unveiling of historical market.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Fire and Rescue/NETFI canine aid in search.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Plan-it-Yourself Workshop.
8. Washington Report, July 30, 2010.

DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE. Pertussis (Whooping Cough) cases increasing in Lancaster County.
2. NEWS RELEASE. West Nile virus case reported in Lancaster County.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 10016 approved by the Planning Director on July 27, 2010.
2. Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting agenda for August 4, 2010.
3. As part of the LPlan 2040 the public is invited to participate in an interactive planning workshop; Plan-It-Yourself, with link to web page.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE

1. Memo from Clinton Thomas, Real Estate, regarding street and alley vacation No. 10010, 8th & 9th Streets, Q to R Streets.

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

JOHN SPATZ

1. Letter from the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) on the 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget

Proposal, supporting the privatization of parking enforcement in downtown Lincoln. (Each Council Member received individual copy)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

1. Letter from the Nebraska Community Forestry Council on the proposed elimination of the City Forester position, asking the Mayor, and City, to do whatever they can to retain this position in Lincoln giving reasons for their recommendation. (Each Member received individual letter)
2. Letter from Dan and Cheryl Wesolowski urging the reinstatement of the City Forester position. (Each Member received individual letter)
3. Email from Laurel Erickson. Eliminating the senior Forester is a bad idea, and if the money is restored would not be for this position but for mowing more grass.
4. Email from Carrie Brownyard asking how our tress will be taken care of without knowledgeable professions. Figure out a way to budget this in.
5. Email from Jeff Carney stating his concern with eliminating the City Forester position and listing reasons to keep in the budget.
6. Email from Abeecham asking to please consider keeping the City Forester in the budget.
7. Email from Cara Heminger, and copy of letter to Mayor Beutler, asking for reconsideration on cutting the position of City Forester. This action will turn into higher costs for the City.
8. Email from Anne Christensen who enjoys living in Tree City USA, and not to cut the position of City Forester.
9. Email from Nanne Olds asking to retain Lincoln's City Forester.
10. Email from Mia Sims. Lincoln needs a City Forester, not just more mowing.
11. Letter from Kevin Salvo thanking the City Council and the Lincoln Police Department for assistance in obtaining photographs to use for his HO scale train layout.
12. Letter from John Krejci with concerns of eliminating the Director of the Human Right Commission, with a copy of letter sent to Mayor Beutler from the Nebraskans for Peace expressing their concerns.
13. Letter from Betty J. Root on behalf of keeping the Senior Center open at the St. James Methodist Church on Lake Street.
14. InterLinc correspondence from M. Hughes supporting the change of closing bars at 2 pm.
15. InterLinc feedback from Alexis Smail expressing her interest in changing the local bar closing time to 2 pm.
16. InterLinc feedback from Bobby Fisher stating 2 am closing time for bar would be great for the city, would compete with Omaha.
17. Email from R. Scott Sandquist regarding his belief the Haymarket Arena Construction Manager should be one headquartered here in Lincoln.
18. InterLinc correspondence from Travis Didrickson stating reasons and problems but still for the 2 am bar closing time.
19. InterLinc correspondence from Christina Wiese. Bars closing at 2 am will benefit all businesses open late, not only the bars.
20. InterLinc feedback from Andrew Franklin. The bars should be open until 2 am.
21. Email from John Alexander. Against the proposed 2 am closing time for bars in Lincoln.
22. InterLinc feedback from Emily Heathcock in support of the 2 am bar time closing.

Important to stay competitive with Omaha and surrounding states.

23. InterLinc feedback from Angel Mendoza in support of the 2 am bar closing time. Would suggest an increase in revenue for bars.
24. Correction. The email listed on the Director's Addendum for August 2, 2010 under Correspondence from Citizens, #1, was not forwarded by Kitty Elliott and she was not the author. It was submitted by a concerned Lincoln citizen.
25. Letter from Harriet Ruebsamen. Please do not close the Lake Street Senior Center. The Downtown Center atmosphere is more impersonal.(Each Council Member received individual letter)
26. Letter from State of Nebraska, Bureau of Plant Industry, Richard Reiman, Administrator, in reference to letter from State Entomologist Julie Van Meter (Directors Agenda, August 2nd, Correspondence from Citizens, #15) The NDA does not have, and does not intend to take, a position on the staffing of the Lincoln city forestry program. The intended point of the Van Meter letter was to provide factual information related to critical plant pest concerns. (Each Council member received individual letter)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

August 4, 2010

Joan Ross, City Clerk
Lincoln City Clerk's Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Joan:

Enclosed you will find the Lincoln Fire & Rescue medic unit response time performance report for the second quarter of 2010. This report has been compiled to inform the city leaders about Lincoln Fire & Rescue's performance regarding the city's established response time goal for life threatening emergencies.

The response time report has also been submitted to the EMS, Inc. Board of Directors and the Fire Chief. Based upon the data submitted, Lincoln Fire & Rescue met the ambulance response time goal for all of 2nd quarter, April – June 2010.

Please direct any questions to me at 483-4800.

Sincerely,

Tami Meyers

Tami Meyers-Quality Improvement Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

Digital copy: EMS, Inc. Board of Directors
Terry Rounsborg, MD-Medical Director
Niles Ford, Fire Chief

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

2010
2nd Quarter Response Time Report for Lincoln Fire & Rescue

This report is required by contract to be submitted to the City of Lincoln every quarter. The statistics reflect the response times for only the life threatening medical emergencies within the Lincoln city limits. The response time goal is for an advanced life support medic unit to arrive in 8 minutes or less at least 90% of the time for life threatening emergencies dispatched with the Delta or Echo determinant.

	January	February	March
Delta/Echo Dispatches*	239	253	253
Over 8 minute responses	24	26	25
Response goal percentage	90.73%	89.72%	90.12%

	April	May	June
Delta/Echo Dispatches*	241	264	281
Over 8 minute responses	12	24	18
Response goal percentage	95.02%	90.91%	93.59%

*The number of dispatches listed represents the total number of calls with available time stamps required to measure response time.

CITY OF LINCOLN
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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

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

DATE: August 4, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler, State Senator Ken Haar and City Councilman John Spatz will discuss steps being taken to improve safety for Highlands students who attend Schoo Middle School at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, August 5** at the **Schoo multi-purpose room, 700 Penrose Drive.** The entrance is on the west side of the building. Teachers will be in training at the school, so parking lots may be full. Parking should be available near the entrance in the visitor spaces, along the entrance loop and on side streets.

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MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Street and Traffic Operations, 901 N. 6th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7701

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 5, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Street and Traffic Operations, 441-8237
David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

HAYMARKET STREETS REOPEN

The Haymarket streets that closed July 29 because of problems with a building at 8th and "Q" have reopened. "Q" Street from 8th to 9th streets and 8th Street from "P" and "Q" streets are now open, along with the northwest half of the 8th and "Q" intersection. The Haymarket Garage at 9th and "Q" streets can now be reached from both directions.

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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: August 5, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Craig Aldridge, Engineering Services, 441-7560
Sarah Willnerd, HWS, 479-2200

OPEN HOUSE SET ON IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD CHENEY

The community is invited to an open house Thursday, August 12 on improvements to Old Cheney Road from 70th to 82nd streets. The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lincoln Christian School, 5801 South 84th Street. Directional signs will be posted to guide the public to parking and meeting areas.

Because of rising traffic volumes, the existing two-lane rural street will be upgraded to a four-lane urban street with turn lanes, curbs and gutters. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2013. The project also includes:

- Installing drainage facilities and reconstructing water and wastewater mains and private utility lines;
- Constructing bike trails, sidewalks and curb ramps;
- Installing a new traffic signal, street lighting and communications infrastructure;
- Building retaining walls; and
- Reconstructing adjacent roads, as required, to match with the improvements.

The open house will provide an opportunity for the planning team to share and obtain information on the current plans. Participants may visit information stations and discuss their questions and concerns with the project team.

For more information on the project, contact Craig Aldridge, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-7560. For more information on the open house, contact Sarah Willnerd, HWS, at 479-2270. Information on City street projects can be found on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 5, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Randy Hoskins, Assistant City Engineer, 441-7570
Larry Worth, StarTran Transit Manager, 441-8600

NEW SAFETY MEASURES ADDED FOR SCHOO STUDENTS

Mayor Chris Beutler and State Senator Ken Haar today announced that additional safety measures are being taken to help students living in the Highlands area of northwest Lincoln reach Schoo Middle School, which opened last year. Those students who live south of U.S. Highway 34 and walk to school must cross the highway to reach the school at 700 Penrose Drive.

Last winter, StarTran added service from a single pick- up location in the Highlands to the school. That service has been expanded for the upcoming school year. StarTran worked with the Schoo administration to develop the new route, which will loop through the Highlands with multiple stops. The new route is called the #52 Gaslight Booster.

At the same time, a new school zone with a speed limit of 45 mph has been created on Highway 34 north and south of its intersection with Fletcher. The regularly posted speed in that area is 60 mph. Prior to last school year, a countdown cross walk was installed at the intersection along with new sidewalks, a new left-turn arrow and new crosswalk markings.

"These are significant safety measures that will help us reach our main goal – getting students to and from school safely," said Mayor Beutler. "I want to thank the Schoo administration as well as the residents of the neighborhood who worked with us to make improvements. I also want to thank Senator Haar who represents this area for making this issue a priority and helping us find solutions."

"The health and safety of children is a top priority of mine," said Senator Haar. "I want to thank Mayor Beutler and the City of Lincoln for stepping up to the plate to address the potentially dangerous school crossing at Highway 34 and Fletcher with the installment of a 45 mph school zone and the booster bus route."

Information on the new StarTran route is available at startran.lincoln.ne.gov and 476-1234. StarTran staff will attend the Schoo open houses August 12 and 16 to meet with parents and students and sell bus passes. The new school zone will be in effect for the first time from 6 to 7 p.m on Safe Walk and Safe Ride to School Night August 16. The lower speed limit will be in effect weekdays 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. and 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. Recommended walking routes for all Lincoln schools are available from school principals and the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: schools).

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LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7491, fax 441-6377

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 5, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sara Hartzell, Planning Department, 441-6371

PUBLIC INVITED TO PLAN-IT-YOURSELF WORKSHOP

The public is invited to a free interactive planning activity Saturday, August 14 to explore the connections between land use, transportation and finance. The "Plan-it-Yourself" workshop is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Lancaster Room of the Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th Street. The workshop is part of LPlan 2040, the update of the Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan for Lincoln and Lancaster County.

"We are working to create a vision for the future of the area out to the year 2040," said Marvin Krout, Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department. "It's important for residents to have some understanding of how the community grows, and I think this exercise will be a fun way for the public to both learn and share their views."

Participants will learn what it takes to plan the future growth of the city. Small groups will work with maps of the Lincoln area and use magnetic game pieces to create a vision of future residential growth. The groups will then work within a budget to develop a transportation network to serve the new growth. Groups also will have the option to consider improvements to the public transit system.

To reserve a seat for the event, visit lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov and click on the "Plan-it-Yourself" reservation button. Reservations are encouraged but not required, and the public is welcome to register at the door on the day of the event. For more information about the "Plan-it-Yourself" workshop or LPlan2040, visit the website or contact Sara Hartzell in the Planning Department at 441-7491.

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LINCOLN PARKS AND RECREATION
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 441-7847, fax 441-8706

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 2, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: J.J. Yost, Parks and Recreation, 441-8255
Terry Genrich, Parks and Recreation, 441-7939

PUBLIC INVITED TO UNVEILING OF HISTORICAL MARKER

The public is invited to attend the unveiling of a Nebraska State Historical Marker in Wilderness Park at 10 a.m. Monday, August 9. The marker – commemorating the 1894 Rock Island train wreck at the site – will be placed near the Jamaica North Trail near Densmore Park. Public parking is available in the Wilderness Park parking lot on Old Cheney Road just east of Highway 77. Shuttle bus service is available from the parking lot just east of Highway 77 on Old Cheney Road. Attendees wishing to be bused to the site should arrive at the parking lot by 9:30 a.m.

The wreck happened on August 9, 1894 when a northbound Rock Island train derailed from the trestle, crashed and burned. Eleven people were killed despite the heroic action of brakeman Harry Foote, who rescued many. G.W. Davis was convicted of the crime in 1895, but was paroled 10 years later by Governor John Micky.

The sign was donated by Dr. Joel Williamsen and family. Williamsen discovered the story while researching his novel, *Barrelhouse Boys*, a work of historical fiction which takes place largely in Lincoln's Haymarket area. The book was published in 2009.

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LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE
1801 "Q" St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-8350, fax 441-7098

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 4, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: LFR Captain Eric Jones, 441-8351, (cell) 402-617-3386

LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE/NETF1 CANINE AID IN SEARCH

Nebraska Task Force 1 (NETF1) Canine Search Specialist Dallas Fletcher and his dog "Price" were the key to a successful search for a potential suicide victim earlier this week.

Late Monday afternoon, Lincoln Fire & Rescue (LFR) was called to assist in a search for a woman who was attempting suicide under a bridge. LFR responded to the call along with Lincoln Police Department and the Nebraska State Patrol. The woman had fled into some nearby woods, and initial attempts to locate her were unsuccessful.

LFR then dispatched Fletcher and Price of NETF1, the federal Urban Search and Rescue Team based at LFR, along with Lincoln Fire Captain/Search Team Manager Eric Jones. The team quickly located the victim who was unconscious. LFR medical personnel arrived to care for and transport the victim to a local hospital.

"We realized we had to find the person soon," said Jones. "Because of the amount of blood on the scene, we realized it could be a life or death situation."

The type of canine team used in the search is primarily trained to locate victims trapped in a structural collapse. The dogs work by detecting human scent in the air as opposed to scent off the ground. Fletcher and Price, a nationally certified team, also helped locate a missing accident victim who rolled a vehicle near Ashland this week. NETF1 has five certified canine teams.

The City's participation in the federal Urban Search and Rescue program provides LFR with technical resource training and responders to augment the department's capability. NETF1 has been on numerous deployments including Hurricane Katrina, the World Trade Center collapse, the De Bruce Grain Elevator explosion in Kansas and the Greenberg, Kansas tornado. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: fire).

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HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR AUGUST RECESS

CONGRESS

House adjourns for summer break while Senate remains in DC for another week. The House wrapped up its business today and adjourned for a long summer break, while the Senate will stick around next week, mostly to consider the confirmation of United States Supreme Court designee Elena Kagan.

Upon returning to Washington next month, the House will face a number of pending issues, but little time prior to the November election break. Most significantly, House leaders hope to complete floor consideration of the 12 FY 2011 appropriations bills. Thus far, the House has approved two measures while the Senate has approved none. In addition, the House and Senate will attempt to reconcile those spending bills, as well as other legislation such as a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill, and small business and oil spill liability measures, should the Senate approve them.

Speaking of the Senate, leaders in that chamber will attempt to hold procedural votes early next week on legislation to boost small business lending as well as a scaled-back energy bill crafted by Senate Majority leader Harry Reid (D-NV). At this time, there does not appear to be the 60 votes necessary to end Republican filibusters on either bill.

The Senate will likely adjourn next week once the Kagan nomination is voted on, with both the House and Senate expected to return to Washington on September 14. From there, the target adjournment date prior to the November election is October 8.

FINANCE

Proposed changes to health care law scuttles House effort to extend Build America Bonds. For the second time in two weeks, an attempt to extend the Build America Bonds (BABs) program for two years was shelved as a result of partisan disagreements unrelated to the popular program that is scheduled to expire at the end of this year.

Last week, congressional leaders eliminated BABs and a number of other popular tax provisions from a jobs-related measure (HR 4213) in order to reduce its cost to secure Republican votes for the package in the Senate. What was left was essentially a measure to extend federal unemployment benefits.

This week, the House began the process of considering legislation (HR 5893) that included a number of tax provisions in the original version of HR 4213, including:

- Extending for two-years the BABs program, reducing the subsidy from 35% to 32% in 2011, and again down to 30% in 2012
- Extending for one-year the Recovery Zone Bond program, as well as providing an additional allocation to the program that would allow a number of communities that did not receive an allocation in the first round of the program
- Excluding bonds financing water and sewer facilities from state private activity bond volume caps
- Eliminating costs imposed on State and local governments by the alternative minimum tax through 2011
- Allowing the New Markets Tax Credit to be claimed against the alternative minimum tax with respect to qualified investments made between March 15, 2010 and January 1, 2012
- Extending the tax-exempt eligibility for loans guaranteed by Federal Home Loan Banks through 2011

When the bill was brought to the floor Thursday afternoon, Republicans offered a "motion to recommit" the bill back to the House Ways and Means Committee, with instructions that the panel consider the repeal of a provision in the health care legislation that requires small businesses to file a 1099 form to the IRS for payments of more than $600 that they make to any vendor during a tax year.

Such motions are sometimes used by the minority in the House to force recorded votes on matters that may be politically difficult for the majority, and in this case, it was successful. Fearing that the motion would succeed, Democratic leadership pulled the bill from the floor and indicated that they may try to amend the measure to include language addressing the 1099 issue.

However, the House was not expected to bring the bill to the floor prior to adjourning today for a summer recess, so the bill is not expected to be considered until mid-September at the earliest. A summary of HR 5893 can be found here: http://bit.ly/asVrsD

HOUSING AND CD

House approves FY 2011 HUD spending bill. The House approved the FY 2011 appropriations bill with jurisdiction over the Department of Housing and Urban Development this week, and while a number of attempts to cut agency programs were turned back, the debate demonstrated an unfavorable climate for domestic discretionary funding in the future.

Of most concern to advocates of HUD programs was a proposed amendment that would have reduced committee-recommended levels of funding to those recommended by the Obama Administration. The result would have been a $175 million reduction in the HOME program, as well as elimination of the HOPE VI, Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) programs.

While the amendment was ultimately not offered, observers were troubled that it was proposed not by Republicans, but a group of deficit-minded Democrats known as "Blue Dogs." With virtually unanimous GOP support, it is likely that the conservative Democrat voting block would have been successful had they gone through with their plans.

Events such as these do not bode well for efforts in the near future to increase spending for domestic discretionary programs that have been slowly (and sometimes not so slowly) reduced over the past decade. Republicans – and a growing number of Democrats – are expressing displeasure with the growing deficit, and their response has been to propose reductions in non-defense domestic programs, one of the smallest portions of the annual federal budget.

While the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved its version of a FY 2011 HUD spending bill, it is not expected to be considered on the floor until September, at the earliest. For additional details about both the House and Senate bills, see the July 23 *Washington Report*.

TRANSPORTATION

DOT budget approved by House, which also takes aim at unobligated highway bill earmarks. The House approved its version of a FY 2011 appropriations bill (HR 5850) for the Department of Transportation this week and also approved a separate measure (HR 5730) that would rescind projects from past highway authorization bills with unspent funds.

The DOT spending measure as approved by the House is largely unchanged from the version approved by the House Appropriations Committee last week (see July 23 *Washington Report* for details). Several amendments to eliminate specific transportation earmarks from the bill were turned back on the floor, as was an attempt to reduce the New/Small Starts rail program by $177 million.

The next step for the FY 2011 DOT spending bill is consideration on the Senate floor, which is not expected to occur until September at the earliest.

Meanwhile, HR 5830 would rescind funding for earmarked projects included in the 1987, 1991 (ISTEA), and 1998 (TEA-21) surface transportation reauthorization bills. According to the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee, 309 projects worth $713 million would be affected by the measure. According to bill sponsors, the unobligated balances are tied to projects that "are no longer viable, have not received the necessary matching funds from state and local entities, or are projects that have been completed but still contain funding balances that are no longer needed."

The bill is an extension of efforts by the House T&I Committee to rescind such projects in the next surface transportation reauthorization bill, which has been stalled since the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law expired last October. A table of the projects affected by HR 5830 can be found here: http://bit.ly/a9EweZ

To date, there is no companion measure in the Senate to HR 5830. However, in March, the Senate approved an amendment to its version of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill that would rescind all federal transportation earmarks that are at least 10 years old and have unobligated balances of 90 percent or more.

HUMAN SERVICES

Senate panel approves FY 2011 HHS spending. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2011 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education spending bill this week.

The bill is the largest non-defense annual appropriations bills (at approximately $700 billion, the Defense measure is by far the largest of the annual appropriations bills) and it funds a wide array of government operations, ranging from museum and library grants to the Bureau of Labor Statistics to the sprawling National Institutes of Health. The bill's size is matched by the controversy that often surrounds it, with the bill annually providing an opportunity for debate on various hot button social issues.

Overall, the bill would spend $169 billion, $7 billion more than FY 2010

but $5 billion less than what the House version of the bill proposes. Extensive details of the bill are not yet available and will be provided next week. The next step for the bill is the Senate floor, but no consideration has been scheduled to date.

JOB TRAINING

Senate panel approves FY 2011 Labor and Education spending. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2011 funding bill for the Labor and Education Departments. Overall, funding for programs at the Department of Labor and the Department of Education would see modest increases or level funding under the bill.

The measure would fund core Workforce Investment Act job training programs (Adult Block Grant, Youth Block Grant, Displaced Workers) at $3.8 billion, $163 million more than FY 2010 but $219 million less than the House version of the bill. At the Department of Education, funding for 21st Century Learning Centers, which provides grants for after school programs, would increase by $100 million over FY 2010 to $1.266 billion, $45 million less than the House.

The bill now awaits consideration by the full Senate, although it is unclear when, or if, such consideration will be scheduled in the near future.

ARTS AND RECREATION

LWCF program getting attention in energy bills. Both the House and Senate are considering measures to address oil spill liability and offshore drilling and each includes provisions that would guarantee full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

This week, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) released details of a last-ditch attempt at a climate change bill. Not included in the proposal are controversial items such as cap and trade, limits on greenhouse gas emissions for utilities, and a renewable energy standard for utilities. Much of the focus is on reform of the offshore drilling industry, and it also includes provisions to promote use of electric vehicles and energy efficient appliances.

Also included in the Reid proposal is guaranteed, full funding of $900 million annually for the LWCF through 2015. While parks and recreation advocates are grateful that the long-ignored LWCF would receive full funding for the first time in a generation, they are also advocating changes to the measure that would ensure that at least 40 percent of the LWCF funding be dedicated to the Stateside program, under which states receive formula grants for conservation and recreation initiatives. The remainder of the LWCF would go to federal land purchases and other conservation efforts.

However, there is a great deal of uncertainty as to whether the 60 votes exist in the Senate to end a Republican filibuster of the bill. A vote is expected early next week.

In addition, the House today approved offshore drilling legislation (HR 3534) that would also guarantee full funding for the LWCF (with no guaranteed set-aside for the Stateside program) and the National Historic Preservation Fund through 2040. Details on that bill may be found in the July 16 *Washington Report*.

CHEMICAL SECURITY

Senate panel approves chemical security legislation. The Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee approved legislation this week (HR 2868) that would reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Security Program (CFATS) for three years.

During the markup, the Committee unanimously approved a substitute amendment to the bill offered by Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) that replaced the House-passed version of the bill with a simple three-year extension of CFATS. Notably, the Collins amendment would not expand CFATS to cover water and wastewater plants and does not include "inherently safer technology" language for the House version of the bill that raised concerns for water and wastewater utilities.

Local governments and utilities have a number of concerns about the House-passed chemical security bill. These concerns include:

- The lack of an appeal process for disapproved utility vulnerability assessments and emergency response plans;
- Language that would authorize EPA to require utilities to use "inherently safer technology" for treating drinking water, which water utilities fear could lead to federal mandates for expensive and even technologically impossible treatment plant upgrades and retrofits, and
- Insufficient protection of sensitive water utility information.

Despite the Committee's approval of the Collins amendment, Committee Chairman Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) says that he wants to bring a more expansive CFATS bill to the Senate floor. In particular, he supports expanding CFATS to cover drinking water and wastewater plants and to include "inherently safer technology" language.

In addition, Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), a strong advocate of increased safety regulation of the chemical industry, has introduced a bill (S 3958) that is very similar to the sections of HR 2868 that would expand CFATS to cover drinking water and wastewater treatment plants. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which also has jurisdiction over this legislation, held a hearing on CFATS this week during which the Committee discussed drinking water and wastewater plant security, including the Lautenberg bill.

Given the scarcity of Senate floor time, the looming adjournment of Congress and the lack of consensus on this issue, it is doubtful whether HR 2868 or any other CFATS bill will reach the Senate floor this year.

ECON. DEVELOPMENT

House panel clears EDA reauthorization bill. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved legislation (HR 5897) that would reauthorize the Economic Development Administration (EDA) through FY 2015.

Overall, the bill would authorize $2.5 billion for EDA programs over five

years, including $2.25 billion for public works and economic adjustment grants and $180 million for planning grants. The bill would also authorize $25 million a year for a new Sustainable Development Grant Program to support economic development projects that would promote energy efficiency to enhance an area's economic competitiveness, support the use of alternative energy to increase an area's economic competitiveness and support efforts to attract alternative energy industries.

The bill would also authorize the use of public works grants to fund the construction and development of business incubators and science and research parks, with a maximum grant of $750,000. In addition, it would authorize $500 million in loan guarantees for the construction and development of business incubators and science and research parks. Loans would have a term of 30 years or 90 percent of the useful life of the physical asset funded by the loan, with a maximum loan of $50 million.

HR 5897 would require EDA to coordinate its grants and its policies with the development of high-speed rail and would set aside $500,000 a year from the planning grants to help economic development authorities plan for job opportunities related to high-speed rail projects. The bill would also require recipients of EDA grants and loans to commit, under threat of penalty, to specific job creation goals as part of their grant or loan agreement. However, the bill does not define the penalty for failing to meet job creation goals, simply saying that EDA "may take appropriate action to penalize who fails to satisfy job creation goals." The bill would also bar the use of EDA funds to attract an employer from another part of the United States.

HR 5897 also includes language designed to increase local government participation in regional economic development planning and to remove barriers that discourage the consolidation of neighboring economic development districts.

The next step for the bill is the House floor. The once controversial agency that was repeatedly targeted for elimination in previous decades now enjoys broad bipartisan support. However, with only a few weeks remaining before Congress adjourns, it is unclear whether there will be enough time for the House, much less the Senate, to pass this bill.

GRANTS & NOTICES

HUD-DOT

Final application materials for HUD's Community Challenge Planning Grants and DOT's TIGER II Planning Grants are now available at www.grants.gov. The application deadline is August 23, 2010:
http://bit.ly/agRvl1

HUD will be hosting a webinar for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grantees and partners on August 3, 2010 on NSP Underwriting Principles and Requirements. No registration is required. Additional participation details:
http://bit.ly/d6oZUR

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA announced more than $16 million in Brownfields funding for 27 state and local government agencies for cleanup activities, redevelopment projects, and creating jobs for people living near Brownfields sites. A list of recipients can be found at:
http://bit.ly/bZaqGV

NEWS RELEASE

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 3, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bruce Dart, PhD, 402-441-8001
Health Director

Tim Timmons, R.N., 402-441-8056
Communicable Disease Program Supervisor

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Cases Increasing in Lancaster County

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has investigated 18 cases of pertussis ("Whooping Cough") in the past two months. A total of 24 lab confirmed cases have been reported so far in 2010. In 2009, a total of 20 cases of pertussis were reported. Four of the cases in the past 2 months were in infants under one year of age, two of whom were hospitalized.

Currently, several states are reporting an increase in whooping cough cases, including a state-wide epidemic in California. It is important that individuals make sure both they and their loved ones are up to date with vaccinations. This includes pertussis containing vaccines, DTaP vaccine for infants and children and Tdap booster for adolescents and adults. Beginning this school year in Nebraska, all students entering seventh grade are required to have had a Tdap booster immunization.

Infants do not typically begin the four dose series of immunizations against pertussis until two months of age. Children who are younger than seven years of age should have received at least

five doses of pertussis vaccine (DTaP vaccine). Parents are strongly encouraged to be sure their children are current on all immunizations and that every effort is made to begin and continue infant immunizations on time. Parents who are unsure of their child's immunization status should contact their health care provider or the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8065.

Pertussis vaccines are very effective but not 100% effective. With pertussis circulating in the community, there is still a chance that a fully vaccinated person can catch this very contagious disease. When you or your child develops a cold that includes a prolonged or severe cough, it may be pertussis

Dr. Bruce Dart, Health Director, urged parents with children under one year of age to avoid taking them to places that have large crowds of people and keep them away as much as possible from anyone who has cold symptoms or is coughing.

Pertussis can cause serious illness in infants, children and adults. The disease starts like the common cold, with runny nose or congestion, sneezing, and maybe mild cough or fever. But after 1–2 weeks, severe coughing begins. Infants and children with the disease may cough violently and rapidly, over and over, until the air is gone from their lungs and they're forced to inhale with a loud "whooping" sound. Pertussis is most severe for babies; more than half of infants less than 1 year of age who get the disease must be hospitalized. About 1 in 5 infants with pertussis get pneumonia (lung infection), and about 1 in 100 will have convulsions. In rare cases (1 in 100), pertussis can be deadly, especially in infants.

A person with pertussis usually will spread the disease by coughing or sneezing while in close contact with others, who then breathe in the pertussis bacteria. Many infants who get pertussis are infected by parents, older siblings, or other caregivers who might not even know they have the disease.

Pertussis is highly contagious during the first 2-3 weeks of coughing. Antibiotics are used to treat both the infected individual and all household contacts, regardless of their immunization status. Contacts outside the home that are symptomatic should be evaluated by their healthcare provider.

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 4, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bruce Dart, PhD, Health Director, 441-8001

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Communicable Disease Program

WEST NILE VIRUS CASE REPORTED IN LANCASTER COUNTY

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has had its first reported case of West Nile virus (WNV) infection in Lancaster County for the 2010 season. The individual is over 60 years of age.

Most people are infected with West Nile virus after being bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus. The virus is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person with the virus. Prevention of bites is the best way to prevent West Nile disease. People can avoid mosquito bites by limiting their time outside during dawn or dusk, prime times for mosquitoes to feed. If you do go outside during these times, wear lightweight long-sleeved shirts and pants and use insect repellent on exposed skin. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent such as those with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. (Be sure to follow label directions.) Even when you are only outdoors for a short time that's a long enough time to get a mosquito bite.

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General Precautions Regarding Insect Repellents:

Always follow the instructions on the product label.

Apply repellents only to exposed skin and/or clothing (as directed on the product label.)

Do not use repellents under clothing.

Never use repellents over cuts, wounds or irritated skin.

Do not apply to eyes or mouth, and apply sparingly around ears. When using sprays, do not spray directly on face—spray on hands first and then apply to face.

Do not allow children to handle the product. When using on children, apply to your own hands first and then put it on the child. You may not want to apply to children's hands.

Use just enough repellent to cover exposed skin and/or clothing. Heavy application and saturation are generally unnecessary for effectiveness. If biting insects do not respond to a thin film of repellent, then apply a bit more.

After returning indoors, wash treated skin with soap and water or bathe. This is particularly important when repellents are used repeatedly in a day or on consecutive days. Also, wash treated clothing before wearing it again. (This precaution may vary with different repellents—check the product label.)

If you or your child gets a rash or other bad reaction from an insect repellent, stop using the repellent, wash the repellent off with mild soap and water, and call a local poison control center for further guidance. If you go to a doctor because of the repellent, take the repellent with you to show the doctor.

Note that the label for products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus specifies that they should not be used on children under the age of three years.

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Additional things you can do to reduce your risk:

Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels.

Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly.

Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out.

Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

Many people infected with the WNV have no symptoms. If symptoms occur, they may include fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks. Occasionally, a person can experience more severe symptoms that can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, unconsciousness, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

At this time there are no plans to spray for West Nile Virus. Key factors in the decision to spray include the number of mosquitoes that can carry West Nile Virus, the virus activity in mosquitoes, and the number of human cases. The Department will continue to monitor these as the summer progresses. During August and September, the mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus become more common and so does the virus. So, from now until the end of summer if you get bit, it is more likely to be by a mosquito that can carry the virus and your risk of getting West Nile Virus is higher.

Memorandum

Date: ✦ August 3, 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 27, 2010 thru August 2, 2010:

Administrative Amendment No. 10016 to Special Permit No. 09022, Wilderness Place Planned Service Commercial, approved by the Planning Director on July 27, 2010, requested by Engineering Design Consultants, LLC, to reduce the 100 foot setback for certain uses along the east property lines to a 50 foot green space with additional landscaping on the corner between the driveway on Crescent Drive and the driveway on S. 33rd Street, per the submitted landscape plan. This plan retains the use restriction that no convenience store, gas pumps, fast food restaurants and car washes are permitted on the eastern half of Lot 1 unless they are incidental and accessory to the auto dealership. This property is generally located on the southwest corner at S. 33rd Street and Yankee Hill Road.

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Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Committee Agenda

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: August 4, 2010
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Public Works Conference Room #210, County/ City Building

AGENDA
Revised 8/3/10

- Roll Call and Acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on revisions to the current FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Projects under consideration for federal funding include the following:
    - Lincoln South Street Bridge project (CN 11215K) – Add federal funding and advance to meet a FY 2010 project letting for construction.
    - Lincoln A.V. Phase 1-N/S road, “K” to “Q” Street project (CN 11215A) – Adjust programming of federal funding to meet a FY 2010 project letting for construction.
    - Lincoln Citywide Durable Markings project (CN 13096) – Convert local funding to federal STP Urban and ARRA (Federal STP-Urban Stimulus Funds) funds to meet a FY 2010 project letting for construction.
    - Lincoln Citywide Crosswalk Markings project (CN 13097) – Convert local funding to Federal STP Urban funds to meet a FY 2010 project letting for construction.
    - Conversion of Advanced Construction funding (local funds) to federal STP Urban funding on three City of Lincoln projects.
2. Other topics for discussion

History List

Jean Preister

From: Michele M. Abendroth
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 4:44 PM
Subject: Announcement: Lincoln/Lancaster County Comp Plan Update: Plan-it-Yourself Workshop
Attachments: 100814 flyer.pdf

As part of the LPlan 2040 process, the public is invited to participate in an interactive planning workshop; **Plan-it-Yourself**! At this workshop you will learn the basics of planning new growth in the City of Lincoln. You will work with a group of other interested people to create future residential growth that will serve the 2040 population. Then groups will use a realistic budget to provide transportation and transit services to the new areas as well as the rest of the city.

The activity will take place on **Saturday, August 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 am at the Cornhusker Hotel Lancaster Room**, 333 S. 13th Street. If you would like to participate you can **reserve a seat at** **http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/content/081410/index.htm**. Participants are also welcome to register at the door on the day of the event.

For more information go to the website, or contact Sara Hartzell at 441-7491 or shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:	Mayor Beutler & City Council Members	FROM:	Clinton W. Thomas
DEPARTMENT:	City Council Office	DEPARTMENT:	Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division
ATTENTION:		DATE:	August 4, 2010
COPIES TO:	Teresa J. Meier Marvin Krout Rod Confer Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety Jean Preister, Planning	SUBJECT:	Street & Alley Vacation No. 10010 8th & 9th Streets, Q to R Streets

A request has been made to vacate the remaining portion of the East/West Alley in Block 30 the Original Plat of Lincoln. This area lies within the block bounded by 8th, 9th, Q and R Streets. The request to vacate also includes the easterly 18 feet of 8th Street abutting the East/West Alley. The area was viewed and appears as a paved alley. Overhead electric, telephone and cable lines were observed in the alley. In addition to these, a high voltage transmission line was observed along the east side of 8th Street running over the area of 8th Street to be vacated. The Planning Department has also indicated the existence of a sanitary sewer within the alley. They also indicated the sanitary sewer was to be removed and replaced with a private sewer serving the abutting properties so no utility easement will be required for that purpose.

Conversations with officials at Lincoln Electric System have indicated the need for an easement over the northerly 10 feet of the alley to be vacated as well as all of the portion of 8th Street being vacated in order to continue the operation of the existing distribution and transmission lines.

Long, narrow strips such as these when encumbered by easements rarely have any value and even when unencumbered by easements have value only as assemblage land. In this case, only a portion of the area to be vacated will be encumbered with a utility easement. The area unencumbered by easements is also estimated to have differing values depending on whether it is ready for immediate redevelopment or redevelopment is unlikely to happen in the near future. The value of the unencumbered area will be treated as a percentage of the abutting land value and its likelihood of redevelopment; while the area encumbered by the permanent utility easements are considered to have only nominal value.

The area to be vacated which will be encumbered by utility easements is considered to have only nominal value of $0.20 per square foot. The total area to be vacated and encumbered by utility easements is 1,788 square feet of which 400 feet lies in the north half of the alley adjacent to Lot 4. This lot is under a different ownership than the remaining lots abutting the alley. At a nominal value of $0.20 per square foot, the calculations for the area to be vacated which will be encumbered by utility easements is as follows:

Area Adjacent to Lot 4 – 400 Sq. Ft. X $0.20/sq. ft. = $80.00

Remaining Area – 1,388 Sq. Ft. X $0.20/sq. ft. = $277.60 Called $278.00

The portion of the area to be vacated which will be unencumbered is considered to have a value as assemblage land. While the most motivated buyer might pay 100% of the abutting land value, or more, for a small strip such as this, it is considered that most buyers would be willing to pay in the neighborhood of 30% to 40% of the value of the land to which it is to be assembled in order to obtain a small strip such as this. It is considered that 35% of the abutting land value is appropriate for the portion of the strip abutting Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 since that area is considered to be ready for redevelopment. Because of the historical value of the building on Lot 9 it is going to be remodeled and in all likelihood it will not be primed for redevelopment for many years. As such the abutting strip is

considered to have less value. 10% of the value of the abutting land is considered appropriate. It is the opinion of this writer that $15.00 per square foot is a reasonable value for the land in this area. Based on the above discussion, the calculations are as follows:

Area Adjacent to Lots 7 & 8 – 600 Sq. Ft. X $15/sq. ft. X 35% = $3,150

Area Adjacent to Lot 9 – 300 Sq. Ft. X $15/sq. ft. X 10% = $450

Therefore, it is recommended if the alley be vacated it be sold to the abutting property owners for $3,958. Since both abutting property owners have indicated a willingness to buy that portion adjacent to their lots, the breakdown is as follows:

North half of the alley to be vacated adjacent to Lot 4 = $80.00

Remaining area to be vacated = $3,878

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023

August 4, 2010

Mr. John Spatz, Chair
Mr. Jon Camp
Mr. Eugene Carroll
Mr. Jonathan Cook
Mr. Doug Emery
Mr. Adam Hornung
Ms. Jayne Snyder
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget Proposal
Downtown Lincoln Parking Enforcement

Dear City Council Members:

The Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) wishes to respectfully submit its support for the privatization of parking enforcement in downtown Lincoln currently under consideration as part of the proposed 2010-2011 fiscal budget. We firmly believe the implementation of this parking "ambassador" program will serve as the critical linchpin toward ensuring the success of the initiatives underway to efficiently and effectively reshape downtown parking into a positive economic development tool for our community.

Parking remains one of the most challenging aspects of fueling economic development in downtown urban centers throughout the country, including Lincoln, and has been a central focus of DLA for many years. It is often one of the deciding factors major employers and commercial developers use to select locations for capital investment and visitors use when selecting retail or entertainment options. Downtown parking must be available, convenient, accessible, economical, strategically positioned and properly managed to keep the city's core strong, which contributes toward a much more viable city.

While the City of Lincoln's existing parking enforcement program has met its intended expectations, the new, proposed parking ambassador initiative will bring a better coordinated, efficient and customer-friendly approach that has effectively proven itself in such cities as Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Springfield, Massachusetts; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Charlotte and Wilmington, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; and many others.

In summary, the proposed parking ambassador initiative effectively provides the following:

Consistent and Appropriate Enforcement. The parking ambassador proposal under consideration is a City-contracted, City-managed and City-directed system. The City of Lincoln mandates the level of enforcement carried out by the program under a specific City contract, which is consistent with City ordinances. Compliance with parking requirements will continue to be uniformly applied throughout downtown Lincoln.

Enhanced Efficiency. The parking enforcement proposal will allow the City of Lincoln to principally consolidate the management and operation of this function under a single, City department – Urban Development. This will allow for better coordination, enhanced automation and extensive reporting and data analysis capabilities. With the introduction of new technology and industry "best practices", combined with lower personnel-related expense, the City can be expected to generate increased revenue and lower operational expenses.

Community "Ambassador" Approach. Based upon a customer-centric, service-focused orientation, the parking "ambassador" program is designed to enhance the guest experience of downtown visitors to our community. In addition to their parking enforcement responsibilities, parking "ambassadors" help visitors with directions, distribute maps and city information, help parkers to properly use meter equipment, check meter operability and provide a sense of security and hospitality for downtown. This unique aspect encourages repeat visitors, builds community goodwill and contributes toward economic development efforts in downtown.

In partnership with the DLA, the City's new parking ambassador program completes a three-point approach to addressing downtown Lincoln's evolving parking needs. Implementation of several initiatives to enhance off-street parking and significantly improving parking meter technology for on-street parking will also compliment the new program.

We enthusiastically urge you to support the implementation of the proposed parking "ambassador" program as a new and innovative tool for downtown Lincoln's continued economic development. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued support of downtown Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Terry Uland, President
Downtown Lincoln Association

Ed Swotek, Chair
Downtown Lincoln Association

c: Chris Beutler, Mayor, City of Lincoln
Dave Landis, Director, Urban Development Department
Dallas McGee, Assistant Director, Urban Development Department
Ken Smith, City Parking Manager

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July 21, 2010
Mayor Chris Buetler
555 S. 10th St, Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Buetler,
As representatives of the Nebraska Community Forestry Council, we are writing in reference to the budget cut proposal made by your office, which includes the elimination of the City Forester position.

After considering what this plan is proposing to eliminate, we ask that you can do whatever you can to retain this position in Lincoln.

The Forestry Council has been working diligently through the state to create and enhance the awareness, that trees in Nebraska are essential to healthy lifestyles and beauty of our communities. Our community forests are the trees in our Parks and surrounding our homes, businesses and buildings. Both individually and as a whole, these trees make our communities more livable.

With this stewardship of community forestry in mind, the Nebraska Community Forestry Council truly believes that the heart of your "forestry section" should not be without an actual forester. The awareness and understanding of urban forestry has so ever vastly increased over the last few years and a person holding insufficient knowledge of this concept could quite possibly be a detriment to the Lincoln's community forest. This Council would like to respectfully recommend retaining this position with the idea that you have value in an existing City Forester position that can effectively provide a number of tangible and intangible benefits that would improve the quality of life in Lincoln.

Now, we can address the dreadful destruction of your ash trees we see on the horizon and hopefully you are aware of this. First, a "Planner" or "Operations Supervisor" may have a thorough knowledge of methods, techniques, equipment, and materials used in all aspects of tree maintenance and may be able to work cohesively with other forestry entities to overcome this devastation. Secondly, the positions of "Planner and Operations Supervisor" may only require a high school degree with considerable experience in forestry and arboriculture. However, with the City Forester position already in place, you have the ability to employ someone with a college degree in forestry (along with that comes a vast amount of experience) and as a added bonus, have a person with the ability to thoroughly understand the biology of woody plants in order to possibly thwart immediate destruction of all the ash trees. The cost will still be in the millions of dollars. Nevertheless, the burden of cost may be spread out over a few years instead of a need of immediate aid.

Mayor Buetler, thank you for taking your valuable time to read this recommendation and the time to contemplate in retaining the position of City Forester.

Sincerely,
Nebraska Community Forestry Council

Lyle Minshull (Chairman)	308-530-5752	Steve Lenzo	308-432-0315	Jeremy Koch	308-784-4748
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CC: City Council Representatives
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director

MISSION

The mission of the Nebraska Community Forestry Council is to promote sound stewardship of our community forest resource. The Council partners with the Nebraska Forest Service, Cooperative extension, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and Nebraska communities and its citizens to emphasize tree advocacy and educational programs.

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Dear City Councilman Spatz - 7-31-10

My name is Dan Wesolowski and we have lived in our home at 3901 J St since 1977. We feel very fortunate to live on a tree lined street and that is one of the reasons Lincoln is such a great beautiful city to live in.

We urge you to consider reinstatement of the City Forester. We need a person with education, leadership, experience and professional licensure to continue the maintenance of this huge tree infrastructure that we enjoy in Lincoln Nebraska.

Your support on this item is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan Wesolowski

Cheryl Wesolowski

Mr. Dan J. Wesolowski
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Mary M. Meyer

From: Laurel Erickson [laurel.erickson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 6:40 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Don't cut city forester position!

August 3, 2010

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my great concern about the proposed budget cut in the Parks and Recreation Department forestry division. I believe that eliminating the senior forester is a bad idea. In addition, I was shocked to hear Lynn Johnson, director of Parks and Recreation, state that, even if you restored funding for this position, he would instead "mow more grass." That is a very short-sighted position, I believe.

Even the job of trimming and pruning trees at ground level requires more than willingness; it involves significant knowledge, skills, and experience. In addition, I do not believe that there are enough potential volunteers to free up city arborists to deal with the purported backlog and with future arboreal work, especially with the specter of Emerald Ash Borer only a state or two away.

The knowledge and experience of our current forester guides the planting and proper pruning/care of trees on city property. He knows which trees should and should not be planted in particular areas, depending on other trees in the area, power lines to be avoided, promotion of species diversity, etc. That cannot be duplicated by a planner, uneducated in urban forestry/horticulture, coordinating volunteers.

I recently worked with our city forester on a large tree-planting project. His knowledge in tree selection and placement was a tremendous asset to the project, and his expertise in training and supervising the planting was evident. He is a treasure that the city should cherish and hold on to, not cast aside.

As you know, the reason we are currently in such trouble with our streets, water mains, and other dated and decaying infrastructure is that previous administrations, chanting the "No increased taxes" mantra in fear of their jobs, did not have the nerve to stand up to the voters and tell them the truth: that we have to PAY for maintenance. We have not used all our property taxing ability, as you have pointed out. **I am willing to pay more taxes to keep our city from the decline that you have more than once spoken out against, and I know others who feel the same way.**

The city does not need to pay for the holiday parade, or the Independence Day fireworks. When times are tough, we have to give up something. But we cannot be the "Green Capital of the Plains" and a "Tree City USA" if we leave our valuable urban forest in the hands of people who may be well-intentioned but who are not trained for a dangerous and vital job. Please take a moment to reconsider this budget-saving measure. It will be VERY expensive in the long run.

Thanks for all you do. You have a difficult and thankless job, and I am grateful for your service.

Sincerely,

Laurel L. Erickson

Mary M. Meyer

From: cbrownyard@neb.rr.com
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 12:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Our City Trees

Greetings Council Members,
Please know that as a registered voter and concerned citizen, I would like to know that our trees are going to be taken care of. HOW in good conscience can we expect to maintain our trees without knowledgeable professionals. WE are the state that founded Arbor Day for crying out loud.

Our local government is filled with smart people. I'm sure you guys can figure out a way to "budget" this in.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Carrie A Brownyard
915 Butler Ave
Lincoln, Ne

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: City Forester Position

Hello,
I am submitting this letter in order to voice my concern/displeasure with the Mayor and City Council's decision to eliminate the City Forester position. While I understand the many difficult issues city officials are forced to deal with concerning the budget crisis, I do not believe this to be a viable option to solve said budget shortfall.

I am a recent graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, receiving my Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning. As part of fulfilling the requirements of my degree, I worked closely with Steve Schwab in conducting an urban tree canopy analysis for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska. This study analyzed the urban tree canopy trends in Lincoln, Nebraska, between the years of 1997-2005. As I am sure you aware, Lincoln, Nebraska, continues to expand both in terms of land area, and population.

Further, as the total land area of Lincoln continues to expand, so do the responsibilities of both the city to maintain tree plantings for new development, and for the city to have a competent person (i.e., our current City Forester) able to plan, implement, and monitor these plantings. I am sure that I do not need to remind you that within your very own 2030 Comprehensive Plan, Lincoln, Nebraska's urban tree canopy is addressed:
The goals in the Urban Forest Section of the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan (Lincoln-Lancaster County 2030 Comprehensive Plan, 139-140) are as follows:

- **Commitment to replanting street trees that have been removed but not replaced due to budgetary constraints shall be a priority to reduce gaps in the streetscapes of residential areas throughout the city.**
- **Establish a complementary balance between our green and gray infrastructures to maximize city assets and minimize environmental degradation.**
- **Define and designate our urban forest as a valuable component of our public infrastructure for both planning and budget purposes.**
- **Establish a tree canopy goal or target for our urban forest using policies, procedures, priorities, and dedicated resources.**

I hope that it seems obvious that these goals will not be met by ridding the city of the City Forester position, and that these statements are nothing but mere rhetoric.

Going further, I'm sure you're also aware of the fact that the City of Lincoln's Municipal Code requires the city to not only plant - but also MAINTAIN - newly planted trees in new development. Such code is contained both the '**Design Standards for Screening and Landscaping - Chapter 3.50 of Lincoln Municipal Code', and 'Design Standards for Street Trees - Chapter 2.35 of Lincoln Municipal Code'**. With an ever-expanding land-area - and an ever-decreasing budget - how exactly is the city expected to plant and maintain trees, but also limit its liability?

An urban forest provides innumerable benefits to both a city, and the community as a whole:
Trees increase property value.
Trees increase energy efficiency.
Trees decrease the need for stormwater infrastructure.
Trees have subconscious effects on a person's attitude.
Trees moderate the urban climate, and counteract Lincoln's ever-increasing gray infrastructure.
Trees are a direct-measure of the overall ecological health of a community.
Trees make a community a desirable and pleasurable place to live.

Without a commitment to Lincoln, Nebraska's, urban forest, city officials - such as yourselves - say much about Lincoln's priorities. And by eliminating Steve Schwab's position, it is quite apparent that creating and maintaining a sustainable, attractive, and healthy community isn't a priority shared by either the Mayor, nor the City Council of Lincoln, Nebraska.
The citizens of Lincoln, Nebraska, need a City Forester, not more mowing.
Thank you for your time.
-Jeff Carney

Mary M. Meyer

From: Abeecham@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 12:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln needs a City Forester, not more mowing

Please consider keeping the city forester in the budget. I enjoy living in "Tree City USA". Thank you.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Cara Heminger [clheminger@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 1:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: City Forester

Below is my letter to Mayor Beutler for your consideration. Thank you.

From: clheminger@hotmail.com
To: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: City Forester
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 13:37:49 -0500

Dear Mayor Beutler,

Please reconsider cutting the position forester for the city of Lincoln. I filled out your survey a little over a year ago and I believe that the savings of cutting this position would turn into higher costs later on when the city needs to pay a private company to fix and keep up every tree with a problem in Lincoln. Losing trees from lack of preventative care would have a huge impact on Lincoln's neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Cara Heminger
3731 S 81st St
Lincoln, NE 68506

Mary M. Meyer

From: anne christensen [thechristensen4@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 5:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln needs a City Forester, not more mowing

Please reconsider keeping the City Forester in the budget. I enjoy living in "Tree City USA".

Mary M. Meyer

From: Nanne Olds [nko@nebrwesleyan.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 9:38 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln needs a forester, not more mowing!!

Dear Mayor Beutler and City Council members,

Please retain Lincoln's forester! The trees in Lincoln are one reason it is such a beautiful city. I urge you to protect them and to plant even more trees not just for us and our generation, but for the generations to follow. If given the choice to sit under a tree on a hot summer day, or in the middle of a field covered with only a stubble of grass, I know that everyone would choose the tree. And Nebraska is a state of extremely hot summers and so the description of a "hot, summer day" is the accurate weather condition to imagine. Where do we want our children to play? In a heat-baked stretch of mown grass, or under the branches and leaves of trees? The imagination immediately goes to the image of children playing under trees. Please make Lincoln one of the most beautiful cities in America by protecting its trees through continued funding of a "forester" position. I am a taxpayer willing to pay more taxes in order to protect our trees.

Sincerely,

Nanne Olds
1901 So. 25th St.
Lincoln

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mia [miasims74@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 11:46 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: City Forester

I would like to take a moment to say that I believe lincoln needs a City Forester, not just more mowing.

Thank you for your time.

Mia Sims
2401 Ryons St
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 450-3361

Kevin R. Salvo
P.O. Box 296
Deshler, NE 68340
(402) 365-7614

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John Spatz
Council member Northwest District
City Council Office
County-City Building
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Re: permission to photograph some alleys in Lincoln

Mr. Spatz:

I wish to thank you for your assistance in getting the photographs I wanted for my HO scale train layout. The Lincoln Police Department was very helpful in getting the number of alley photographs that was required to do what I desired.

I wish to mention that Police Chief Thomas Casady sent me a very nice letter informing me that the Department would assist. A Captain Kawamoto also telephoned me to setup the assistance for the photo shoot; the Captain seemed mildly amused but was very polite and helpful. Sergeant Shannon Karl assisted with traffic the day of the photo shoot and she also assisted with setup at several locations when my disabilities started acting up. She offered valuable suggestions for other alleys to use when it turned out that three of the original suggested alleys would not work.

To all three officers I wish to say thank you for taking the time out of their normal work to assist me in this unusual project.

This same letter has been provided to:

- Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln
- Jon Camp, Council Member Southeast District
- Jonathan Cook, Council member Southwest District
- Doug Emery, Council member Northeast District
- Eugene Carroll, Council member At-Large
- R. Adam Hornung, Council member At-Large
- Jayne Snyder, Council member At-Large

Thank you for your time and trouble in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Salvo
GySgt USMC Retired
Life member of National Model Railroad Association

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TO: Lincoln City Council

FROM: John Krejci

RE: Human Rights Coordinator and Budget

I have enclosed a letter sent to Mayor Beutler concerning the elimination of the professional director of the Human Rights Commission. It was sent to him by Nebraskans for Peace expressing areas of concern.

In addition, the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee, a concerned group of citizens, including Leroy Stokes, the president of the NAACP, and I have met with the Mayor on two occasions expressing our strong objections to the proposed budget cuts for human rights. Similar objections were voiced at the most recent meeting of the Human Rights Commission.

As you consider the budget please be apprised of the negative effects this will have on both the image of Lincoln as a city of fairness and justice and the disenfranchised citizens who rely on the city for protection. Please listen to the voice of the people.

John Krejci
4402 Saint Paul Ave.
Lincoln, NE 68504

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Mayor Chris Beutler

555 South 10th Street Suite 301

Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler:

At our board meeting on Saturday, July 31, 2010, the twenty member of Nebraskans for Peace board of directors voted unanimously to urge you to appoint a Director of the Lincoln Human Rights Commission to replace Larry Williams. It is our understanding that the director position is included in the City Charter that was voted on by the people.

This position gives visibility to our city's commitment to human rights and identifies a person to whom persons, who perceive that they have sustained a violation of their rights, can call upon. To abolish or downgrade this position and thereby diminish our city's commitment to human rights sends the wrong signal to your constituents, minority people and other disenfranchised groups.

Although we have great respect for your law department, we see adding Human Rights to their duties and putting it one step farther from your office as a barrier to accessibility and "user friendliness." Many people are too intimidated to go to the City-County Building. And in some cases there may be a conflict of interest between the city law office and the complainant.

Although administratively there may be some advantages to have the assistance of the law department, there seems to be no plan or mechanism to carry out the educational functions that Larry accomplished for the Commission. He both spoke to student and civic groups and organized conferences and events highlighting human rights.

We realize that these are difficult times for you and the city regarding the budget, but to lessen our commitment to human rights at this time is unwise. Human rights are being attacked on several levels, particularly regarding immigration issues. If nothing else, we need a greater commitment to defending the rights of our more vulnerable citizens. We are aware that your record supports this type of action and urge you to fully support human rights , even in these trying times.

Sincerely,

Paul Olson, Board President

Nebraskans for Peace

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City Council Aug. 2, 2010

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing in behalf of the Senior Citizen Center at my Church, St. James Methodist on Lake Street.

I am one of the "pie ladies" that made pies for the State Fair. I met most of the people that came to the Center for lunch every day. They are all nice people and they really enjoy it very much. They love Kelley Brandt and she is so good to them. They have become very important to our Church. It would be difficult for them to go somewhere else.

It would certainly be good for our community and the people who come to the Center, to have it stay open.

I hope you will consider keeping it open.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Root
8370 Rockledge Rd. #603
Lincoln, Ne. 68506

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: M. Hughes
Address: 1940 Dudley st apt. 11
City: Lincoln, NE 68503

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
Dear City Council,
Why is it that Omaha gets a 2am bar close time and Lincoln doesn't? Last time I checked, the university was in LINCOLN... the huskers are in LINCOLN... and Omaha has one of the highest murder rates in the country. This just seems very backwards. As a lincoln based promoter, I know that many companies/bars in the downtown Lincoln area would gross more income if we were able to close later. More people would come to Lincoln from sourrounding cities like Omaha if this was so. We dont have many attractions other than our football team. Why drive all the way to Omaha, when Lincoln could just do the same thing that they are doing? This is ridiculous to be honest... Does the city council even realize that there are hundreds of cities across the US that have clubs/bars that stay open almost 24 hours a day??? Lincoln is tha CAPITOL CITY and I honestly don't see why closing just 1 hour later would cause any real issues. Lincoln is already far enough behind in society... People from larger cities hate it here and as a lifetime resident, I would like to see some change in the order of our nightlife. Thanks

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Council Packet
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  General Council

Name:     Alexis Smail
Address:  938 S 28
City:     Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
I would like to express my interest in changing the local bar closing time from 1:00am to
2:00am.
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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 11:40 AM
To: Council Packet
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Name:     Bobby Fisher
Address:  810 Hanneman Dr#303
City:     Lincoln, NE, 68522

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
2am would great  for the city.... we would compete with omaha
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Mary M. Meyer

From: Scott Sandquist [Scott@sandquistcgi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 11:46 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Cc: tclare@nebraska.edu; UrbanDev
Subject: Arena

Mayor & Council Members,

First, I wish to stress that I have been and I remain 110% in support of the new arena, the related Haymarket development, and the positive impact I believe this effort will have not only on Lincoln economically, but upon the brain-drain so detrimental to Lincoln and to our surrounding areas, not to mention the state as a whole. I also support the Construction Manager 'project delivery methodology' vs. competitive bidding for selection of a CM. The CM selection process allows you to remain in charge, rather than being at the mercy of the low-bid method, and its multitude of inherent problems. I add that the CM project delivery method does not eliminate competitive bidding of the Work.

Secondly, I cannot refrain from stressing the importance of the actual outcome of the impending CM selection of the for the arena project. As an architect in business as a commercial general contractor, we often bid against Lincoln's Sampson Construction, and many other true Omaha contractors who may have opened Lincoln offices in recent years, or in recent months in the case of Kiewit Construction. These larger contractors also routinely perform the smaller $1 – 5+ million jobs and even smaller jobs, so they certainly are our competitors. But I'm definitely not bad-mouthing Sampson or Kiewit. Rather, they are both excellent contractors; and there are obviously others as well, most of whom can probably do a great job on a project of this magnitude.

So my point is again with regard to that pending CM selection, as well as the City's pre-vote advertising of new local jobs created by this project. Lincoln voters were persistently reminded that, "… the arena development will create 7,800 job years during construction of the arena…" Accordingly, selecting the most competent LINCOLN contractor is not only in the best interests of the City, but of local politicians who will be clearly be perceived as the decision-makers in selecting that eventual CM. For this reason, I must strongly encourage the selection of a Lincoln CM, in this case probably Sampson Construction – our competitor, but a contractor HQed in Lincoln!

Do Lincoln voters care about creating new jobs for Omaha contractors? Or for Lincolnites? I can only hope that the selection committee bears this crucial question in mind. Perception - I wish to remind the decision makers that perception is often everything. Selection of an out-of-town CM would clearly be a major source of criticism for the City and those perceived as responsible! Thank you for your consideration of this reality.

R. Scott Sandquist, AIA
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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 11:53 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

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Name: Travis Didrickson
Address: 1809 W Arlington
City: Lincoln, NE, 68522

Phone:
Fax:
Email: tdidrickson@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
I used to live in Amarillo, TX as a DJ where they stayed open until 2am. There are a lot of things I didn't see down there that are problem here.

First, People didn't do a whole lot of after hours. 2am was just late enough that they thought twice about what time they had to get up in the morning. This eliminated a lot of drunk drivers after the "normal" hours that the police were watching the streets in force.

Second, "2nd Shift" people didn't rush to the bars and binge drink to "catch up" with their friends. These binge drinkers are usually the ones that cause problems in the bars. Giving them more time to relax would help avoid that scenario.

My last point at this time, bartenders didn't let things "Slide". If you were drunk they kicked you out. I was amazed at how many people in Lincoln are allowed to stay in a bar CLEARLY drunk and not only that sold more alcohol! I believe that's a product of necessity for the businesses. Not to say I don't see the local Police Enforcement turning their heads the other was as well.

There are some problems Lincoln will encounter by adding an extra hour, but by far there are too many things I haven't even mentioned that stand in it's favor, that I feel, outweigh the cost.

As a Lincoln citizen, I am 100% for the 2am Bar Close change.

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Council Packet
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Name: Christina Wiese
Address: 1935 N. Lincoln Ave. Apt. 207
City: York, NE 68467

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
I am sending this message in regards to the upcoming vote on the 2 AM closing time for Lincoln bars. As a patron of Lincoln bars and a former Lincoln bar employee, I am completely for a positive vote. I think it will benefit all the business open late in the night and 24 hours, not only the bars.

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 12:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

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Name: Andrew Franklin
Address: 5236 Myrtle
City: Lincoln, NE, 68506

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
I feel that our bars should be open until 2 AM. As we all know the Omaha bars have already adopted the extra hour. Furthermore, I lived in Kansas for six years, the bar closing time there is 2 AM. I don't understand why we're behind on this one.

Mary M. Meyer

From: John a. [jalexander6@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 7:17 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 2AM CLOSING

I'm 60, grew up here. Drinking alcohol is way too important to this college town. The fines for DUI convictions are ¼ what they are in CA and FL and I'm told the legastrator can't increase the fine due to lack of jail space and the strain on the court system.
Downtown is door to door bars and other spots to get booze.
If you allow bars to remain open til 2am, the blood of everyone killed by a DUI will be on your hands.
Close bars at midnight and double the fines for DUI

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 3:18 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

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Name: Emily Heathcock
Address: 4236 D Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
I support the 2am bar time. I think it is important to stay competitive with our neighboring states and Omaha, too. We need to show our nightlife is just as good to entice students to choose Lincoln. I also think the more money our bars make means more taxes for our city. This doesn't hurt considering our future plans to build the arena! I believe that bad choices will be made by irresponsible individuals regardless of one hour. I really don't think it will affect our crime rate. If that is a concern, maybe the provisional time could be used and re-addressed in a few years.

Thank you for your time!

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 5:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

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Name: Angel Mendoza
Address: 835 Peach Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 402-435-7477
Fax:
Email: angelmendoza71@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
2AM close time, I am a bartender & the amount of income for myself & the Bar would increase & help pay for the new Event center ;)

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mary M. Meyer on behalf of Council Packet
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 9:29 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Proposed StarTran Budget Cuts

From: S M [mailto:sm72622@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3:14 PM
To: Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Eugene W. Carroll; Adam A. Hornung; Jayne L. Snyder; Mary M. Meyer; John Spatz; Mayor; Greg S. MacLean
Subject: RE: Proposed StarTran Budget Cuts

This is an email from a concerned citizen of the city of Lincoln. While in agreement with many of the proposed cuts I feel the need to point out some missed opportunities with StarTran. It sounds as though a much needed Field Supervisor position is being considered for cuts in exchange for not raising low income bus passes. This would create a hardship with supervisor staffing as there are already times when a supervisor cannot take time off of work due to not enough staffed supervisor hours. This would bring our city out of line for similar positions in other cities that we use in our comparability studies.
I'm not sure if this has been put on the table before or not but in dealing with StarTran on a regular basis it is apparent that upper management is on the heavy side.
I am attaching some information regarding specific employee positions and their unique situations. It seems that there is an Office Manager position that is supposed to oversee the Office Assistant position. What seems to be the real case is that the Administrative Aide I position oversees the Office Assistant position as well as acts as the Director of Marketing for StarTran - for which there is no designated position. It is my understanding that this type of work is done by the Marketing department within the City so there is no need for a Director of Marketing within Startran or a Administrative Aide I since there is already an Office Manager and an Office Assistant.
With eliminating an Administrative Aide I position in StarTran, this employee has an opportunity to bid on/bump into like positions within the City, the Field Supervisor does not.
This eliminated position may actually save even more money within the department and therefore help the City budget all the more.
Thank you for listening. Just wanted to offer another piece for consideration during this very hard time.

Harriet Ruebsamen
2125 SW 18th St.
Lincoln, NE 68522-1919

Aug. 4, 2010

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To the Lincoln City Council Members:

Please do not close the Lake St. Senior center.

I enjoy going to the center very much because of the warm and friendly atmosphere. The director makes you feel like a very important person.

I have gone to the Downtown center and couldn't find my niche. No one seemed to care I was there. The larger the organization - the more impersonal it becomes.

a smaller center seems to meet the needs of the people. We have birthday parties, special speakers, play cards and enjoy each others' company. We actually take care of one another.

I work with the crafts program. We have been involved in a number of service projects. We made Easter baskets for children at the

People's City Mission; made Christmas presents for the Center For People in Need; made Valentines for servicemen in Iraq as well as a V.A. Hospital. Also made Easter baskets for some nursing home patients. We are an active group - enjoying doing projects for others and have a terrific leader who encourages our involvement in the Community.

We can do many of these things because we are a smaller group and feel a part of the Community.

What is the point of moving this Center downtown when everything is working so well now.

Please Consider saving this Center. The advantages far out-weigh the disadvantages.

Sincerely,

Harriet Ruebsamen

Dave Heineman
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GREGORY A. IBACH
Director

August 4, 2010

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Mr. John Spatz
Northwest District
555 S 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Spatz:

I am writing in follow up to a letter sent to you on July 21, 2010, from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) regarding the Lincoln Community Forestry Program and potential changes Lincoln city government is considering to that program.

The true goal of the letter, signed by State Entomologist Julie Van Meter, was to make you aware of current and emerging plant pest issues that should be important to any urban forestry program. NDA's entomology program employees work hard every day to eradicate existing plant pests, while simultaneously striving to be proactive and prevent new pest problems. It was in this spirit that the July 21 letter was sent.

Please know that NDA does not have, and does not intend to take, a position on the staffing of the Lincoln city forestry program. Again, the intended point of the letter was to provide you with factual information, related to critical plant pest concerns, which may be relevant to the city government discussion about its forestry program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

Rich E. Reiman

Richard E. Reiman
Administrator

copy: Rick Hoppe
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ADDENDUM
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. Fiscal Impact Statement, Lincoln Fire and Rescue.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for week of August 7th through August 13, 2010.

DIRECTORS:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE. Fall household hazardous waste collections begin late August.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. The August 2010 Lplan 2040 Newsletter has been posted to website at lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/Background.htm

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/STAR TRAN

1. ADVISORY. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects. Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects. Cornhusker Highway: Russell Drive - 70th Street. State Project No. LCLC5247 (11) CN13039. City Project No. 701811.
2. Recommendations, Mayor's proposed F.Y. 2010-2011 Budget from Beatty Brasch, Chairperson of the StarTran Advisory Board.

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

JON CAMP

1. Letter, with attached article, from Don Nelson with the opinion to not keep the bars open until 2:00 p.m.

JAYNE SNYDER

1. Letter from Max and Helen Snyder listing reasons to keep the area senior centers open.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

1. Signatures of citizens stating they accept the responsibility of maintaining their quality of life in Lincoln, which requires investment.
2. Email from Andrea Tarnick Vote for the bar 2:00 a.m. closing time and keep our dollars local.
3. Email from Jim Little. Vote yes for the 2:00 a.m. bar closing time, let the bar owners decide if they want that time or which days to participate.
4. Email from Kitty Fynbu, Irvingdale Neighborhood Association President, supporting the Lake Street Senior Center at St. James Church, and listing reasons for their decision.

5. Email from N. Johnson stating support not to close the Senior Center. The Lake Center has a sense of community and some elderly will not be able to attend the downtown center.
6. Email from Wendy Jordan. Do not reduce or eliminate the funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band. To cut this item, so important to the community, would be very disturbing.
7. Email from James Valenta listing reasons not to eliminate the City Forester position but giving recommendations on possible cuts.
8. Phone messages on Friday, August 6, 2010:
   a) Mary and Derald Drbal. Do not eliminate funding to the Municipal Band. Seniors have always looked forward to the six concerts a year.
   b) Peggy Campbell. Retain the City Forester position. Do not substitute this position with a community planner.
   c) Dean and Eileen Thiesfeld. Do not take away the Lincoln Municipal Band, which is part of Lincoln.
   d) Celine Calzarra. Keep the Municipal Band. Provides enjoyment for everyone.
   e) Dennis Adams. Do not delete the City Forester at this time. Lincoln needs professional guidance and management of their trees.
   f) Maureen Hutfless. Do not eliminate Route 56 from the StarTran routes. Excellent area plus more people are using.
   g) Roger Svatos. Please keep funding the Lincoln Municipal Band.
   h) Doris Jones. Do retain the City Forester position and the Lincoln Municipal Band.
   i) Barbara Allard. Suggestions to help the City Budget.
9. Email from Gene Nilan. Reject Mayor's proposed budget cut for the Municipal Band.
10. Email from Anne and Russ Gasper writing in support of maintaining the Willard Community Center budget for maintenance until funding can be found.
11. Email from Nick. Nothing wrong with pushing bar last call to 2:00 a.m.
12. Email from Bill and MarySue Harris. Keep the Lincoln Municipal Band in budget, the band has created a legacy in Lincoln.
13. Email from Joan Anderson in support of budgeting for the Lincoln Municipal Band as retired people, along with young families, enjoy the concerts.
14. Email from Darryll Pederson stating he has written several emails in support of keeping the City Forester position.
15. Email from Chris Vrtiska. Beleieve whole heartedly that Lincoln has to have a City Forester.
16. Email from Rae Jean Ziegelbein. Please do not cut the funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band.
17. Email from Ann Sidles. Our band belongs to and is part of Lincoln. Do not cut funding.
18. Email from Janet Greser. Please keep funding the wonderful Lincoln Municipal Band which is a tradition.
19. Email from Larry Horstman. Have always, and still do, enjoy the Sunday band concerts. Find a way to continue supporting the band.
20. Email from Rich Sonderegger. Would be willing to pay higher taxes to keep the Municipal Band.
21. Email from Edward Schnabel stating reasons to not cut StarTran Routes 56 and 57.
22. Email from Deb Hegemann. Do not eliminate our City Forester, cut two Arborists, and reduce our number of tree crews from five to four.
23. Email from Ed Schnabel with additional remarks (#21) on eliminating StarTran Routes 56 and 57.
24. Email from Harlan and Shirley Heier. Even with the difficult decisions continue to fund the Lincoln Municipal Band.
25. Email from Don Gill, President Lincoln Municipal Band. Reconsider the elimination of all funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band. For 99 years the LMB has given free Sunday evening concerts.

26. Email from Jayne Sebby. Consider the value of the Forestry Division of Parks and Recreation. Maintain the high quality of life in Lincoln.

V. INVITATIONS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Lincoln Fire & Rescue DATE: 07/07/2010

NEED Currently LF&R employees an EMS management support specialist A3011 who has informed us that he will retire Sept. 1, 2010. In an effort to improve internal support within the department, we would like to create two FTE to replace this employee. There is no back up staff person available to continue the duties preformed by the EMS MSS. The two positions we would recommend are 1 Office Assistant N1030 and 1 Stores Clerk I N1306. Currently the Deputy Chief of Maintenance and the fleet mechanics do not have a dedicated clerical support person to assist with records and file management, word processing and other staff support needs. We are requesting one FTE in the Office Assistant classification that would support the maintenance division which would enable LF&R to be more able to meet the needs of the department. We are requesting one FTE in the Stores Clerk I classification that would support the emergency services & ambulance divisions with supply & equipment purchase, distribution and inventory control including drug and EMS supply. If we do not split this position at this time, we must fill the EMS MSS with an equally qualified FTE. The current employee annual salary is $70,408; the proposed combined annual salary for 1 Office Assistant & 1 Stores Clerk at the first step of the pay plan is $53,433. The current employee actual benefit cost is $19,206.

FUTURE IMPACT:	x Ongoing ☐ Limited Projected Completion Date August 1, 2010

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
	City	Yes ☐	No x
	County	Yes ☐	No x
	State	Yes ☐	No x

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)	-1 FTE EMS management support specialist	+1 FTE Office Assistant +1 FTE Stores Clerk
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: 05010, 05004, 05006 object code description 5021 & Regular Salaries & 5081-5091 Fringe Benefits		
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: object code description		
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		

SOURCE OF REVENUES : GENERAL AND ENTERPRISE FUND

DIRECTOR [signature] DATE 7/7/10

For Niles Ford

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes ☑ No ☐
	BUDGET OFFICER
	PURCHASING AGENT
FINANCE DIRECTOR	DATE 7/7/10

APPROVED: Yes ☑ No ☐	MAYOR DATE 8-6-2010

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte's the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

Date: August 6, 2010
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of August 7 through 13, 2010
Schedule subject to change

Monday, August 9

- Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Friday, August 13

- Kiwanis Club luncheon (2010 Distinguished Service award to Roger Larson, "Broadcaster and Civic Leader") - noon, Nebraska Club, US Bank Building, 233 S. 13th St.
- JPA West Haymarket public meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building
- Capital City Ribfest VIP Party and live auction - 5:30 p.m., VIP tent, Pershing Center, 14th and "N" streets

NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000
Fax: 441-6229
www.lincoln.ne.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 5, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan N. King, Environmental Health Specialist, 441-8084
Laurel Erickson, Environmental Educator, 441-8035

FALL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS BEGIN LATE AUGUST

Two late-August collections will provide Lincoln and Lancaster County residents an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW). The collections are for households only. Two options are available:

- On Friday, August 27, an *appointment-only* collection will be held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in northeast Lincoln Appointments are limited, so residents are encouraged to call 441-8084 as soon as possible for an appointment or to receive more information. This is the first time the program has hosted an appointment-only collection for the general public; the HHW program is testing a different approach to serving residents. All appointment-only collection participants will receive a special incentive prize.
- On Saturday, August 28, there will be a regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Veyance Technologies, 4021 N. 56th St. (formerly Goodyear) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items accepted at the HHW collections include fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) and tubes, pesticides, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, mercury-containing items including thermometers, upholstery cleaners, grease removers and brake and power steering fluids.

Items that can be recycled or safely disposed of locally **will not** be accepted at the HHW collection: latex paint, motor oil, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics, and batteries. For more information on these items, check the city website at **www.lincoln.ne.gov** (keyword: recycling) or call 441-8021.

Additional collections will be held this fall in September and October. The HHW program is partially funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Michele M. Abendroth
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 8:45 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Jean Preister
Subject: BP LPlan 2040 Newsletter, August 2010 Issue

The August 2010 issue of the **LPlan 2040 Newsletter** has been posted to our website at lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/Background.htm.

Upcoming events include the following:

- **Plan-it-Yourself Workshop** on Saturday, August 14. For more information, go to lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/content/081410/index.htm.
- **Sustainability Workshop** on Wednesday, September 29.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to look around the website!

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

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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August 9, 2010

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects

Cornhusker Highway; Russell Drive - 70th Street
State Project No. LCLC 5247 (11) CN 13038
City Project No. 701811

The City of Lincoln proposes to close the north half of the 70th and Cornhusker intersection at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2010, weather permitting. The westbound lanes of Cornhusker Highway in the 70th Street intersection will be replaced with full depth concrete. The intersection will re-open the morning of Monday, August 16, 2010 for 70th Street north and southbound traffic, weather permitting. The westbound lanes of Cornhusker Highway from Russell Drive to 70th Street will remain closed, and those lanes will be milled and overlaid with new asphalt. The contractor has 18 days to complete the project.

The eastbound lanes of Cornhusker Highway and 70th Street south of Cornhusker will remain open during this construction. The City will work with local businesses regarding access during construction. The contractor for this project is Pavers Inc.

Information on all City of Lincoln Recovery Act Projects are available on the City's web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recovery). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

Erika Nunes
Engineering Services
(402) 441-5675
enunes@lincoln.ne.gov

Warren Wondercheck, Project Manager
Engineering Services
(402) 441-7014
wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

Mike Tidball
Pavers Inc.
(402) 786-5900

City Project Number 701811 State Project Number LCLC - 5247 (11), CN 13038

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Memo

To: Members of the Lincoln City Council, Mayor Chris Beutler
From: Beatty Brasch, Chairperson - StarTran Advisory Board BB by cjt
Date: August 5, 2010
Subject: Recommendations, Mayor's Proposed F.Y. 2010-11 Budget
cc: Greg MacLean - PW/U/U, Larry Worth - StarTran

Per Section 2.38 of the Lincoln Municipal Code the StarTran Advisory Board has reviewed the StarTran service revisions contained in the Mayor's F.Y. 2010-11 proposed budget, conducted a public hearing regarding those service revisions, and is forwarding recommendations in that regard. The two proposed service revisions are:

- Eliminate two bus routes - #56, Neighborhood South and #57, Neighborhood North

The public hearing was conducted at 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2010 in the City Council Chambers. Seven individuals testified and one submitted written testimony on the proposed service reductions – all were opposed. Those who testified described how elimination of the two routes would adversely impact them and/or others. It was noted that the routes are utilized for many purposes, including work, training, medical, school, and shopping, and provide convenient and quick access in the areas served. Without the routes, bus patrons would need to travel downtown and transfer, which substantially lengthens the travel time. All emphasized now important StarTran is for their travels, as they have no car, are unable to drive, and cannot afford the cost of private taxi services. A StarTran driver, representing the transit union, reminded that the two routes were included in the TDP Study two years ago as integral to the total route system, and represented an early step toward a second, eastern hub. As such, although the ridership is low on both routes, he felt more time was needed to better establish the services.

Ten emails were also received by StarTran, the Mayor's office, or by the City Council, all supporting retention of the two routes.

Following the public hearing, the StarTran Advisory Board met in regular meeting to address the subject route eliminations, consider the public testimony, and vote on recommendations. Following discussion, it was moved and seconded to eliminate #56, Neighborhood South and #57, Neighborhood North routes. The motion passed, 3-2 (Baylor, Brasch, and George voting 'aye' and Speicher and Paine voting 'nay').

Adv bd recommendation fy2010-11
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cjt

Don Nelson
901 S. 15th St
Lincoln, Ne
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Dear Jon

Just a letter about my opinion not to keep bars open till 2 A.M.

1. This has been driving me crazy for yrs. I've asked several people how old you have to be to drink in Nebr. They all said 21. Just about everybody I've known graduates from high school at age 18. O.K., they went to go to the U.N in Lincoln so their parents say ok. They are freshman at age 19, soph. at 20, Junior at age 21.

So this means you can't drink until you're a Junior. Can you believe these kids are going to go 2 yrs without drinking. I seriously don't whether they all are.

What about football Saturday's. Are these bars asking everybody for their I.D.?

2. Another thing that bothers me Jon is crime & beer go together, not on everybody. Ejj; What if somebody was shot & dies. They find that the kid that did the shooting is only 19. The judicial people will go after the bar owner & because the kid is not 21, he will probably get some minor sentence if even that.

3. One of the councilman's theory is we need the money!! Really!!.. Money before accidents assaults & alot of other things

4. About 6 mos. or so ago 1 of the state senators I think said that most peope chug alug beer down the

(over)

last hearing They have another hr they probably won't.

Jon I quit drinking in 1994 I've been in most of bars in Lincoln & that state senators theory will even get worse.

If This city & state would start punishing people like they should it might be different, but they won't.

Jon I heard on the news 1 day, they picked this kid up for the 15th or 20th time driving with out a drivers license. He couldn't pass the ~~drivers~~ written test. His excuse was it wasn't a fair test. His last time being picked up was an accident & somebody died & he got about 5 or 10 yrs in prison.

Thanks

P.S. This letter is my opinion & I keep hoping things will change but they seem to get worse.

Council to consider 2 a.m. bar close

Three council members express support for idea; public hearing set Aug. 16.

BY DEENA WINTER
Lincoln Journal Star

The Lincoln City Council will consider an ordinance within the next two weeks to allow bars to stay open until 2 a.m., and three council members are expressing support for the idea.

But the ordinance must pass by a super-majority — five of the seven votes — and the remaining members aren't committing one way or the other.

As it stands now, a public hearing on the ordinance will be Aug. 16.

Although council members who serve on a liquor subcommittee — John Spatz, Adam Hornung and Jayne Snyder — all seem supportive of a 2 a.m. closing after being inundated by bar owners last week, other members are more reluctant.

Councilman Jonathan Cook and Gene Carroll declined to say where they stand, and Councilman Jon Camp said, "My goal is to favor consistency."

"I'm open to the concept, and I'm looking forward to the public hearing," Camp said.

Councilman Doug Emery said he isn't taking a stand yet — he learned after introducing a seemingly innocuous dance ordinance that it's important to wait and hear what the public says.

Hornung said he'll introduce the ordinance in response to dozens of Lincoln bar owners who have lobbied for the change, which is allowed by state law if five of the seven council members approve it.

Last week, a majority of the 40 or so people who attended a meeting of the Internal Liquor Control committee — a subcommittee of the council — supported the closing-time change. But Emery said he expects opposition to turn out at a public hearing.

Hornung said he hopes a later closing time would allow bars to make more money and the city to reap more sales tax revenue.

The ordinance would require the liquor committee to monitor police and protective custody reports to see if the later closing had an "adverse or

See CLOSE, Page B2

'There are people worse off than I am.'

— Ken Grosenbach, who depends on weekly blood transfusions to stay alive

Undercover cop robbed

Max & Helen Snyder
1131 Colony Lane
Lincoln, NE 68505

August 4, 2010

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The Honorable Jayne Snyder
Councilwoman, City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Snyder

It has come to our attention that Ms. Pedersen is proposing to close four area Senior Centers.

The seniors who gather at their area senior center to eat, participate in the programs offered and just fellowship with one another, consider these gatherings as "family". Most are able to drive to their center, with no parking problem, and can arrive and depart to suit their own schedule.

It has been said that keeping these centers open does not create a budget problem; to the contrary, it will cost more to transport the seniors downtown.

We believe Ms. Pedersen's plan to close the neighborhood centers is ridiculous. If it isn't broke, don't fix it !!

Sincerely,

Max and Helen Snyder

2010 Mr. Robert Reeves
3236 Dudley St.
Lincoln, NE 68503-1927

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INVEST IN LINCOLN

The signers of this petition accept the responsibility of maintaining the quality of life in Lincoln. This requires investment in our city. This requires an increase in the property tax levy to maintain current services and begin to restore the cuts in recent years. We must stop deferring maintenance which is more costly than maintaining infrastructure before it deteriorates. Restore our libraries, parks, public transportation,streets and other necessary services.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE#	EMAIL
Rosina Paolini	1850 Dakota St.	423-1260	
Marge Schlitt	2600 "C" St.	474-0682	
Dan Schlitt	2600 "C" St.	474-0682	
Maurice Baker	3259 Starr St.	464-1864	mbaker350@neb.rr.com
Kelly Epp	2924 Dudley	499-9537	
Melissa Nickolaus	7624 Baldwin	464-6921	
Mandy Heamann	3202 Y Street	570-0688	
Judy Timperley	1810 N 24th	474-0109	
Robert Waeppel	3227 Starr	464-4948	

Mary M. Meyer

From: Andrea Tarnick [andreatarnick@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 4:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please Listen!

Dear City Council-

I am writing in regards to the 2am bar close time. I am a 11-year resident of Lincoln and am strongly in favor of the late closing time not because I like to hit the bar scene, but because I want to see our local businesses thrive, especially with the introduction of the new event center in downtown Lincoln.

I play roller derby and travel all over the country during the year. Every city my league visits has a late close, most much later than 2am even. I'd hate to see all of our revenue leave the city and go to nearby towns including Omaha.

Please listen and vote for the late close to keep our dollars local and to help all of our neighborhood businesses.

Best Regards-

Andrea Tarnick
No Coast Derby Girls
Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jim Little [moonjuicejimmy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 5:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Bars til 2 Am

I am a employee of many Omaha and Lincoln bars And I say vote yes for 2am closing. Let the bar owners decide if they want to stay open til 2am or not. Omaha has not had any increase of traffic violations or DWI because of this. Most bars choose to only stay open that late on the weekends Friday, Saturday, and that should be thier choice. I play in a band, work fulltime, am a responsible Dad and do not see anything wrong with this. Thank you for your time.
Jim L.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Kitty Fynbu [kfynbu@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 10:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: St James Senior Center

Dear Council Members-

The mission of the Irvingdale neighborhood association (INA) is to foster community at a neighborhood level. Integral to that purpose is a high quality of life for our residents. This includes opportunities and services available within walking distance. Easy access to parks, playgrounds, pools, libraries, churches, schools, shopping areas and senior centers and, most importantly, neighbors are the elements that make for a great neighborhood.

This closeness of proximity is important for community members who have limited means of transportation or depend on others to provide transportation, especially youth, the elderly and the disabled. Regardless of ability, if these amenities are close by people are more able to make use of them, and in so doing meet other persons who are part of their neighborhood.

I am reminded of a recent visit to my daughter's temporary housing situation in Littleton, CO. She couldn't get to a park or a buy a cup of coffee without getting in a car. She was miserable (having grown up in Irvingdale) and so happy to move to a pedestrian-oriented neighborhood in the heart of Denver. Now she is meeting other moms and babies in the park and in the coffee shops and groceries who are part of her new community. I tell this personal antidote to illustrate the importance of accessible community to a young mom. I feel the concept applies to all our neighbors. Rarely are neighborly conversations struck up while sitting in the car at a traffic light.

I think the city embracing the concept of Community Learning Center in the neighborhood schools is another example of how our city has learned to honor this quest for "neighborliness". The schools, parks, senior centers etc, are the backdrop for an authentic community – the relationships that people build over time with each other.

The INA board would like to voice our support of our elderly neighbors; we hope you will continue to support the Lake Street Center at St James Church.

Thank You for your consideration-

Kitty Fynbu, INA President

Alene Swinehart, Issues Chair

Mary M. Meyer

From: nijohnson@juno.com
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 10:34 AM
To: Doug Emery; Jonathan A. Cook; Jon Camp; Jayne L. Snyder; Eugene W. Carroll; Council Packet
Subject: Senior Centers

What is happening to our Senior Centers? The City is planning to close all but two centers. We are being expected to go downtown. Where is the parking? Free rides on van to get there. Where is the money to pay for the vans, drivers, upkeep, etc. coming from? A lot of people will no longer be able to go because of the time needed to travel and/or the time needed to be there if riding the van. The sense of community that people need and enjoy will be lost in a crowd of people. Smaller centers are needed for some of us to have a feeling of belonging, security, family, etc. We have enjoyed going to Lake Center for a number of years. We have built many beautiful friendships and have a sense of belonging. We will no longer be able to enjoy that as we cannot go to the downtown center because of time involved. Many people will no longer be able to get a reasonable hot noon meal, or enjoy the other activities. Seniors need to be involved to stay healthy, mentally, emotionally, and physically.

Mary M. Meyer

From: WJordan@unificompanies.com
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 10:47 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet; Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; John Spatz; Eugene W. Carroll; ahorung@lincoln.ne.gov; Jayne L. Snyder
Subject: Lincoln Municipal Band

I understand that the suggested budget for the City of Lincoln includes the reduction/elimination of funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band.

I have lived in Lincoln my entire life (43 years). The Municipal Band has been part of that life as long as I can remember. I used to attend concerts with my grandparents, my parents, and my friends. Today I attend with my mom, husband, daughter and sometimes my siblings who have moved as far away as New York. Their families also enjoy attending when they are in town, and it has become tradition for us.
The concerts have always been a great way to pull people in the community together to cap off a beautiful summer weekend. I will always have the great memories of the evenings in the park which helped my love of music grow, and has instilled in my daughter an appreciation of both the community and the Municipal Band. Many evenings as we sit and enjoy the music with so many of our fellow Lincolnites, it reminds us why we live in this great community. Lincoln has always been such a good community because of its ability to provide quality family events for its citizens to enjoy.

To hear that the city which I have grown to love so much over the years is again going to cut something so important to our community is very disturbing. There have been things which Lincoln has done over the years that I have not agreed with, but to eliminate such a quality piece of our community is outrageous. The Lincoln Municipal Band began long before any of us were born, and has brought together many generations throughout its history. It was here when people needed to come together to get through wars, drought, hard economic times, and to celebrate this great city as it has grown. Through the concerts the love of music, family and community have been handed down for many years.

Please reconsider cutting the $9,000 for funding of the Lincoln Municipal Band.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy L Jordan
PO Box 5053
Lincoln NE 68505
(402)770-2050
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Mary M. Meyer

From: Jim & Vicky [jandv@inebraska.com]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 1:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City Forester

Dear Council Members,

Please see to it that the City Forester job is NOT eliminated. Mr. Schwab provides a valuable service maintaining and protecting our city trees. The Parks and Recreation Dept. is not in any way qualified to provide these services. This was demonstrated in the late 80's when the Parks Dept. was operating without a City Forester. We are still recovering from that disaster.

If anything, cuts need to made as follows-
1. Eliminate the Parks and Recreation Director's job. The fact that he is trying to push Mr. Schwab out the door tells us there is a real problem in his office. The City Forester SHOULD NOT be overseen by this department.
2. Eliminate Dan Marvin's position. If we can't afford Mr. Schwab, we certainly can't afford Mr. Marvin or a new arena.
3. Eliminate Dave Landis' position, whatever that is, and get him off the public dole once and for all. Same with Jon Carlson.
4. Furthermore, the Mayor has far too many aides, so you might consider cutting there also.

We fear we will lose our "Tree City, USA" distinction by giving volunteers chain saws and having them go at it. Our trees are too valuable, and add greatly to our quality of life. We can't afford to be putting them at risk. Future generations rely on us to make sound decisions.

This Mayor's recommendation is NOT a sound decision- it is an irresponsible one.

Sincerely,
James Valenta
Lincoln

Telephone Messages: Friday, August 6, 2010

1. Mary and Derald Drbal
   Do not eliminate funding to the Municipal Band. Seniors look forward to the six (6) concerts a year, along with their families. An asset to Lincoln.

   Peggy Campbell
   Retain the City Forester Position. Do not substitute this position with a community planner. Lincoln cannot afford to take this job away.

3. Dean and Eileen Thiesfeld
   Regarding the Lincoln Municipal Band, certainly do not take away. Part of Lincoln.

Received: Monday, August 9, 2010

4. Celine Calzarra
   Keep the Lincoln Municipal Band going. Enjoyment for everyone.

5. Dennis Adams
   Do not delete the City Forester at this time. Lincoln needs professional guidance and management of their trees.

6. Maureen Hutfless.
   Do not eliminate Route 56 from StarTran routes.
   Excellent not having to switch downtown for south side of town plus more people are using.

7. Roger Svatos
   Please keep funding the Lincoln Municipal Band.

8. Doris Jones
   Do retain the City Forester position and the Lincoln Municipal Band.

9. Barbara Allard
   Suggestion for City Budget:
   a) Have city parks one in every 5 miles.
   b) Do away with flowers and trees in the City's downtown.
   c) Also, do away with flowers in the street mediums.

d) Cut back on Sunken Gardens, or move to Antelope Valley.
e) Do not paint white center lines on the bike paths.
f) Cut back on the bike paths; and
g) Determine the number of workers necessary to implement city jobs.

Mary M. Meyer

From: gene nilan [genenilan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 8:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Municipal Band Budget

I urge you to reject the Mayor's proposed budget cut for next year's municipal band. When I first read his proposal, I agreed that the elimination of one concert was reasonable in light of the budget situation. However, now that I find he actually proposes to eliminate all funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band, that is just wrong! Not only was his statement miss leading but it would eliminate just the kind of funding that cities need to make for their citizens.

We should be proud to support an institution that has existed for some 100 years and has entertained so many citizens. Very few of our city projects can claim this distinction at such a low relative cost.

If you have not attended these concerts, you need to spend an hour on Sunday evening and experience an American institution!

Mary M. Meyer

From: agasper@neb.rr.com
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2010 3:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Willard Community Center budget

Importance: High

Dear City Council Members:

We are writing in support of maintaining the Willard Community Center budget for maintenance (utilities and major repairs) in the City of Lincoln budget until other funding sources can be found. Withdrawing funding with such extremely short notice (one or two months) could put the programs at Willard in jeopardy. The entire West A neighborhood greatly depends on the programming offered by Willard for preschoolers, school age children, teens, adults and seniors. The Willard Community Center is an essential hub of the community and it helps provide a sense of identity and cohesiveness to the West A neighborhood. All three of our children have (or currently are) participating in Willard programming. In our experience, the youth programming at Willard is of very high quality. The Willard neighborhood has one of the largest concentrations of elementary children in the City of Lincoln, as evidenced by the explosive enrollment at Roper Elementary School (population over 900 pupils and still growing!). Without the programs offered by Willard, many working parents would have no place for their children to safely be before/after school and during the summer. The result would be many unsupervised latch key children at home. (Our neighborhood is also located near three correctional facilities and the Lincoln Regional Center. Children home alone in case of an escape from one of these facilities is not a good idea.) In addition, a raise in fees to offset this expense is not realistic. Already many families in the West A neighborhood are stretched to the max financially. (Witness the growth in the backpack program at Roper School and the number of students increasingly on free or reduced lunches.) There are also many seniors in the West A neighborhood on fixed incomes that could not absorb an increase in program fees. (Many seniors live in the trailer park. We know this as Anne runs the election precinct at Harbour West clubhouse.) It is my understanding that the Willard Community Center Board and Director are very willing to pursue other sources of funding for maintenance (e.g., grants), but it takes time to apply and receive other sources of funding. As such, we strongly encourage each of you to vote to save funding for the Willard Community Center until other sources of funding can be found. The West A neighborhood can not afford to lose the fine services provided by the Willard Community Center. And, the West A neighborhood is counting on you to maintain such an integral piece of our community.

Thank you for voting to maintain the Willard Community Center maintenance budget until other sources of funding can be found.

Sincerely,

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Nick [govhunter@lavabit.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2010 9:28 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 2 am closing

Let me start by saying that I'm neither a bar owner, nor someone who does even drink alchole. However, I see nothing wrong with pushing back the last call to 2 am or even later. It would bring in additional tax reveinew that is much needed at current, with little to no draw backs. Cops are almost as busy now as they would be if the last call gets pushed back to 2 am. There is nearly no bartender or waitress in Lincoln who doesn't know when to cut someone off, and if you're worried about an increase in drunks in public tack on a fine for the bars with in a mile radius of where the person was found.

Mary M. Meyer

From: MarySue Harris [msharris@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2010 7:32 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor; Jonathan A. Cook
Subject: Lincoln Municipal Band

Dear Council Members and Mayor Beutler:

The Lincoln Municipal Band has created a great legacy here in Lincoln! It is a community tradition and it entertains the citizens of Lincoln with quality and creativity! It is especially important to many, many people because of its wonderful concerts in the park during the summer months.

I am writing to urge you to not allow the elimination of city funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band!

Thank you for your consideration of this request!

Sincerely,

Bill and MarySue Harris

Mary M. Meyer

From: Joan Anderson [johnjoan@inebraska.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2010 9:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Funding for Lincoln Municipal Band

Times are tough but music helps people during tough times. Many retired people as well as young families with children enjoy the Sunday night band concerts in one of our beautiful city parks. I hope there's a way to find $9,000 in the city's budget to continue a little bit of support for the band.

Thanks for listening!

Joan Anderson
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Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: Darryll Pederson [dpederson527@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 4:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Mayor
Subject: Smell in Forester position

Mayor Beutler and Lincoln City Council:

I have been following the City Forester debate and have written several emails to the council and the mayor in support of the position. Until I received a letter in reply from the mayor I thought the debate was about the City Forester position and had focused on why Lincoln needs a City Forester and why, based on my personal knowledge/experience that we were fortunate to have a high-caliber person in the position.

A sentence in the mayor's letter to me states "I cannot, however make budget decisions based on one particular individual" (Underlining is mine). Re-reading past statements by all involved including the council, mayor, and director of parks and recreation gives me an entirely different viewpoint on the debate. The debate is not about the need for a city forester, but appears to me to be an effort to remove an individual and replace them with a "favored" new employee who is not a certified forester, but a "planner" whatever that is. Further it appears that the replacement plans well preceded the announcement of the effort to save money by cutting the City Forester position as everything was in place including a website.

Was it orchestrated that the council considered restoring the position in the budget in response to concerns expressed by the citizens of Lincoln, but the director of parks and recreation said if the council did he would use the money to mow grass, so the council backed down? Is the mayor incapable of considering the thoughts and concerns of citizens and telling the director of parks and recreation to restore the position? Is there another reason the director of parks and recreation is openly disregarding the stated intention of the city council to restore the position in the budget? Who is running the show here? Selection of any of the above (council, mayor, director) represents an incorrect choice. The citizens of Lincoln have voiced considerable support for the City Forester position. It is time for the game playing to end.

If the director of parks and recreation will not follow the will of the council or mayor either remove the director or transfer the budget and personnel of the City Forester to the public works department. It is time to remove the smell that is developing over this issue. I have selectively capitalized only the City Forester in this email, but will do so for the other positions once I am convinced that the smell is taken care of and the voices of the citizens of Lincoln are respected.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Chris Vrtiska [cjvrtiska@windstream.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 3:40 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Forestry

I do not live in Lincoln but close by in Eagle. I won't dwell on the City Forester position much as I believe whole heartedly that Lincoln HAS to have a City Forester.

Instead of lobbying, I am offering a solution, at least something to think about if not now but in the future.

LES is in dire need of a Utility Forester. Not just someone who "has been around for awhile" but one with education, training, certifications and experience.
The City of Lincoln also needs a Forester.

Municipalities that have their own Electric System are in a unique position to take advantage of a shared Forester. Saves both money, is more efficient, and the Public benefits by having a professional steward of the publicly owned forest, and the utility has a professional maintaining some of that same urban forest.

I would also believe that if this shared position would materialize, the next step would be to utilize contractor crews to do both City tree maintenance and LES line clearance work. Combining both aspects should reduce overhead and increase production for both entities while saving both money.

Obviously a loss of City employees would be a difficult situation, but on the other hand, you are creating new jobs at the same time. And possibly filling some of those jobs with the separated city employees.

Just a few thoughts. I have not heard of anything like this in the discussions I have heard or read on the subject.

My philosophy is to focus on solutions, not the problems. I believe there is more to the Park Director's agenda than simply reducing costs. Who in their right mind would cut Tree maintenance costs to add to mowing grass? Trees are a long term investment, without proper management they can be a costly liability.

I do not believe the Parks Director, the City Council or the Mayor's office have thought enough about finding a solution as they have about simply cutting budgets.

Sincerely,

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Rae Jean Ziegelbein [rziegelbein@inebraska.com]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 3:52 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Municipal Band

Please, please do not cut the funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band. I suppose that none of you have ever attended one of the concerts. They are fantastic and so enjoyed by all who attend. We have been going for years as I did with my parents and my cousin and aunt and uncle. I really don't want to think that you would let a 104 year old tradition to stop and leave funding for some of the stuff that you feel is worth it. We plan to be at the public hearing on Monday, August 9th and hope that you have it in your hearts to leave the funding as it is for the band concerts. Thank You, Rae Jean Ziegelbein

Mary M. Meyer

From: Astebbinssidles@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 9:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lilncoln Municpal Band

To the City Council.... I looked up "municipal" in the dictionary and it says ":of or pertaining to the local government of a town or city" which means that our band belongs to and is part of Lincoln... We have attended the concerts for over 25 years and contribute $500 or more each year... so I hope the city can find room in its budget to include some support.... The $9000 cut would mean the elimination of all city funding.... that would be a shame after over 100 years of support..... Please reconsider..... thank you ... Ann S Sidles

Mary M. Meyer

From: Janet Greser [jgreser@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 9:12 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Save the funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band

I've attending many a "free" band concert of the Lincoln Municipal Band at Antelope park over the years, and brought friends & family along. Please keep funding this wonderful Lincoln Tradition.

Janet Greser

Mary M. Meyer

From: Larry & Patti Horstman [pnl4901@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 9:34 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet; Jon Camp; Eugene W. Carroll; Adam A. Hornung; Jayne L. Snyder
Subject: Save The Band

Elected leaders,

I remember listening to the Sunday band concerts from Antelope Park when I was a child. We could hear them from where I grew up on south 30th street, (six blocks south of "O"). For me this began in the 1940's. I am now 73 years old and still enjoying these concerts, however, my wife and I now take our lawn chairs to the park and enjoy the great talent of our Lincoln Municipal Band. We contribute a fair amount to support the band as do others. This is a104 year tradition in the city of Lincoln. It even surivived the "Great Depression". I know that you have hard decisions to make relating to the budget. I just hope that you might find a way to continue supporting the band.

Larry Horstman

Mary M. Meyer

From: richard sonderegger [roundater@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 11:07 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Cc: richard sonderegger
Subject: park band

please keep the $9000 in the budget for the park band. I would be willing to pay higher taxes if necessary to keep it in. thank you.

rich sonderegger
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Lincoln NE 68506

Mary M. Meyer

From: eds19495@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 12:13 AM
To: Council Packet; eds19495@aol.com
Subject: Cutting of Star Trans routes 56 and 57

City Council Members,
Lincoln, Nebraska

August 8, 2010

Edward Schnabel
Commander,
American Legion Post 3
Lincoln, NE 68510

Reference: Cutting of Star Trans Routes 56 and 57

Dear Members,

I am sadden that the Mayor has chosen and you have gone with him to eliminate Star Trans routes 56 and 57, in an effort to balance his 2011 city budget. Routes 56 and 57 are the only bus routes that allow riders to travel from far south Lincoln to far north Lincoln with having to travel through the downtown transfer station. With route 56 being the only route that serves the VA Clinic, St.Elizabeth and Bryan Hospitals on the same route. This allows our veterans to travel to and from appointments with fewer stops and delays.

With our WWII and Koran War veterans getting old, many require the use of public transportation in some form, thus cutting route 56 is a slap in the face of these older veterans. Not to same nothing about the younger veterans who use the bus to get to their appointments. Now we have even a younger group of veterans, those from the ranks of the Guard and Reserves who have been called up to serve during the on going War on Terror.

I find that most cuts in the city budget, just as in the LPS budget, are far from the administrative offices. Most of the cuts being made deal directly with the public need. I have seen very few if any cuts on the administrative levels. The Mayor should lead by example, taking a pay cut and cutting his staff and/or their pay. Followed by council members and other department heads.

I find it very hard to take when the Mayor ask the public to do with less, cuts services to the public, etc., but fails to show

leadership by taking a pay reduction him self. And asking his appointees to take a pay cut.

There are just some things that the city needs to fund and route 56 at the very lease is one of those. We owe it to our
veterans who are willing to go and died for us, that we will see that they get the care and services needed when they
return home.

I hope to see that the funding for routes 56 and 57 is at least talked about by the council members.

Thanks for serving the city of Lincoln and I hope you will show the same kind of service to our Veterans.

Sincerely

Ed Schnabel
Commander
American Legion Post 3

Mary M. Meyer

From: Deb Hegemann [debsinthegarden@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 12:51 AM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Lincoln needs a City Forester, not more mowing.

DO NOT eliminate our City Forester, cut two Arborists, and reduce our number of tree crews from five to four.

Keep Our City Safe - Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forester and our professional arborists now more than ever. In the next couple of years Lincoln will face the Emerald Ash Borer, an insect which is expected to kill 108,000 ash trees - a huge public safety hazard and a crisis in the making if we do not have a forester.

Keep Our City Green – Lincoln is the home of the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the only city in the US that concurrently holds all 5 Tree City USA designations. Trees increase our property values, they improve our energy efficiency, and they are key to our quality of life through our parks, trails, golf courses, and tree-lined streets.

Fiscally Responsible Leadership – Lincoln has more than one million trees. We need to retain our professional City Forester to make sure that tax payer dollars are used wisely in maintaining our trees.

Mayor Chris Beutler has pledged not to cut programs essential to public safety but in his proposed budget he plans to cut Lincoln's Community Forestry program at a time when it is most needed. Now is the time when we need to retain our experienced City Forester and professional arborists.

Let's not forget that Lincoln is designated "Tree City, USA" thanks to Helen Boosalis who, being the great woman and mayor she was, saw the importance of trees to our society. Do not let this position go away. A Coordinator of volunteers cannot replace the experience that Steve Schwab brings to the table.

Park Director Johnson if you truly want to save money and reorganize your department, how about this? Combine your district shops with the golf courses, cut some of your overpaid and underworked assistants and planners, use your volunteers for mowing, weeding, and litter pickup. The city already has a large base of volunteer tree planters, our neighborhood groups, scouts, businesses and citizens who have used the voucher system. All, by the way, coordinated by our City Forester Steve Schwab. I think the Mayor got some very suspect advice on the budget from Director Johnson; maybe that's where the axe should fall.

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"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams."
     --Henry David Thoreau
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Mary M. Meyer

From: eds19495@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 6:21 AM
To: Council Packet; eds19495@aol.com
Subject: Cutting of VA route 56 and route 57.

City Council Members
Lincoln, Nebraska

Ed Schnabel
Commander
American Legion Post 3
Lincoln, NE

9 August 2010

Reference: Star Trans routes 56 and 57

Dear Members,

I would like to add these remarks to those I stated earlier.

I have watched over the years as the city budget has gotten harder and harder to balance. Seems that every year the Star Trans comes in and states that the bus system has lost money. Thus he and the mayor and you seem fit to cut services, raise the rates, which does just the opposite of what you are trying to do.

As you have raised the rates and cut service, you have driven people away from taking the bus. Those people who might take the bus do not as it is now no longer going through their neighborhood or no longer goes to where they need to go.

Has a kid I used to ride the bus all the time, going downtown to movies,etc. As downtown was to only major shopping, business area in Lincoln. As Lincoln as grown, most of the major shopping / doctors, etc. have moved out of downtown, but every route out side of routes 56 and 57 require a trip downtown and a transfer or two, to get to one or more of the new shopping / business areas.

This works well for UNL students and staff, City, County, State and Federal workers, but for those who jobs are no longer in downtown Lincoln have little choice but to drive as the bus does not go to their work site, or takes to much requires to much travel time to make it to work on time. Or the bus does not run at the hours they work.

Again, I find it troublesome that you keep cutting service when you are asking the public to use the system more, to "GO Green",
etc. I would like to see the city really try and address the issue of bus service. May be it is time to cut the fare and add more
service that does not require a trip downtown and/or transfers. Has the city or Star Trans board ever given this a thought in
the pass two or three years? NO, it has been just the opposite. "We lost money, thus, raise fares and cut sevice", then the
next year, "We continue to lose money", so what do we do? We raise the fares again and cut more service, thus driving more
and more of the public away for using what service we do have.

As it is now, you travel downtown, transfer, and travel back out of downtown if you want to go any place. Maybe it is a time
to try a new plan. Not eliminate routes 56 and 57, but add to them, add other routes that do not require the trip into/out of
downtown. Develop a new transfer site more in the middle of Lincoln, say 48 and O streets. Were the buses could travel
more in an east / west or north / south direction. Allowing people to travel to business areas out side of downtown with fewer
stop and less travel time.

Again, thanks for taking the time to read my notes, and for you service to the City of Lincoln.

Sincerely

Ed Schnabel
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American Legion Post 3
Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Harlan Heier [handsheier@windstream.net]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Municipal Band

Dear Mayor Beutler and Members of the City Council,

We realize that you face difficult decisions regarding the city budget, but we hope you will continue to fund the Lincoln Municipal Band.

The Lincoln Municipal Band is a 104-year-old tradition that should be continued.

When people find it necessary to cut back on their personal budgets, entertainment is often eliminated. The Lincoln Municipal Band--with its free summer concerts--can help to fill the void.

Please consider continuing to fund the band.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Lincoln, NE 68521

Mary M. Meyer

From: Don Gill [dg95633@windstream.net]
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LMB

Just a note to ask that you re-consider the elimination of all funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band. I know you face tough choices this year..but remember, for **99** consecutive years the LMB has given free Sunday evening concerts in Antelope Park---don't put this great tradition in jeopardy. Thank you for your consideration.

Don Gill, President
Lincoln Municipal Band
Board of Directors

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jayne Sebby [jsebby@cornhusker.net]
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 9:46 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: P & R Forestry Position

Dear Council Members,

The Woods Park Neighborhood Association would like to encourage you to consider the value of the Forestry Division of the Parks and Recreation Department when you make budget decisions this week.

Woods Park is one of the older neighborhoods in Lincoln. We have three city parks within our boundaries -- each with dozens of hard- and softwood trees and shrubs. Our streets are lined with trees planted and maintained by the city. We feel that these features are two of the most desirable traits in making our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. The Forrestry Division is crucial to keeping the trees in good health and promoting public safety.

The Association requests that you carefully consider the value of the Forrestry Division in maintaining the high quality of life in Lincoln when you make budget decisions.

Sincerely,

Jayne Sebby
President, Woods Park Neighborhood Association

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