**IN LIEU OF**
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**
**MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2010**

## I. CITY CLERK

## II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents July Award of Excellence to Public Health Nursing Supervisor Shirley Terry.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce of Lincoln Haymarket Arena first bond sale on Tuesday, August 24th, 3:30 p.m. at 555 S. 10th, Room 303.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Low interest rate on arena bond sale saves taxpayers millions.

### RICK HOPPE, CHIEF OF STAFF

1. Letter to Lincoln citizens regarding clarification on subject of the Mayor's salary.

## DIRECTORS

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for August 27, 2010 has been canceled.
2. Administrative Amendments approved by Planning Director from August 17, 2010 through August 23, 2010.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Final action by Planning Commission, August 25, 2010, Resolution No. PC-01211.
2. Action by Planning Commission, August 25, 2010.

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

### JONATHAN COOK

1. Councilman Cook's reply to constituents regarding fee setting.

## IV. MISCELLANEOUS

## V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email stating the audio during the August 23, 2010 meeting was poor quality, often times going blank.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Spencer Ashburn in favor of changing closing time of bars to 2 p.m.
3. Email from Tom Wanser. No to transferring fee adjustment to the Mayor's office.
4. Email from Peter Katt. Do not change current requirements that fee increases must go through the City Council.

5. Email from Dennis Erickson. Opposed to proposal to transfer the regulation of fees to the City Department Director with final approval by the Mayor.
6. Email from Boomer's Printing Company. Strongly oppose any fees that voters have no opportunity to present their view.
7. Email from Thomas Wright. Do not place the fee setting and approval out of the vote of the Council or the public view and hearing process.
8. Email from Steven Bowen. Not comfortable with allowing unelected bureaucrats the ability to set fees without oversight by the City Council and the citizens.
9. Email from Brian Kamler. Fees must continue to be approved by the City Council so people affected can attend and have a voice.
10. Email from James Brown. Vote no on proposal to transfer fee regulation from City Council to the department directors. Fees is another name for taxes and should have public input.
11. Email from Kevin Steele. Opposed to changing the city codes allowing for regulation of fees by department directors with approval by the Mayor.
12. Email from Scott Becker. Vote against the proposal on business fee increases without a vote of the City Council.
13. Email from Mark Tallman. Opposed to proposal to have city fees changed without a vote of the City Council.
14. Email from Doug Kruce. Very offensive and shady to change the procedure to regulate fees, bypassing the public and going directly to the Mayor.
15. Email from Thor Schrock. Do not give an unelected and unaccountable government employee the ability to assess fees on Lincoln's businesses.
16. Email from Stan Mills. Vote no on the change regarding the procedure to regulate city fees.
17. Email from Doug Schueths. Do not change the current method of changing business fees.
18. Email from Dan Klein, Sr. Vote no on the proposal to have increases in fees bypass the City Council and public hearings.
19. Email from Bob Swanson. The current system requiring the City Council to approve changes in business fees must be maintained.
20. Email from Shelley Fritz. Requesting the City maintain it's current system of having business fee increases/changes presented to the City Council.
21. Email from Dennis Walls. Fees need to go through just like it always has, what's the reason for this?
22. Email from Jeff Sneller. Highly recommend that no changes be made to fee regulations.
23. Email from Greg Osborn. This proposal is in total violation of citizens right to public input.
24. Email from Mark Hahn. Against the proposal to have city fees changed without a vote and public input. Stop acting like you are our rulers.
25. Email from Daylene Kollmorgen. Urge Council to vote against the proposal to allow business fees to increase without a vote. Public hearings are necessary.
26. Email from Debbie Hayes. Transferring the regulation of fees to the department director with final approval by the Mayor is a bad idea. We need transparency in government.
27. Email from Gene Herzberg. Vote no on the change regarding the procedure to regulate fees. The potential for abuse would be huge.

28. Email from Marvin Souchek. Increased fees with no public input is a dirty way to circumvent the rules so no one is held accountable. Sounds like taxation with no representation policy.
29. Email from Nadine Condello. Imperatiev any business fee increase proposed be presented to the City Council with the opportunity for public input.
30. Email from Darlene Fletcher. Vote no on fee proposal, the structure in place now allows those affected to voice their thoughts before a public hearing.
31. Email from H. Arnold Wassenberg. Vote against the proposal to let department directors set their own fee schedule.
32. Email from Elizabeth A. Wood. Vote no to the proposal on regulation of fees. This proposal would skip public hearings and eliminate direct public input.
33. Email from Perry Demma. Against the proposal to permit the city department directors to set permit fees.
34. Email from Patrick Barger. Vote no on proposal to transfer the regulation of fees to the city department director with final approval by the Mayor. This skips public hearings and public input.
35. Email from Jim Johnson. As a small business owner urge Council to vote no on the proposal to eliminate hearings on proposed business fees.
36. Email from David Winter. Vote no on proposal to transfer regulation of fees to city department directors with final approval from the Mayor.
37. Email from Doug Pfeifer. As a business person, and member of LIBA, urge Council to vote no on proposal to transfer the regulation of fees to the department directors.
38. Email from Earl Visser, business owner, and LIBA member. Request a no vote on proposal that will allow a non elected person to have power without representation.
39. Email from Tom Gourlay, business owner. Deeply opposed to changing the procedure to regulate fees.
40. Email from John Hoppe. Against giving department heads authority to raise fees with just the signature of the Mayor.
41. Email from Craig Johnson. Consider the quality of life for the entire city and vote no to a 2:00 a.m. bar closing time.
42. Letter from Rev. Judith A. Dye regarding the closing of the Lake Street Senior Center stating why she is opposed to the closing. (Each Council Member received individual letter)
43. Email from Beth Thomas, Lay Leader at St. James Methodist Church, site of the Lake Street Senior Center giving reasons why the Center should not be closed.
44. Email from Deb Hermann. Vote no on the procedure to regulate fees, appalled this would affect non-profits ability to do fund raising events without pulling paying numerous permits.
45. Email from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Painter. Do not vote for increasing our mayor's salary now when so many people do not even have jobs.
46. Email from Sheri Neeman. Agree with the proposal to transfer the regulation of fees to city department directors with final approval by the Mayor.
47. Email from Terri Pomajzl. Not appropriate for the Mayor to receive a raise at this time.
48. Email from Wendy Evans. The percentage of the Mayor's raise is over the top! Where has the common sense gone anyway?
49. Email from Jonathan Hein. Do not vote to raise the Mayor's salary when the tax payers are

struggling to make ends meet.

50. Email from Andrea Greiff. Please realize the inappropriateness of affording the Mayor of Lincoln a 25% pay raise.
51. Email from Alan Ratkovec. No to a raise for Mayor Beutler.
52. Email from Cheryl Friberg. As taxpayers we cannot afford to give the mayor a 20% raise.
53. Email from Ardith Allison. Do not give the mayor a raise.
54. Email from Van Mueller. Strongly opposed to the mayor receiving a 20% salary increase, that is an outrageous increase.
55. Email from Bernice Polivka. The economic times do not warrant an increase in the Mayor's salary.
56. Email from Linda Jenkins. Do not feel it would be right for the Mayor to receive a 20% salary raise, especially in the on-going bad economy we have.
57. Email from Bobby Layne, owner of the Pla Mor Ballroom. Definitely against the 2:00 a.m. bar closing time.
58. Email from David Pauley. Vote no to proposal to remove the authority from the City Council to change certain business fees without Council vote.
59. Email from Luetta Sandquist. A $25,000 raise for the Mayor? Too many unemployed, and needy people right here in Lincoln.
60. Email from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Painter. Extremely inappropriate for the mayor to choose a committee to determine how much salary he should draw. Vote no for the mayor's raise.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

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# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 23, 2010
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

## MAYOR PRESENTS JULY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for July to Public Health Nursing Supervisor Shirley Terry. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Terry is with the Community Health Services division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and has worked for the City since 2003. The Maternal-Child Health Services team nominated her in the categories of customer relations and productivity.

Terry has worked with the State and the community to develop information and help undocumented mothers and babies access prenatal care while keeping staff informed of program changes. She also has been instrumental in getting the Electronic Health System to work efficiently for the team's charting needs.

The team said Terry is a visionary person who also is attentive to details, and she is committed to moving the Maternal-Child Health Division in a direction that meets the community's needs. The nominators said Terry is a good listener and motivator, acknowledges successes and has a good sense of humor. They wrote, "... mainly it is the passion and dedication for your career that we respect and admire."

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

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

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# 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 24, 2010
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce the results of the first bond sale for the Lincoln Haymarket Arena at a news conference at **3:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday, August 24** in **Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th.** Also attending will be City Finance Director Don Herz, Scott Keene from Ameritas and Lauren Wismer from Gilmore and Bell, P.C.

The news conference will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV, Time Warner Cable channel 5.

# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

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NEBRASKA

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 24, 2010
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Don Herz, City Finance Director, 441-7412

## LOW INTEREST RATE ON ARENA BOND SALE SAVES TAXPAYERS MILLIONS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) sold the first $100 million in bonds for the new arena at an interest rate of 3.2 percent. The difference between the conservative 5-percent estimate the City used for planning and the actual 3.2-percent rate will result in a savings of about $1.8 million per year during the first 10-year period. Over the 35-year life of the bonds, the savings is $50 million.

"Today's sale is a strong indication that our loan expenses will indeed fall below our projections, in this case far below," said Mayor Beutler. "This also confirms another point we made in the campaign. Interest rates may never be lower. There may never be a better time to build a major municipal project like the arena than now. Good planning and hard work have resulted in millions of dollars in savings to Lincoln taxpayers. We hope this news justifies the faith the public has placed in us as stewards of the public dollar."

The City's bond counsel, Lauren Wismer with Gilmore & Bell P.C., said that outside of Lincoln Electric System bonds, the City has never issued a bond amount this high and never received an interest rate this low for a long-term bond issue.

The bonds are Build America Bonds, which are sold on a taxable basis, with the federal government providing a 35-percent subsidy. The City received six bids from four firms, and the buyer of the bonds was Wells Fargo. The bids are posted online at aicauction.co (click on "results"). The City's financial advisor, Scott Keene from Ameritas Investment Corp., facilitated the transaction.

Beutler said today's sale "sets a pattern" for the rest of the bond issues. City Finance Director Don Herz said the second arena bond sale for $30 million in Economic Recovery Zone bonds will take place later this year. Those bonds have a federal subsidy of 45 percent.

Information on the West Haymarket JPA is available at lincoln.ne.gov.

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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Council Packet
**Subject:** FW: Mayor's Salary

**Subject:** Mayor's Salary

Hello. I am Rick Hoppe, the Mayor's Chief of Staff. Several people wrote the Council regarding the Mayor's salary. I thought it was important to let you know that some of the concerns expressed were based on inaccurate information.

Several emails stated that the Mayor appointed his own committee. That is not accurate as it implies that the Mayor selected specific people for a pre-determined outcome.

The City Charter provides a very limited window to review the Mayor's salary every four years. As a matter of routine, it has been reviewed during this period. In 2002 and 2006, it was put before the Council without having been reviewed by a citizen committee. Mayor Beutler felt this was not a transparent manner of doing business and issued an executive order giving this duty to the Lancaster County Salary Review Committee. The Committee is compromised of seven members appointed by the Lancaster County Board who have experience in personnel issues. In fact, one of the current members is a past President of the Lincoln Independent Business Association. The Mayor did appoint two additional members, former Council member Linda Wilson and former Council member and Mayor Dale Young. They were picked because of their knowledge of the scope of work being reviewed.

Many emails expressed concern about the raise being proposed in the face of a difficult budget and a national recession. We agree. That's why I appeared before the committee and urged them to delay any proposed raise at least an additional year because of our concerns that we could face another challenging budget next year.

Further, it is important to understand that the Charter is structured so a raise cannot take effect until after a Mayor's term. In this case, the Mayor's term ends in May of 2011.

I appreciate the opportunity to address you on this issue.

Sincerely,

Rick Hoppe

## Jean Preister

**From:** Teresa A. McKinstry
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 9:53 AM
**To:** Adam Herink; Brian Will; Gordon Scholz; Gregory Gustafson; Ian Singh; Jean Preister; Jon Yoachim; Lynnette Nelson; Nicole Fleck-Tooze; robrichter@neb.rr.com; Steve S. Henrichsen; Terry A. Kathe; Tonya L. Peters
**Cc:** Andy Budell; George Hancock; Gerry Krieser; Lynn Sunderman; Tim Francis
**Subject:** City Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda

The City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting regularly scheduled for August 27, 2010 has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

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Teresa McKinstry
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Dept.
555 S. 10th St. #213
Lincoln NE 68508
402-441-6162
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# Memorandum

**Date:** August 25, 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 August 17, 2010 thru August 23, 2010:

**Administrative Amendment No. 10037** to Special Permit No. 1959, Prairie Village, approved by the Planning Director on August 20, 2010, requested by Pedcor Investments, to revise the multiple family lot into three lots and amend the layout of the multiple family area, on property generally located northeast of N. 84th Street and Leighton Avenue.

**Administrative Amendment No. 10045** to Special Permit No. 04033, Sterling Hills Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on August 20, 2010, requested by Ross Hasselhorst, to permit on lots on the south side of O'Sullivan Road to have patios, decks, terraces and ornamental features, which do not extend more than three feet above or below the adjacent ground level, to project into a required side or rear yard, provided these projections be at least two feet from a property line, on property generally located at S. 37th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 10048** to Use Permit/Special Permit No. 11F, SouthRidge (South Pointe Pavilions) approved by the Planning Director on August 20, 2010, requested by Sandstone Construction LLC, to extend the building envelope in Lot 8 (new Trader Joes location) by 7.93 feet to the east to allow for a revised loading/dock area, on property generally located at S. 32nd Street and Pine Lake Road.

**City/County Planning Department**
**555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213**
**Lincoln NE 68508**
**(402) 441-7491**

# PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

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

**FROM** : Jean Preister, Planning

**DATE** : August 25, 2010

**RE** : Final action by Planning Commission: August 25, 2010

Please be advised that on August 25, 2010, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

> **Resolution No. PC-01211,** approving the request of Krein Real Estate, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Doug Oxley, for authority to operate an indoor animal hospital with an outdoor exercise area less than 200 feet from a residential district, on property generally located at the northwest corner of South 48th Street and Normal Boulevard (**Special Permit No. 10029**).

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

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. SP10029). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.

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# ** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **
# August 25, 2010

**NOTICE:** **The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.**

**The LPlan Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.**

**The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, immediately following the regular meeting in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, for a workshop on "Review of Special Permits".**

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

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

**AGENDA**
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010**

[**<u>All members present</u>**]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 11, 2010. **<u>**APPROVED, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird abstained)**</u>**

**1. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>**
**<u>PERMITS:</u>**

1.1 Special Permit No. 10029, to allow an indoor animal hospital, on property generally located on the northwest corner of S. 48th Street and Normal Boulevard. ***** FINAL ACTION *****
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**
**Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov**
**<u>Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 12, 2010, 9-0.</u>**
**<u>Resolution No. PC-01211.</u>**

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

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

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**PERMITS:**

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4.1 County Special Permit No. 10028, pursuant to Article 13.001.27 of the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution, for authority to construct an office building for expanded home occupation, with a request to waive the side yard setback requirement from 200' to 100' on the east side, on property generally located at S.W. 114th Street and W. Roca Road (Highway 33).
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**
**Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov**
**Had public hearing.**
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 17, 2010, with one amendment to Condition #2.4, as recommended by staff, 9-0.**
**Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners being requested.**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

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4.2 Waiver No. 10017, to waive the requirement of the Land Subdivision Ordinance to construct a sidewalk within a pedestrian easement connecting Saline Drive and Cornflower Drive, on property generally located in the area of Fletcher Avenue and Meridian Drive. ***** FINAL ACTION *****
**Staff recommendation: Denial**
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov**
**Had public hearing.**
**Motion to approve the waiver of the sidewalk failed 2-7 (Taylor and Partington voting 'yes'; Esseks, Francis, Lust, Larson, Cornelius, Gaylor Baird and Sunderman voting 'no').**
**Motion for two-week deferral carried 8-1 (Esseks, Taylor, Francis, Lust, Partington, Cornelius, Gaylor Baird and Sunderman voting 'yes'; Larson voting 'no'.**
**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 1:00 p.m.**

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

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***PENDING LIST:***

1. *Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 10005, to review the proposed addition of Project #0605 City Owned Facility in Northwest Lincoln to the City of Lincoln 2010/2011 – 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Program as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The area of application is generally bounded by I-80 on the south and east, West Upland Ave. on the north, and West Bond Street on the west.*
   ***(Planning Commission voted 5-0 to continue public hearing on September 8, 2010.)***

**Planning Dept. staff contacts:**

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| Tom Cajka, Planner | 441-5662 | tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov |
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**The Planning Commission meeting**
**which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday**
**will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5.**

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**The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at**
**http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm**

**Mary M. Meyer**

**Subject:** FW: city fees

## Subject: city fees

I very much appreciate your comments on the issue of city fees. I'd like to assure you that I will not be proposing any amendments that change the city council public hearing process for setting fees. I share your belief in the importance of public notice and public hearing on issues that affect business and the community.

The suggestion that fees be set administratively was meant to streamline adjustments for inflation. When fees fall behind the real cost of providing services, taxpayers have to pick up the difference. However, based on the feedback the council has received, including your e-mail, I agree that it is best that we not change the process for setting fees. Fee setting power will remain with the council.

As always, I appreciate your thoughts and concerns,

Jonathan Cook
Lincoln City Council

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** gdb [gdbon20@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 6:21 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** television broadcast-channel 5

during todays meeting there is an awful audio/roar in the background all the time . when Hunzeker was talking about 98th and Holdrege there was times he or the Councilman couldnt be heard . same when the Mayor was speaking to Jon Camp. the 'mics' just went blank . there isnt any need to broadcast if the audio is poor quality . thanks !

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:51 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Spencer Ashburn
Address: 7341 Pioneers Blvd #137
City: Lincoln, NE, 68506

Phone:
Fax:
Email: spencer.ashburn@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Members of the Council,
Please vote in favor of changing the closing time of bars to 2am. I was at the meeting yesterday and after hearing the pros and cons, I think it is time for Lincoln to make the next step and give bars the choice of staying open until 2am.
Thank you for your time.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Tom Wanser [twanser@1le.biz]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2:49 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Fee Transparency

NO TO TRANSFERING FEE ADJUSTMENT (INCREASE OR DECREASE) TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE!

Tom Wanser, CCIM
First Lincoln Equities, P.C.
3900 South 6th Street, #2
Lincoln, NE 68502
twanser@1le.biz
402.416-4647

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Peter W. Katt [PKatt@baylorevnen.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2:56 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Cc:** Mayor
**Subject:** OPPOSED To Administrative Fee Increase Authority

Dear Council Members:

Please do not change current City requirements that fee increases (you can substitute tax increase if you like) must go through the Council, It is important for there to be a meaningful opportunity for public comment and debate. If the fee increases are justified they can be approved. Increasing the cost of government services should be decided by elected officials that are accountable to voters not administrators.

Sincerely,

**Peter W. Katt**
**BAYLOR EVNEN**
CURTIS, GRIMIT & WITT, LLP

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**Mary M. Meyer**

**From:** Dennis Erickson [DErickson@horizonholding.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:04 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** City Councilman Cook's proposal

City Council,

I am writing today in opposition to Councilman Cook's proposal to transfer the regulation of “fees” to the city Department Director with final approval by the Mayor. It is my understanding that this proposal would effectively skip public hearings at the Council and eliminate direct public input. If any cost increases are justified they should be able to withstand the light of a public hearing.

Sincerely,

Dennis Erickson

"We proudly serve great food with exceptional service in a clean, safe environment for our guests and team members."

Dennis Erickson
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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** bayzant [bpayzant@boomprint.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:07 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Business Fee Increases

Mr. Cook. Although our business is not in the list of FEES. Many of my customers are. I strongly appose any fees, that the voters of this city has no opportunity to represent our view. Please keep all issues OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Bill Payzant
Boomer's Printing Company
Email: bpayzant@boomprint.com
Direct Line: 402/817-2122
Cell: 402/430-9575

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Tom Wright [wj63236@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:03 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Cc:** Mayor
**Subject:** Fees

Council, please do not place the fee setting and approval out of the vote of the council or out of the public view and hearing process.
Business deserves transparency and public comment.

Thank you,

Thomas T. Wright
Wright's Jewelers, Inc.

**Mary M. Meyer**

**From:** Steve Bowen [sbowen@willmar-electric.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:08 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** No fees without City Council oversight
**Attachments:** image001.gif; image003.png; image005.jpg

City Council,

It has come to our attention that some among you may entertain the possibility of allowing unelected city officials the ability to set fees and/or taxers. We believe that this is not wise. We are not comfortable allowing the possibility of unelected bureaucrats the ability to feather their own nest, without oversight by the City Council or the citizens they are supposed to serve.

Please do not allow this to happen.

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**1441 Adams**
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**(402) 464-1877 x403**
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**www.willmar-electric.com**

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Brian Kamler [BKamler@citybankandtrust.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:12 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Permit fees

Anytime government is allowed to set fees without going through a process they will generally be “arbitrary and/or capricious”. Fees must continue to be approved by city counsel so the people affected can attend city council meetings and have a voice. By the way, it looks like our libraries are seriously over staffed. Next budget look that over carefully.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Brown, James L [JBROWN@amfam.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:13 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Please vote NO

Members of the Lincoln City Council,

Please vote no on the proposal to transfer fee regulation from the city council to the city Department directors. Remember fees are just another name for taxes and the city council should have open public comment on any changes.

Thank you

James L. Brown
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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Kevin Steele [KSteele@juddsbros.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:19 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Business Fees

I am in opposition to changing the city codes to allow for the regulation of fees by the city Department Director with approval by the Mayor. This appears that it would eliminate the ability of the public to comment on any proposed changes until after they had already been changed. I am in favor of keeping the current method of regulation.

Kevin Steele

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** SCOTT BECKER [SBECKER@HBECPA.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:38 PM
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** Fee Proposal - vote NO
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

City Council,

I encourage to you to vote against the proposal from City Councilman Cook regarding business fee increases without a vote of the City Council. Please vote no. We need to continue the practice of open and transparent city government. If fee increases are justified, they should be able to withstand public scrutiny of an open public hearing. With all forms of government, fee increases are sometimes seen as hidden tax increases. It should be your focus to support community discussion and then have an open vote regarding fee increase proposals.

Thank you!

Scott Becker

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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Mark Tallman [MTallman@dsmedia.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:18 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** City Fees

**Members of the City Council,**

**I am opposed to the proposal to have city fees changed without a vote of the city council.**

**None of the fees effect me directly and I am not opposed to raising any or all of them but I think that a hearing and subsequent vote by the city council should be held.**

**I don't think that you would want to abdicate your role over seeing such matters.**

**Sincerely,**
**Mark H. Tallman, President**
**Data Source Media**

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Kruce, Douglas S [DKRUCE@amfam.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:48 PM
**To:** Doug Emery; Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** Proposal w/o public hearing?

Hello.

I just learned that Councilman Cook is offering a proposal to change the procedure to regulate fees, and that this proposal would bypass the public and go directly to the mayor. This is very offensive and shady, and I believe that it does not follow current city ordinances! If any of the city councilpeople believe strong enough in a proposal, they shall be willing to put it before the public and let is survive on it's own merit.

Your response will be appreciated.

Thank you in advance

Doug Kruce

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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Thor Schrock [tschrock@schrockmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2:57 PM
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** Regulation of Fees

I am writing as a concerned business owner about a proposal by Councilman Cook to remove the City Council form the process of determining business fees.

Local businesses face many challenges in this economy and we count on our elected representatives to help bring transparency to the fees and charges that we pay for permits and other governmental services.

Please do not give an unelected and unaccountable government employee the ability to assess fees on Lincoln's businesses. If a fee is justified, it should be able to withstand the light of a public discussion.

Please vote NO on Mr. Cook's proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thor Schrock
CEO
Schrock Innovations, Inc.
http://www.schrockinnovations.com
866-496-8772

Schrock Innovations is the 2009 winner of the Nebraska Retail Federation's Customer Service of the Year Award.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Stan Mills [stan@squeegeestation.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 5:00 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** transparency

Lincoln City Council,
Vote No on the change regarding the procedure to regulate city fees! It's imperative that we continue the practice of open and transparent city government. Please vote no.

Stan Mills
Mill's Squeegee Fill Stations
402.435.8200 ext. 6
402.435.8230 (fax)

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Doug W Schueths [doug@schueths.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 5:05 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** business fees without council hearing

Council members,
Please do not change the current method for changing business fees. The existing method of a public hearing provides the open communication needed to allow for a business-friendly environment.
Doug Schueths

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Dan Klein Sr. [dkleinsr@regalbuildingsystems.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 6:09 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Councilman Cook's proposal to bypass city council on fees and hearings

Members of the Lincoln City Council

PLEASE VOTE NO on Councilman Cook's proposal to have increases in fees by pass the city council and public hearings. We do not need our government to have more taxation without representation.

This proposal is UNAMERICAN and does not allow for public input for TAXES – so vote no!

Small business owner in Lincoln

Dan

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Bob Swanson [swanson68510@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 5:21 PM
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** transparency in fees

The current system that requires the City Council to approve changes in business fees must be maintained. Allowing fees to be changed through opaque channels is not in the best interest of the city. Perhaps the current administration thinks so because it may be at odds with the current Council, but what if the roles were reversed? Would a Democrat-majority council allow a Republican mayor to change fees without their input?

Bob Swanson
435-0190 hm
436-2500 ext. 502 wk
613-1457 cell.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** The DelRay Ballroom [thedelray@mac.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 4:21 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Transfer of Regulation of Fees

Politely requesting that the City of Lincoln maintain it's current system of having business fee increases/changes presented to the City Council.
I believe it is important that as much as possible the citizens of a city should have the opportunity for public comment, as well as, transparency of government.

Cordially,

Shelley Fritz
The DelRay Ballroom

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** midwest pump and equip.co [mpec@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 4:28 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** fees

Fees need to go thru the council just like it always has. What is Cooks  reason for this? Dennis Walls

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Jeff Sneller [jsneller@ductmedic.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 8:22 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** fee changes

Council Members, I would highly recommend that you make NO changes to fee regulations. I sincerely mean this as in HELL NO on any changes with out the notification to your BOSS (the tax payers of Lincoln).
The arrogance and attempt at a power grab such as this is repulsive at best. You do and will answer to the people of Lincoln in general; no longer will you kiss the butts of unions and small activist groups.

If you want more revenue let the private sector business take over the ambulance service, you can actually tax them (MORE Revenue) and get rid of several public sector jobs that are bleeding us dry (less city expense). You have the audacity to claim you can't find any other areas to cut….

Jeff Sneller
2300 So. 34th
Lincoln, NE
One of your bosses!!

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Pres [pres@computingextras.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 8:59 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Cc:** Mayor
**Subject:** Councilman Cook Fee Proposal

This proposal is in total violation of citizens right to public input. Whether or not anyone shows up for the hearing or not. The public has the right to voice opinion. This would put the fee in the departments hands to raise revenue at any price $1 or $100 does not make a difference there should be a public hearing.
I do not and I would like Councilman Cook not to bring this forward and Mayor Beutler and the rest of the Council not to support it.
Thanks you
Greg Osborn

Greg Osborn, Pres
Computing Extras, Inc.
Lincoln, NE
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402.441.1545

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4-13

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Hahn, Mark S. [mhahn@wfafinet.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 4:07 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** FW: increasing fees without public input

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**From:** Hahn, Mark S.
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 4:06 PM
**To:** 'mayor@lincoln.ne.gov'
**Subject:** increasing fees without public input

Dear Mayor, I understand that there is a proposal to give the city the ability to raise certain business fees without a vote of the city council. If I'm reading this correctly this would eliminate public hearings and public input. You guys are starting to act a lot like the Obama administration believing you can do can do whatever you want whenever you want. Unlike our federal representatives our local representatives can be recalled. This we know best mentality has got to stop, we have public hearings and public input to prevent this exact type of behavior from occurring. Stop it you are not our rulers you work for us, you were elected by the people and you can be removed by the people. Just stop it. Mark S Hahn

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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Daylene [dmk@kollmorgenassoc.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 8:42 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** City Fees

I urge the council to vote against the proposal from Councilman Cook to allow business fees to increase without a vote. Let's remember this is Lincoln Nebraska and not Washington DC. Public hearings are necessary for open and transparent government and I believe that should be honored. In fact wasn't that a campaign promise from a couple of our newly elected members?
Remember who you are working for please.
Thank you,

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*Kollmorgen & Associates, Inc.*
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*Lincoln, NE 68506*
*402 434-2580*

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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Debbie [dhayes@kollmorgenassoc.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 9:26 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Business Fees

Dear Council Members,

I feel that transferring the regulation of "fees" to the Department Director with final approval by the Mayor to be a bad idea.

We need transparency in our government and not to add problems for businesses. Please oppose the above proposal!

Thanks,

*Debbie Hayes*

**Mary M. Meyer**

**From:** Gene Herzberg [GHerzberg@LincolnFed.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:27 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Vote NO to increasing business fees without a vote of the City Council.

Vote NO on the change regarding the procedure to regulate fees. There will be unintended consequences if there is a transfer the regulation of "fees" to the city Department Director with final approval by the Mayor.

The potential for abuse would be huge. I feel there is already a lack of trust regarding the city government … this would increase that distrust. This proposal would effectively eliminate direct public input … that is not good … a huge mistake .

I am asking that you continue the practice of an open and transparent city government. If fee increases are justified, they should be able to withstand the scrutiny of a public hearing.

It bothers me that such a proposal is even being considered.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Marvin Souchek [msouchek2@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 5:08 PM
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** "Increased Fees" with no public input

City Councilman Cook and all other City Councilmen and Women and Mayor Beutler.

When has it been public policy to allow a business fee to be increased by a non-elected individual who has no "skin in the game". Its a dirty way to circumvent the rules so that no one is held accountable and that you can say with a straight face that you never increased the fees.

If the increased fees can be justified, have the gumption to bring them up in an open meeting to discuss this with the public and to have public comment. It sounds like you are trying to incorporate a "taxation with no representation" policy. That is not the way we do business in Lincoln.

Listed below are the fees I understand that could be impacted and I suspect others not listed as well.

Restaurant Permits
Food Preparation Permits
Mobile Food Permits
Non-Profit Food Permits
Farmers Market Permits
Commercial Swimming Pools (hotels & apartments)
Catering Fees
Spa Inspection Fees
Salvage Fees
Recycling Fees
Open Burning Permits
Body Art Permits
Water Well Permits
In-home Child Care Fees

Did somebody say "Tea Party"?

Marvin Souchek
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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Nadine Condello [nadine@hbal.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:41 AM
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** Regulation of Fees

It is imperative that any business fee increase proposals be presented to the city council to give the opportunity for public input. That assures that government is listening to the concerns of citizens and taking those concerns into account.

*Nadine*

Nadine S. Condello
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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Darlene Fletcher [dmfletch@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 12:37 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Business Fee Increase without vote of Council

Lincoln City Council Members

I am writing to you regarding a forthcoming proposal related to the transfer for regulation of some business fees from the City Council to the city Department Director with final approval given by the Mayor.

I ask that you vote NO on this proposal, that no change should take place. I believe that the structure currently in place, which allows those affected by an increase in fees to bring their thoughts before a public hearing should remain.

I understand that the review of these fees is a laborious task, but I believe that we need to keep an open and transparent city government.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best Regards,
Darlene Fletcher

Darlene Fletcher
Home Real Estate - Pioneer Greens
402-432-2426
dmfletch@windstream.net

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** H. Arnold Wassenberg [HWASSENBERG@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 12:45 PM
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** RE: Fee regulation
**Attachments:** final.jpg

Dear Councilmen:

Please vote against a proposal by Councilman Cook to let the Department Directors set their own fee schedule.

This is like letting the inmates run the asylum. No one who values the safety of the taxpayer could even consider letting bureaucrats set their rates. You are supposed to be our watchmen, the keepers of the public purse, don't delegate your responsibilities. Relegate our tax dollars to those who spend them. Do not let the departments regulate themselves.

Thank you,

H. Arnold Wassenberg

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*H. Arnold Wassenberg*
*Owner/President*
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120 College Park Cr., Office
Lincoln, NE 68505
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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** ELIZABETH WOOD [ewood@hbecpa.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 1:27 PM
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor
**Subject:** fees

**Importance:** High

I urge you to vote no to the proposal which transfers the regulation of "fees" to the city Department Director with final approval by the Mayor. This proposal would effectively skip public hearings at the Council and eliminate direct public input. This would have a very costly effect on businesses if passed.

Under current city ordinance, business fee increases must be presented to the City Council. The City Council has long provided this transparency and allowed for public comment. Please continue the practice of an open and transparent city government. If fee increases are justified, they should be able to withstand the scrutiny of a public hearing.

Thank you!

Elizabeth

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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Perry L. Demma [demmatax1@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 12:27 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Cc:** Mayor
**Subject:** Proposal to transfer fee setting responsibility

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I am, given the information presented, against the proposal to permit the city Department Directors to set permit fees.

The citizens have no input. Transparency is eliminated. It's up to the director and the mayor. That is not sufficent. We need the council to arbitrate for us.

Any questions please contact me.

Perry L. Demma
3001 S 51st, Unit 276
Lincoln, NE 68506

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Patrick Barger [patrick.barger@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 2:16 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Cc:** Mayor
**Subject:** Councilman Cook's proposal concerning fees

Mr. Mayor and Lincoln City Council Members,

As a concerned taxpayer in the City of Lincoln, I ask you to vote NO on Councilman Cook's proposal to transfer the regulation of certain business and other "fees" to the city Department Director with final approval by the Mayor. This proposal would effectively skip public hearings before the Council and eliminate direct public input to which many people (including myself) are adamantly opposed. Thank you.

Regards,

Patrick Barger

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** The UPS Store 3345 [store3345@theupsstore.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 11:21 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** COOK'S PROPOSAL

please vote no on COUNCILMAN JOHN COOK'S proposal to eliminate hearings on proposed business fees. i am a small business owner and if OBAMA! does not force me to close my door, the passage of this proposal may! jim johnson

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** dwcleaners@neb.rr.com
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:53 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Business fees

Attention Lincoln City Council:

Please vote no on Councilman Cook's proposal to transfer the regulation of fees to the City Department Director with final approval from the Mayor.
We need to continue to practice an open and transparent City Goverment. The public should have a voice at a public hearing about such matters that will effect costs to businesses and in the long run also the cost to the public that uses those businesses, we all no that there is a trickle down effect and increased cost to business will
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David D. Winter
Williams Cleaners
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Lincoln, NE 68504
402-464-7447

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Doug Pfeifer [dougp@hastingsstatebank.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 9:01 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** proposal regarding regulation of fees

As a member of LIBA, and a business person in Lincoln, I urge you to vote "NO" on the proposal to transfer the regulation of fees to the Department Director. The proposal would effective skip Council and eliminate the ability to receive public input. Thank you for your consideration.

Doug Pfeifer
Sr. Vice President
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Fax: 402-474-2269
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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Earl Visser [earl_visser@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 5:20 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Cook Business Fee proposal

To: Elected Council Representatives by Lincoln, NE Voters
From: Earl Visser, 3646 N. 48 Street, Lincoln, NE

As a member of Lincoln Independent Business Association I was advised of a pending submission by Council member Cook. I am addressing this comment to each of the Council members.

I have been a business owner in Lincoln, NE since 1970 and still maintain one of the two enities that I have operated. The transparency of policies suggested by elected council members is very important to gaining confidance. Trust is the most important part of a transaction. I request a "NO vote" on any proposal that will allow a non elected individual to have power without representation.

Earl Visser

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Gourlay, Tom [tom.gourlay@proforma.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:03 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** fees

Hello,

I am writing as a buisness owner in Lincoln. I am deeply opposed to changing the procedure to regulate fees. This is a very dangerous precedent. Please vote no on this proposal. Thanks

**Tom Gourlay**
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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** JLHOPPEJR@aol.com
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:10 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Fee increae without a public hearing.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am against giving Department Heads authority to raise fees with just the signature of the Mayor. I understand Jonathan Cook is making this proposal and eliminating a public hearing. Business is getting hammered with increased fees and we should at least be able to express our opinion thru a public hearing before they are changed. Vote NO for this change.

Thank you.

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jlhoppejr@aol.com

"Never argue with an idiot; they'll
drag you down to their level
and beat you with experience."
~ anonymous

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** doyenjohnson@windstream.net
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 8:47 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** 2 a.m. bar closing

I am disappointed and disgusted by this states obcession with alcohol and the mentality that you can't have a good time without alcohol. The city council changed residential zoning on South Street to allow a new business to sell alcohol, the state wants to allow alcohol in the state parks, and now the city wants to move the bar closing time to 2 a.m. because of the wisdom of our State Lawmakers decision this would be a good thing for our State. Do we really need more accessability to alcohol and more time to consume it? Does this really improve the quality of life in the State and the City of Lincoln? The city tickets bar owners for serving to impared patrons. Isn't that the intention of the bar owners to sell more alcohol to make more revenue? Is this really the clientel we want to attract to the city? The city of Beatrice did the right thing and voted against the 2 a.m. closing and the County of Lancaster recommended against it. Nothing good can come from another hour of alcohol consumption. I hope city officials consider the quality of life for the entire city and vote no to more alcohol.  Thank you, Craig Johnson South Street Business Owner.

FYI

Rev. Judith A. Dye

New Visions Community: Calvary, St. James, Southminster UMC

2225 Stockwell St., Lincoln, NE 68502

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

August, 2010

Pertaining to Closing of Lake Street Senior Center

Dear Mayor Beutler,

I have been a resident of Lincoln for one month. I was appointed, by Bishop Ann Sherer-Simpson, to serve as part of a ministerial team in a new alignment of United Methodist Churches in Near Southwest Lincoln, as of July 25, called New Visions Community: Calvary, St. James, Southminster UMC

Having served in multi-church parishes in various parts of rural Nebraska, I am a seni-retired urban dweller for the first time in my life. What attracted me to this ministry of small membership, neighborhood churches, was the Lincoln citywide concept of 'neighborhood'. I believed that these three churches have had, and could increasingly have, a vital role to play in the health and well-being of the Near Southwest communities in which they were located.

I was especially pleased to learn that St. James UMC, on Lake Street, had been the site of for a Senior Center for over 30 years. I was alarmed to learn last Friday that this relationship was going to be terminated at the end of August. Part of my surprise is that, to my knowledge, the church has not been officially notified of this change.

I'm concerned about this action for a variety of reasons. First, I'm confounded that the agency in charge of the senior centers provided such minimal process for in-put or feedback from the very people the agency is designed to serve. The change came as a shock to them.

Both Rev. Bill Hunter, my ministry partner, and I visit the St. James site often and find that the people there have been organized or have organized themselves into a vital little community of caring and supportive people, not unlike a small membership church. Let it be noted that this closing has the feel to them of an industry being closed by a corporation whose interest is not the community but its

financial bottom line. An agency that tax dollars support should not, in all good conscience, be acting in a similar manner. I know there are budget constraints, but there always are. It the manner in which one treats the ones its serves that is at issue.

While change is a challenge to any of us, change for elders is even more so.

Second, the rationale given for the change, as I understand it, is to provide services in a centralized location. My question would be, who does the change serve? The agency or the participants? The current process seems agency-oriented. This has a very 'top down' feeling. When participants aren't included in the process or in decision-making that directly affects their lives, it never feels good. Resentment and anger have ensued. This anxiety undermines the well-being of the elder.

No one from the agency in question has mentioned that this is a money-saving venture. My experience with churches and school systems is that consolidation and centralization can be cost effective but such a move has other costs. This is the cost the agency does not see and does not bear. There are hidden costs are born by the poorest, sickest and those most in need. In my mind, there is question as to whether or not there is monetary savings and whether or not there is a more efficient provision of services or is this a shifting for institutional convenience.

I stand in opposition of the closing of the Lake Street Senior Center for the afore reasons. This issue does concern the elderly, the neighborhood, the church and its congregation! This is a spiritual and justice issue. In all good conscience, we must protest and request reconsideration and re-evaluation!

In anticipation of a reply that demonstrates action,

Rev. Judith A. Dye, Pastor New Visions Community: Calvary, St. James, Southminster, United Methodist Church

Rev Judith A Dye

Cc: Bishop Ann Sherer-Simpson, Beth Thomas (St. James UMC BD Chair)

District Superintendent Galen Wray, Rev. William Hunter

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Beth Thomas [ethomas@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 6:19 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** RETHINK CLOSINGS

RETHINK CLOSINGS: Aug. 24, 2010

This is regarding the proposal to close four Senior Centers and to transfer these citizens downtown to the 1005 'O' Street location by bus or van.

As a representative of St. James United Methodist Church, location of the Lake Street Center, I will try to summarize some of the facts and concerns that have either been written or voiced.

First of all, if Lake Street Center is closed, there would be **no** Center south of 'O' Street. Only the Havelock Center in north Lincoln and the downtown center would be left. In a city this size that seems to be growing in all directions, this seems absurd.

Lake Street Center has been a part of our church for over 30 years and we have a warm relationship with the Seniors. Some feel this is like a second home--so welcoming and intimate. They love to watch us make our famous pies which began at the state fair.

The director of Aging Partners (the agency which is in charge of senior centers) has stated this proposal to consolidate is not driven by economic reasons. She says it's a matter of giving better service to more people. Sometime consolidation can have the desired results, but such a move has other costs---many sad, depressed, unhappy people--who will refuse to come downtown.

Furthermore, the activities at Lake Street are many and varied. Here is an excerpt from one of the participants at Lake Street: "The church has been so good to us. We can play cards and exercise. In fact we have our own exercise room with equipment that has been donated by the community. We have had yoga classes and Tai Chi classes. Of course student nurses come in to give us health tips (flu shots). We have had speakers telling us about the Homestead Exemption, the new health reform bill and how Medicare will be affected. We also get help from knowledgeable individuals about our income tax." This summer the oil painting class led by Don Belik has been offered at the Lake Street Center, not once but twice, with excellent attendance.

I have had several individuals tell me they prefer to drive their own car and stay just for card playing or just for lunch and go home. There is adequate parking and only a few steps to the entrance. No waiting on a bus. Another mentioned she has a very limited income and depends on ONE good meal per day. If she has to get on a bus / van at 8 or 9 a.m. in order to pick up all the participants along the way, it makes for a long day. And then there's the ride back.

All this really comes down to the importance of **community**. As recently as July 27, 2010, the Lincoln Journal Star included a supplement with the daily paper titled **SUCCESSFUL AGING**. Inside was an article entitled "Village Network Taking Root in Lincoln." This is called a Village to Village Network promoting volunteers to help their neighbors with lawn care, transportation, whatever their needs may be. It so happens that St. James U. Methodist Church has entered into a new entity with Southminster U. Methodist and Calvary U. Methodist. We are all in a small geographic area of southwest Lincoln. As off July 25, 2010, the three churches have joined together to form the New Visions Community in order to fulfill our mission of providing a close-knit United Methodist Church family. We have Sunday morning services in our respective churches but take part in as many activities as possible as a three-church entity.

We plan to work closely with the neighborhood associations in the southwest area of Lincoln. Irvingdale N. Association has given us their endorsement for the Lake Street Center. It was refreshing to read about the Everett Neighborhood Association in the Journal Star (dated 8-23-10) which held its fourth annual festival this past weekend. After meeting some of the people who are so interested in revitalizing the neighborhoods of Lincoln, it seems only fitting that the Lake Street Center should remain in the midst of southwest Lincoln!

Beth Thomas -- Lay Leader -- St. James United Methodist Church 11th & Lake St.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Deb Hermann [deb.hermann@nmss.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 8:45 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** procedure to regulate fees - Non profits - food permits

Please vote NO on this change regarding the procedure to regulate fees. I am appalled at the list that would affect a non-profits ability to do fundraising events without pulling and paying permits right and left. This impacts our ability to provide programs and services for those with MS in the state of Nebraska. Every dollar raised helps us with our mission.

Please continue the practice of an open and transparent city government - if fee increases are justified, they should be able to withstand the scrutiny of a public hearing.

**National MS Society - Nebraska Chapter**
Deb Hermann
Nebraska Development Director
tel 402.505.4000 x 104
fax 402. 505.6277
328 S 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68114

WalkMS, presented by BCBS of Nebraska – September walks in Lincoln, Norfolk & Columbus @ walk.nen.nationalMSsociety.org

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** blp5535@windstream.net
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:11 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's salary

PLEASE do NOT vote for increasing our mayor's salary so greatly in a time when so many people are not even allowed to have a job. He already makes SO MUCH more than most and he should not be given a huge raise which is recommended by a committee that HE chose.

It would be ridiculous to give that much of a raise considering the present economy.

Thank you,
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Painter

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Sheri Neeman [SheriN@advantagestaffing.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:06 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Cc:** Mayor
**Subject:** Proposal regarding business fee's

I oppose the following proposal.....

This proposal transfers the regulation of “fees” to the city Department Director with final approval by the Mayor. This proposal would effectively skip public hearings at the Council and eliminate direct public input.

Sincerely,
***Sheri A. Neeman***
Production Manager

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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Steve Pomajzl [stpomajzl@diodecom.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:19 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Please Reconsider...

To Whom It May Concern:

I feel it is not appropriate for the Mayor to receive a raise at this time. I know too many unemployed friends who would be willing to work for minimum wage if they could just work.

The Mayor makes an adequate salary today. He's receiving a pay check, insurance, etc.

Let's take into consideration those without employment and show some compassion not greed.

Thank you,
terri pomajzl

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Wendy Evans [breezywke@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:29 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's raise

The percentage of the Mayor's raise is over the top! There is no reason for such a large percentage raise, which would put him well above the average wage of the citizens of this city! If you do this, then don't go looking at other areas within the budget to make cuts on services, just maybe your salaries should be cut to pay for his raise!!!! Where has the common sense gone anyway? It astounds me, that this could even be considered! If there is a little extra money in the budget, would it be such a stretch to consider putting it away for a rainy day?

Wendy

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Jonathan Hein [jhein3@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 9:22 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** No to Mayor Beutler's raise

To whom it may concern,

As a Lincoln resident I do not think that the mayor's salary should be increased by 20%. These are tough economic times and with my wife and I both in graduate school it has been especially difficult. We are trying to cut corners wherever we can so we can leave grad school with as few loans as possible. Increasing his salary is inappropriate in a time like this, especially when he makes much more than the average Lincoln resident.

Please do not vote to raise his salary when the tax payers are struggling to make ends meet!

-Jonathan Hein

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Andrea Greiff [andreajlmn@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:19 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's salary

City Council Members,

Please realize the inappropriateness of affording the mayor of Lincoln a 25% pay raise. Not only is the timing terrible, but the size of government in this city is already overwhelming. Adding to it by reinforcing to government employees that they are entitled to increased compensation when so many in the private sector (who pay to make the public sector exist) are lucky to even have a job is completely ridiculous.

If I appointed my own committee to decide what kind of raise I deserved, I bet I could get a doozy too!

Let's make Lincoln a better place to live by decreasing the size of our city government.

Sincerely,

Andrea Greiff

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Alan Ratkovec [skeeterratkovec@hotmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:53 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Timing

When we see whats happening in the corperate world with CEO's of companies getting all these huge bonuses for running the the company in the ground why would we want to follow that example. If I was Mayor of any town or city I wouldn't even consider a raise unless I earned it, like helping the city grow, consistantly lowering the city debt, improve schools better education along with better enviorment for the students( i think those work hand and hand). I could go on and on. And guess what by earning the raises and improving the city in many many ways. I would eventually be the highest paid Mayor (per capita) in the USA.

Just in case I didn't make my point the answer is No on the raise. Lets get this city working.

While I'm on it, what about this convention center. Food for thought why don't we put it by the interstate and build a rail system to all the main areas down town. Seems like we just can't see the forest for the trees.... Amen

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Cheryl Friberg [cfribergrd@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 11:23 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** mayor's salary

Dear City Council Members,

I have recently heard that it has been recommended that the mayor receive a 20% salary increase over the next 2 years to $100,000 annually. The average Lincolnite makes $50, 504, and the average family may only see an increase of 2.5% in their annual income.
In this difficult economy, when everyone is being asked to cut back, I believe it is inappropriate to increase the mayor's salary this much. As taxpayers we cannot afford to give the mayor a 20% raise.

Thank you for considering my request.

Cheryl Friberg
2020 Riviera Drive
Lincoln, NE 68506

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** ardithhallison@aol.com
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 11:15 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor Raise

Neither the City Council nor Ben Nelson are listening to the people they were hired to represent. We people on Social Security are supposed to make-do on our fixed income, nobody is giving us a raise - in fact, we have to be alert so that they don't take some away.

Do not give the mayor a raise. He campaigned for the office on the basis of the salary that was in force, it was fine for him then, it is fine for him now.

Mrs. Ardith H. Allison
6200 Sumner
Lincoln, Ne. 68506

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Van Mueller [bobvan@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:54 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's salary increase

**I am strongly opposed to the the mayor receiving a 20% salary increase. That is an outrageous increase. What private citizen gets that? What private citizen even dreams of a 20% increase? It is unheard of. Most are going backward in income; especially the senior citizens. If the city has that kind of money, why did it consider cutting the city arborist? This city is totally irresponsible with money.**

**This is a very unusual letter for me to write this kind of letter. I just don't do things like this, but I am just getting so fed up with the way things are going in all levels of government, that I just have to sound off. Our city is spending money like it is limitless ,as is the Federal government. Where will it all end? It will end in just raising the taxes!!!!! That is where it always ends!!!**

**Taxpayer....**

**Van Mueller**
**222 Piazza Terrace**
**Lincoln, NE 68510**

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Bernice Polivka [grannybz008@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:28 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** MAYORS RAISE

The economic times do not warrant an increase in Mayor salary.
Vote no.

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Steve and Linda Jenkins [sjenkins@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:20 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** 20% Salary Increase

Dear Council Members,
I do not feel that it is right that the Mayor, should be given a 20% salary raise, especially in the on going bad economy that we have. There are Lincoln citizens out here that only get a 2% raise if any, and others like me, that have been unemployed since May of 2009, due to a company downsize.
Please consider the whole picture before you make a decision, it's time that everyone should tighten their belt.

Linda Jenkins

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Bobby Layne [bobbylayne@alltel.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 9:01 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** 2:00 closing

This is Bobby Layne, owner of the Pla Mor Ballroom.....We are definitely AGAINST the 2:00 closing. We devote a lot of energy and money to keep our ballroom trouble free. We also worry about any one that might have been drinking and then driving at that hour.
If individuals can not get enough to drink by 1:00 A M, that they would then drive to Omaha for more, they have quite a problem
I can t imagine anything good would come from these late night drinkers.

Thank You Bobby Layne.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** David Pauley [dpauley1@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 1:57 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Regulation of business fees

Dear Council Members,

I am writing (again) to encourage you (last email had a typo) to vote NO to Councilman Cook's proposal to remove the authority from the City Council to change certain business related fees without your vote. Turning over such authority to department heads or directors is a bad idea because it would reduce transparency and allow for potentially large fees increases with little or no public scrutiny. That would be a recipe for abuse that I would strongly encourage you to avoid by keeping your authority to regulate those fees.

Thanks for your consideration,

David Pauley

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** LUETTA SANDQUIST [ettalu66@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 12:00 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** mayor's salary

$25,000 raise ? WOW! Isn't that a little much? I might go for $5,000to $10,000, but NO MORE!
Wake up. Too many unemployed, needy people right here in Lincoln.

He is already making more than he deserves.

I hope you are keeping track of all the "nay sayers"

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** blp5535@windstream.net
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 1:57 PM
**To:** Council Packet

It is extremely inappropriate for the mayor to choose a committee to determine how much salary he should draw. I wonder how he can look himself in the mirror! He already receives far more than most people and for a committee of HIS choosing to recommend a 20% RAISE in a time when most receive 2% or less raises, (OR the ZERO per cent that Social Security recipients have received this year) we find this to be absolutely ludicrous!!!

Many people cannot find employment and, therefore, are unemployed or have to accept only part-time jobs, therefore, are under employed. So many struggle to make ends meet and the elderly have NO means to receive even so much as a 1% raise. We would strongly recommend that you vote "NO" for the mayor's raise!!!!!

Thank you,
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Painter

# DIRECTORS' AGENDA
# ADDENDUM
## MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2010

**I. CITY CLERK**

1. Letter from The Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) on the City of Lincoln's ordinance proposal regarding the 2:00 a.m. bar closing.

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

**MAYOR**

1. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of August 28th through September 3, 2010.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss the proposal to increase the salary of the Mayor at a news conference today at 2:00 p.m. at the County-City Building, in Room 303.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to refuse any salary increase.

**CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

1. Memo from the Chair of the Citizen Police Advisory Board on Complaint #11-10.

**DIRECTORS:**

**FINANCE/TREASURER**

1. The Monthly City Cash Report at the close of business July 31, 2010.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for September 1, 2010.
2. As part of the Lplan 2040 process the public is invited to a Sustainability Workshop, with informational website address.
3. Annexation by Ordinance #19428. Effective August 31, 2010, 16.9 acres.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

1. Public meeting on the proposed design of flood control measures to Antelope Creek from S. 27th Street to South Street.

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

**JON CAMP**

1. Article "Public Pensions and Our Fiscal Future" by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, August 27, 2010.
2. Article "Virginia Is for Surpluses", August 24, 2010.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL**

1. James B. Warner, Jr. Strongly object to the Mayor receiving a large percentage raise in these times.
2. George Hanssen. Not appropriate for the Mayor to receive a 20% increase in salary. Cutting budgets and getting a huge raise do not go together.

3. Marilyn J. Bennett. Object to proposed salary increase for the Mayor. Ludicrous to even make this suggestion whil many Lincolnites are skimming by on their income.
4. Mike and Charlotte Ralston. Until the city stands on firmer ground, no pay raises are in order. The Mayor has an adequate salary, plus retirement, health and dental.
5. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rohn. We taxpayers cannot afford a 20% raise suggested for the Mayor.
6. Pat Freese. No to increasing the Mayor's salary. Public officials need to act responsibly.
7. Dick Patterson. Vote no to extending bar hours, for the good of everyone.
8. Gloria Mayes. A $25,000 increase in the Mayor's salary is simply wrong at this time in our struggling economy.
9. Arlys and John Neuberger. The Mayo already makes much more than average taxpayers. Keep a raise to around the inflation rate.
10. Bob and Marilyn Koehn. The Mayor doesn't need a 20% raise when the average family only sees their income rise 2.5%, if they are fortunate enough to have a job.
11. Ron and Lynette Nash. In these difficult times taxpayers cannot afford to give the Mayor a 20% raise.
12. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Auman. With Lincoln's unemployment how can you think of giving the Mayor a 20% raise? Also, we need someone to bring in good paying blue collar jobs instead of them going to Omaha, Grand Island, Waverly.
13. Mr. and Mrs. Auman. Is there a way to change the fiscal year from August to May so money could be available in May to work on streets instead of when the University and other school activities are on?
14. Harvey Humphrey. We have many more problems besides giving the Mayor a raise. Urge the Council to be more responsible with the City's finances.
15. Carlene Schrag. A raise for the Mayor doesn't make any logical sense when the rest of us have to tighten our belts.
16. Carlene Schrag. Please do what's best for Lincoln citizens, a 2:00 a.m. bar closing time is a bad idea.
17. John Krejci. Memo on the elimination of the Human Rights Coordinator; and
18. Paul Olson, Nebraskans for Peace Board President. Letter stating reasons why a Director of the Lincoln Human Rights Commission should be appointed.
19. Mary Geisler. Do not think in the present economic times it is the time for any raise for any government employee. If the Mayor brings in many new job than maybe?
20. Mike Duweling. Unconscionable to grant a 25% raise to the city mayor when this city, state, and country are experiencing such extremely difficult times.
21. Karyn Reida. A 1% to 2% pay increase is what the majority of private businesses give their employees. We can't afford to pay anymore.
22. Jim Harder. Vote no to the extension of closing time for bars.
23. Lois Poppe. Urge Council to vote against the proposed 2:00 a.m. bar closing change.
24. Telephone messages:
    a) Shirley Foster. No to a raise in the Mayor's salary.
    b) Alan More. Wrong time for the Mayor to have a salary increase.
    c) Tadd Delozier. Keep the bar closing time at 1:00 a.m.
    d) Gary Oxley. Keep the bar closing time at 1:00 a.m. This also affects school children and the schools.
    e) Joan Leitner. Agree with Tom Osborne, do not change the 1:00 a.m. bar closing time.
    f) Bob Wallick. The Senior Center at 11th and Lake Streets serves over 50 seniors for activities, lunch, exercises, and social.
    g) Ken Reitan. First, do not have any financial interest in bars, restaurants. Tom Osborne and the University should not dictate to the City of Lincoln.
    h) Lois Korinek. Opposed to the proposed 2:00 a.m. closing time for bars.
25. Robert H. Wallick. Cover page and letter to the Lincoln Journal Star regarding the Lake Street Senior Center.

26. Jodi Delozier. Opposed to proposed 2:00 a.m. bar closing. This would put a greater strain on our police, fire, and emergency departments.

## V. INVITATIONS

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August 27, 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: City of Lincoln Ordinance Proposal
2:00 a.m. Bar Closing

Dear City Council Members:

The Downtown Lincoln Association ("DLA") has historically taken a very active role in supporting efforts to encourage economic development and vitality in downtown Lincoln. In partnership with the City of Lincoln, the downtown business community and the University of Nebraska, these efforts have contributed to creating a vibrant, enterprising environment with an additional $1.8 billion of new capital investment planned for future development. Leading this future commitment is the West Haymarket Development project which will solidify downtown Lincoln's position as the city's primary entertainment district.

Creating and promoting such an entertainment district requires a diverse blend of retail establishments and restaurants, a variety of venues offering a wide scope of entertainment options, easy access and sufficient parking, periodic and well managed special events and festivals and a sense of energy and vitality that attracts guests to visit the area and spend money.

Upon review of this proposal, DLA has elected to support this change. DLA believes the proposed ordinance to extend the closing hour from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. for establishments serving alcohol is consistent with the objective of nurturing a vibrant entertainment district; however, taking such a step must also be accompanied with enhanced efforts designed to promote responsible alcohol consumption. Downtown Lincoln's growing residential population and its close proximity to the University of Nebraska presents a unique set of circumstances that demand heightened accountability.

We believe the amendment to the proposed ordinance calling for a mandatory responsible beverage service training permit and training course for all persons who sell or serve alcohol at retail establishments is one step in promoting responsible alcohol consumption and provides both retail establishments serving liquor and local law enforcement an additional tool to combat abuse. We also support the enhanced collection and analysis of

data to review the on-going impact of this ordinance change and would strongly support elevated restrictions and enforcement if conditions would warrant.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this proposed ordinance change and for your continued support of downtown Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Terry Uland
President

Ed Swotek
Chairman

# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

Date: August 27, 2010
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

## Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
## Week of August 28 through September 3, 2010
***Schedule subject to change***

Saturday, August 28

- Rotary picnic for new international students attending UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan, remarks - noon, Mabel Lee Recreation Fields, 14th and "W" streets

Monday, August 30

- International visitors from Australia - 1:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, August 31

- Groundbreaking for Anderson Auto Group south location, remarks - 10 a.m., 33rd and Yankee Hill Road

Wednesday, September 1

- Proclamation for Hunger Action Month - 9 a.m., Food Bank of Lincoln, 4840 Doris Bair Circle
- Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Business lunch, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St.
- Welcome reception for new LPS Superintendent Steve Joel and wife Linda - Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.
- Turkish American Society of Nebraska and Niagara Foundation program and dinner - 7:15 p.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 "M" St.

Thursday, September 2

- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- International visitor from Thailand - 2:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

# 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 30, 2010
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the proposal to increase the salary of the Mayor at a news conference at **2 p.m. TODAY, Monday, August 30 in room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 30, 2010
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

## MAYOR TO REFUSE ANY SALARY INCREASE

Mayor Chris Beutler today said that if he is re-elected, he would not accept a salary increase if one is approved by the City Council. A salary review committee recently recommended that the salary of the position be increased from $74,909 to $100,000 over the next few years. The Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing and vote on the recommendation September 20.

The salary of the Mayor was last increased in 2001. Beutler urged the City Council to "consider what needs to be done to ensure good people are able to serve as Mayor." If the Council approves a salary increase and he is re-elected in May, Beutler said he would ask the Finance Department to leave the amount of the increase out of his paycheck or donate the amount of the increase to the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

"The salary I receive for being Mayor is not what motivates me," Beutler said. "Part of being a public servant is putting the needs of the community above the needs of the individual. By not accepting a raise, I can guide the focus of this discussion back where it belongs: what is best for Lincoln's future."

The Mayor acknowledged that the salary review comes during difficult budget times. The City Charter allows a narrow time frame only once every four years for a review of the salary review of the Mayor and City Council. Changes do not take effect until after the City election the following May.

The Mayor asked the members of the existing Lancaster County Salary Review Committee to conduct the review along with former City Council member Linda Wilson and former City Council member and Mayor Dale Young. The committee recommended no salary increase for members of the City Council.

"The committee is a public spirited group, comprised of people with conservative values who are widely respected across the community," Beutler said. "Committee members knew their decision would be unpopular. But their integrity would not allow them to settle for the sake of political expediency. It takes truly honorable people to stand by their principles in the face of controversy."

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CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER
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mayor@lincoln.ne.gov

# Memo

**To:** Mayor Beutler
City Council
Chief Tom Casady

**From:** Carl Eskridge
Chair of the Citizen Police Advisory Board

**Date:** August 24, 2010

**Re:** Complaint #11-10

On August 2, 2010, CPAB member Shirley A. Mora James, JD, conducted the informal meeting on this Complaint. She reported that the complaint did not warrant corrective action to be taken on the part of the Mayor and/or the Police Chief.

On August 24, 2010, the full CPAB met, and, after considering all relevant reports, also concluded that corrective action was not warranted.

The Complainant was advised accordingly.

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LINCOLN
The Community of Opportunity

**OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

**August 27, 2010**

**TO:** **MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM:** **FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER**

**SUBJECT:** **MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT**

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The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business July 31, 2010

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance Forward | $ | $169,909,043.84 |
| Plus Total Debits July 1-31, 2010 | $ | $20,712,834.67 |
| Less Total Credits July 1-31, 2010 | $ | ($30,052,945.61) |
| **Cash Balance on July 31, 2010** | **$** | **$160,568,932.90** |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A. | $ | $1,845,868.47 |
| Wells Fargo Bank | $ | $11,573.15 |
| Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account | $ | ($40,816.82) |
| Cornhusker Bank | $ | ($12,463.21) |
| Pinnacle Bank | $ | ($89,419.73) |
| Union Bank & Trust Company | $ | $404,136.94 |
| West Gate Bank | $ | $80,699.11 |
| Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool | $ | $41,050,158.49 |
| Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool | $ | $115,969,539.00 |
| Cash, Checks and Warrants | $ | $1,349,657.50 |
| **Total Cash on Hand July 31, 2010** | $ | **$160,568,932.90** |

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

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $23,842,510.75 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Joan E. Ross, City Clerk

**Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer**

# CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
# AS OF JULY 31, 2010

| DESCRIPTION | CUSIP | MATURITY DATE | ORIGINAL FACE | CURRENT PAR | MARKET PRICE | MARKET VALUE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FHLMC GOLD POOL A61256 | 3128KRMD3 | 11/01/2036 | $1,318,920.00 | $879,703.63 | 1.09 | $960,839.22 |
| FHLMC GOLD POOL J10321 | 3128PPLA9 | 07/01/2024 | $5,745,000.00 | $5,279,387.17 | 1.04 | $5,515,138.73 |
| FNMA FNCL 254725 | 31371K4J7 | 05/01/2033 | $500,000.00 | $172,140.18 | 1.07 | $184,126.92 |
| **USBANK NE** | | **TOTAL PLEDGED** | **$7,563,920.00** | **$6,331,230.98** | | **$6,660,104.87** |
| FED NATL MTG ASSN POOL #889757 | 31410KQJ6 | 02/01/2038 | $2,515,000.00 | $2,515,000.00 | | $1,766,845.90 |
| **WELLS FARGO** | | **TOTAL PLEDGED** | **$2,515,000.00** | **$2,515,000.00** | | **$1,766,845.90** |
| FHLB 5.0% | 3133XMEH0 | 04/04/2013 | $500,000.00 | $500,000.00 | | |
| FFCB 5.45% | 31331XNG3 | 02/05/2014 | $1,000,000.00 | $1,000,000.00 | | |
| FHLB STEP-UP 2.25% | 3133XUM67 | 08/26/2014 | $1,000,000.00 | $1,000,000.00 | | |
| **CORNHUSKER BANK** | | **TOTAL PLEDGED** | **$2,500,000.00** | **$2,500,000.00** | | |
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**City of Lincoln**
**Planning**

# Urban Design Committee Agenda

## URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE** will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at **3:00 p.m.**, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in Room 214 on the 2nd Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 441-7491.

**AGENDA**
**September 1, 2010**

1. Approval of meeting notes from the regular meeting of July 7, 2010.
2. Proposed routes, LES Central Lincoln Reliability Project, Rob Schmidt, LES.
3. Miscellaneous

History List

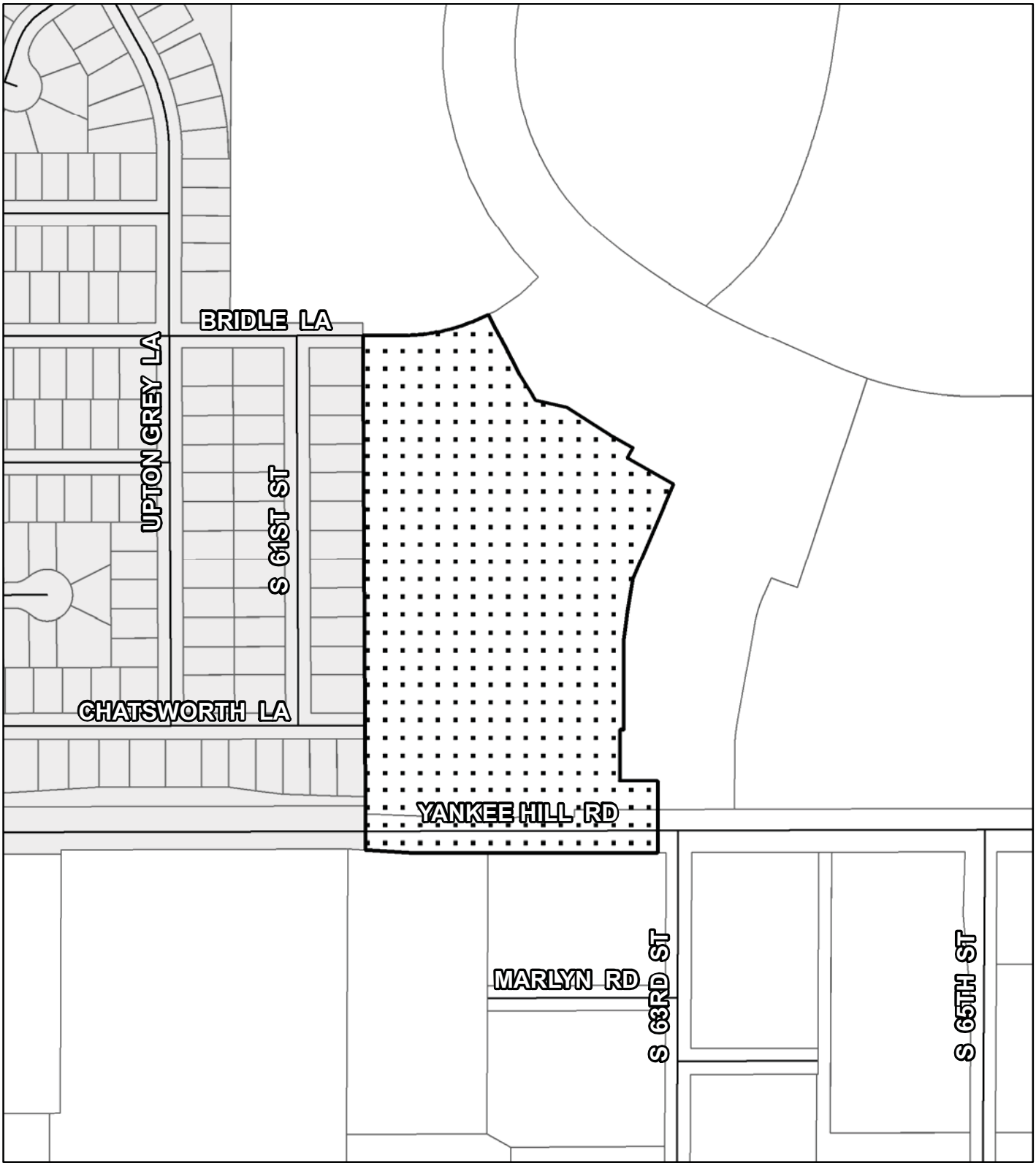
**Jean Preister**

**From:** Michele M. Abendroth
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2010 12:01 PM
**Subject:** Announcement: Lincoln/Lancaster County Comp Plan Update: Sustainability Workshop

As part of the LPlan 2040 process, the public is invited to a **Sustainability Workshop**. The purpose of the workshop is to engage the public on local sustainability issues and how those issues relate to the Comprehensive Plan. The workshop will include a presentation by keynote speaker Gayle Prest, Sustainability Director for the City of Minneapolis, and a question/answer period with a panel of 5 local experts.

The workshop will take place on **Wednesday, September 29th from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Council Chambers in the County/City Building,** 555 S. 10th Street. For more information about the workshop, please visit our website at **http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/content/092910/index.htm**.

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




# Annexation by Ordinance
# Ordinance # 19428
# Effective: August 31, 2010
# 16.9 Acres

Area of Annexation

Ownership Parcels

City Limits Before Annexation

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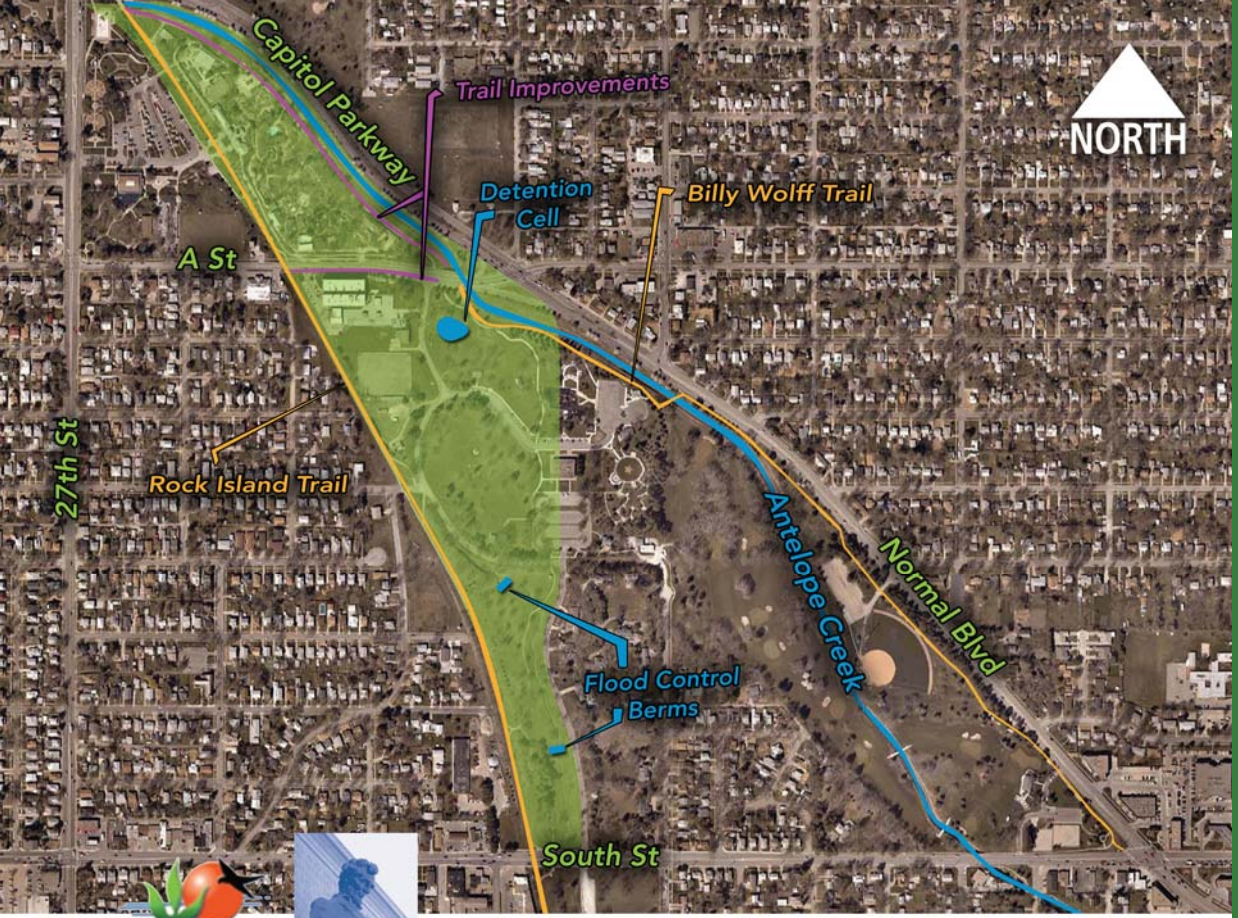
**Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and the City of Lincoln**

c/o Olsson Associates Project Team
1111 Lincoln Mall, Suite 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

You're invited to a public meeting on the proposed design of flood control measures to Antelope Creek from South 27th Street to South Street, which will include installing two box culverts under A Street near the zoo, realigning a portion of trail, and constructing channel improvements.

**The meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, from 5 – 6:30 p.m., at Auld Rec Center, 3140 Sumner Street in Antelope Park.**

**A brief presentation will begin at 5:15 p.m., and it will be repeated at 6 p.m.**




CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA
MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

*This project is funded by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and the City of Lincoln*

## *Join us at an Antelope Creek public meeting!*

At the open house, representatives of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD), City of Lincoln, and project consultants will be available to discuss the proposed design and answer questions.

The project's goals are to reduce the extent of the floodplain in the project area and stabilize the bed and banks of Antelope Creek.

Construction is expected to begin at the end of 2010 and be completed by the middle of 2011. During construction, one lane of A Street will be closed, but the street will remain open to traffic in both directions.

If you have any questions, please contact either Carter Hubbard with Olsson Associates at 402-458-5948, or Ed Ubben with the Lower Platte South NRD at 402-476-2729.

WSJ - 8/27/2010



# Public Pensions and Our Fiscal Future

By Arnold Schwarzenegger

Recently some critics have accused me of bullying state employees. Headlines in California papers this month have been screaming "Gov assails state workers" and "Schwarzenegger threatens state workers."

I'm doing no such thing. State employees are hard-working and valuable contributors to our society. But here's the plain truth: California simply cannot solve its budgetary problems without addressing government-employee compensation and benefits.

As former Speaker of the State Assembly and San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown pointed out earlier this year in the San Francisco Chronicle, roughly 80 cents of every government dollar in California goes to employee compensation and benefits. Those costs have been rising fast. Spending on California's state employees over the past decade rose at nearly three times the rate our revenues grew, crowding out programs of great importance to our citizens. Neglected priorities include higher education, environmental protection, parks and recreation, and more.

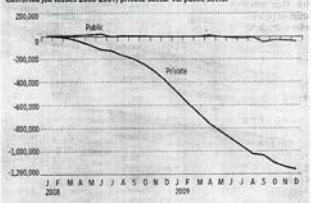
> Few Californians in the private sector have $1 million in savings, but that's effectively the retirement account they guarantee to many government employees.

Much bigger increases in employee costs are on the horizon. Thanks to huge unfunded pension and retirement health-care promises granted by past governments, and also to deceptive accounting by state pension funds (such as unreasonable projections of investment returns), California is now saddled with $350 billion of retirement debt.

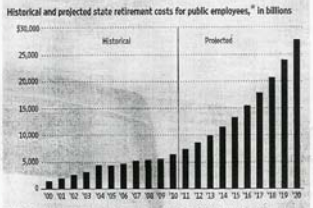
The cost of servicing that debt has grown at a rate of more than 15% annually over the last decade. This year, retirement benefits—more than $6 billion—will exceed what the state is spending on higher education. Next year, retirement costs will rise another 15%. In fact, they are destined to grow so much faster than state revenues that they threaten to suck up the money for every other program in the state budget. (See the nearby chart.)

**The Cost of the Protected Class**

California job losses 2008-2009, private sector vs. public sector




Historical and projected state retirement costs for public employees,* in billions




*Assumes state costs for California Public Employees' Retirement System, California State Teachers' Retirement System and Retiree Health grow at 2000-2011 annual growth rates

Source: California Department of Finance

I've held a stricter line on government employment and salary increases than any governor in the modern era (overall year-to-year spending has increased just 1.4% on my watch). Nevertheless, employee costs will keep marching upwards because of pension promises, and they will never stop doing so until we get reform.

At the same time that government-employee costs have been climbing, the private-sector workers whose taxes pay for them have been hurting. Since 2007, one million private jobs have been lost in California. Median incomes of workers in the state's private sector have stagnated for more than a decade. To make matters worse, the retirement accounts of those workers in California have declined. The average 401(k) is down nationally nearly 20% since 2007. Meanwhile, the defined benefit retirement plans of government employees—for which private-sector workers are on the hook—have risen in value.

Few Californians in the private sector have $1 million in savings, but that's effectively the retirement account they guarantee to public employees who opt to retire at age 55 and are entitled to a monthly, inflation-protected check of $3,000 for the rest of their lives.

In 2003, just before I became governor, the state assembly even passed a law permitting government employees to purchase additional taxpayer-guaranteed, high-yielding retirement annuities at a discount—adding even more retirement debt. It's as if Sacramento legislators don't want a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, but a government of the employees, by the employees, and for the employees.

For years I've asked state legislators to stop adding to retirement debt. They have refused. Now the Democratic leadership of the assembly proposes to raise the tax and debt burdens on private employees in order to cover rising public-employee compensation.

But what will they do next year when those compensation costs grow 15% more? And the year after that when they've risen again? And 10 years from now, when retirement costs have reached nearly $30 billion per year? That's where government-employee retirement costs are headed even with the pension reforms I'm demanding. Imagine where they're headed without reform.

My view is different. We must not raise taxes or borrow money to cover up fundamental problems.

Much needs to be done. The assembly needs to reverse the massive increase in pension formulas to government workers (including already retired workers) that it enacted 11 years ago. It also needs to prohibit "spiking"—giving someone a big raise in his last year of work so his pension is boosted. Government employees must be required to increase their contributions to pensions. Public pension funds must make truthful financial disclosures to the public as to the size of their liabilities, and they must use reasonable projected rates of returns on their investments. The legislature could pass those reforms in five minutes, the same amount of time it took them to pass that massive pension boost 11 years ago that adds additional costs every single day they refuse to act.

And after they've finished passing those reforms, they could take another five minutes to pass legislation terminating the annuity giveaway they passed in 2003 and ending the immoral practice of pension fund board members accepting gifts or even campaign contributions from lobbyists, salesmen, unions and other special interests.

Reforming government employee compensation and benefits won't close this year's deficit. It will, however, protect the next generation of Californians from overwhelming burdens. The same is true with respect to the other reform I'm demanding, including the establishment of a rainy-day fund so that legislators can't spend temporary revenue windfalls.

All of these reforms must be in place before I will sign a budget.

I am under no illusion about the difficulty of my task. Government-employee unions are the most powerful political forces in our state and largely control Democratic legislators. But for the future of our state, no task is more important.

*Mr. Schwarzenegger is the governor of California.*

# Virginia Is for Surpluses

Here's something you don't see often these days: a government running a budget surplus. Governor Robert McDonnell announced last week that Virginia closed fiscal 2010 some $400 million in the black. That's a radically improved financial picture from a year ago when the state faced a $4.2 billion two-year budget hole.

**Erasing red ink without a tax increase.**

The usual suspects—the big business lobbies, the Washington Post—thought a major tax increase was needed. So did the previous Governor, Democrat Tim Kaine, who proposed a $2 billion tax hike before he left town, on top of two major Virginia tax increases in the previous eight years.

Mr. McDonnell has proved otherwise. The newly elected Republican put a freeze on hiring and took the knife even to such politically sensitive programs as school aid, police and Medicaid to cut hundreds of millions of dollars. Total state spending has been reset more or less to 2007 levels. If Congress were to do that, the federal deficit could fall by more than $900 billion, or two-thirds.

It's true that Richmond used too many budget tricks to make the surplus appear larger than it really is. Sales tax payments were accelerated by one month to count in 2010 rather than 2011. Several hundred million dollars were borrowed from the public-employee pension reserve—money the Governor promises to repay by 2013. Most fiscal experts think the real surplus is closer to $87 million. But given the lousy economy, Virginia's budget achievement is laudable.

From his first day in office, Mr. McDonnell took a tax increase off the table because he says "it will injure our economy, slow the recovery, and cost us jobs." His strategy to cut spending across most categories stands in contrast to Washington's, where everything except defense gets branded as "stimulus" to get more money. The feds could do worse than employ the Virginia strategy to close its deficit chasm—and they almost certainly will.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** James B Warner Jr [jwarnerj@unlnotes.unl.edu]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 3:11 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** 20% increase??????

To the Lincoln City Council,

I strongly object to the Mayor getting a large percentage raise in these times. I work for the University and haven't seen a raise in three years and can pretty well guarantee that I won't see one next year. For a committee appointed by the Mayor to recommend a 20% raise is an affront to me and everyone I have spoken with. I, along with a number of me fellow employees and neighbors will be watching to see how you handle this issue. Choose wisely.....

James B Warner Jr.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** George Hanssen [george_h68516@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 1:33 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor Raise

If reports are accurate, a committee is supporting a 20% raise for the mayor. In a time when so many Lincolnites are out of work, or have not received a pay raise in years, it is not appropriate for a 20% increase. Department Heads did not recieve a raise (if accounts are true). Does he really think he deserves a raise while the heads of the folks that do the work get nothing?
Cutting budgets and getting a huge raise do not go together.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Marilyn Bennett [themom7@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 2:17 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** mayor salary

I want to make my objection to the proposed salary increase for Mayor Beutler. In today's economy, with it's jobless rates, and recession or I should say depression, it is ludicrous to even make this suggestion before the council! Many Lincolnites, myself included, are just skimming by on what income we have. This is just pure politics where a council appointed by the mayor, it pushing a self-serving agenda. Please listen to the public, and reject this proposed salary increase, If not, there will be a Lincoln "Tea party".
Sincerely,
Marilyn J Bennett
2425 Wilderness Ridge Drive
Lincoln, NE 68512

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Charlotte Ralston [charlotte@runutsco.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 7:33 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** mayoral raise
**Attachments:** image001.gif

Dear Council Members,
In comparison to state legislature positions, I believe the mayor has an adequate salary, even if you multiply theirs times 4 to make up for the months they are not in session. Plus the retirement and health/dental he receives is well above the private sector's average.

People are suffering from layoffs, shorter hours, pay cuts, and no raises this year. Even though this a raise for the future, I believe until the city stands on firmer ground, no pay raises are in order.

Sincerely
Mike and Charlotte Ralston
Lincoln NE

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Sharon Rohn [shargrahm10@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 8:12 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's 20% raise

Dear Sir(s):
With our economy the way it is, we taxpayers cannot afford a 20% raise such as is suggested for the Mayor....this is outrageous, with so many people not even getting any kind of a raise and so many out of jobs!!!!
Please freeze the Mayor's pay at this time also!
Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Rohn

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** MowParBee@aol.com
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 10:48 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's raise

I am appalled that a committee appointed by the Mayor is wanting to increase the Mayor's salary to $100,000, a 20% increase over the next two years. The majority of employees in Lincoln are lucky to receive a 2 to 3 % raise per year. The State of Nebraska froze raises in 2010. The City has had difficulty in balancing the budget and the answer from this committee is to add to the problem by increasing cost. What does it take to get the public officials to act responsibly. No to increasing the Mayor's salary!

Pat Freese

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Dick Patterson [rpatter@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2010 9:09 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Cc:** nwolfe@lps.org
**Subject:** bar closing time

To: Lincoln city council members

I am contacting you to speak against extending Lincoln's bar closing time until 2:00 a.m. I worked as a bar musician for thirty years and remember how many times the bar owners told me that, "The longer you stay open the later people come to your bar." Over the years I have known bar owners from out of state, especially Colorado and they have consistently told me the same thing.

It is natural that business owners want to take every opportunity to increase their profits but will keeping liquor flowing one more hour really benefit anyone that much? Do you really think that there would be many patrons in the bars untill 2:00 a.m. on week nights? I think we are really only talking about weekends and living close to downtown I have witnessed the streams of people coming from the bars at 1:00 and I certainly don't want that to get worse. It now takes the entire night time police force to handle the crowds and what would it be like by 2:00?

I have read the reasons that some of the bar owners want a later closing hour and some are, in my opinion, an insult to our intelligence. Scott Hatfield of Duffie's has predicted that some people might drive from Lincoln to Omaha after the 1:00 closing time to get last call at 2:00. How silly! Some claim that bands want Lincoln bars to be open one more hour. Musicians get worn out too. I read the entertainment section regularly and drive by the Bourbon Theatre marquee daily and I see no shortage of bands willing to perform in Lincoln.

I am sick of people claiming that Lincoln is not, "Progressive enough" if we oppose an extra hour of drinking time! I call it progressive when Tom Osborn said in the paper two days ago that we are concerned about the many students who binge drink, we are concerned about drunk drivers, we are concerned about the manifold social and societal issues caused by alcohol abuse.

Lastly, during this time of cutting every corner of the city's budget why should we ask our already over burdened police force to take on the extra burden of dealing with more people out drinking until 2:00 in the morning? Please vote no to extending bar hours, in my opinion, for the good of everyone.

Dick Patterson
230 S. 29

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** gloria mayes [69.gmayes@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2010 11:05 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** SALARY INCREASE

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS;

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF MAYOR BEUTLER IS RECOMMENDING A $25,000 DOLLAR INCREASE IN SALARY TO A WHOPPING $100,000 ANNUALLY. IT IS SIMPLY WRONG AT THIS TIME IN OUR STRUGGLING ECONOMY. HE ALREADY MAKES SO MUCH MORE THAN THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER.
THE CITY BUDGET ALREADY IS ON A TIGHTROPE . PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS.
THANK YOU. CONCERNED CITIZEN GLORIA MAYES

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** John Neuberger [ajneu@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 9:14 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** The Mayor's Salary Is Fine The Way It Is!

Dear City Council Members,
The Mayor already makes much more than us average taxpayers, so we feel it's simply wrong in a very difficult economy to be asking us taxpayers to give the mayor a 20% raise.
Please keep a raise to around the inflation rate.
Sincerely,
Arlys & John Neuberger
6133 Old Farm CT.
Lincoln, NE-68512
402.423.6822

cc: Lincoln Members-Americans for Prosperity-NE.

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Marilyn Koehn [bornagain_mkbk95@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 1:08 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor Salary Increase
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

City Council:

Mayor Beutler already makes 50% more than the average Lincolnite (who makes $50,504). Does the mayor need a 20% raise in an economy when the average family is only seeing their income rise 2.5% (if they are fortunate enough to have a job)?

It is inappropriate that a committee selected by the Mayor is now recommending a whopping 20% salary increase!

We do not begrudge anyone earning a decent salary for hard work. Yet, when the Mayor already makes so much more than the average taxpayer, it is simply wrong in a difficult economy to ask taxpayers to fork over an extra $25,000 for the mayor's salary.

Bob & Marilyn Koehn

4120 Lewis Ave, Lincoln, NE 68521

phone 466-5471

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** 1lnash@windstream.net
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2010 9:24 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** 20% Raise for Mayor

Dear Council Members:

In these difficult times, taxpayers cannot afford to give the mayor a 20% raise!!!!!

Sincerely,

Ron and Lynette Nash

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** DJ Auman [djauman@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2010 12:48 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** mayor's raise

With the unemployment rate in Lincoln, and people not getting raises, how can you think of giving the mayor a 20% raise? I know it won't take place for a few years, but will we be out of the recession by then? You don't know and neither do we, but we can't bank on what may happen in the future. We are not saying that he doesn't need a bigger salary, but this is not the time put it in place. Too many people in Lincoln are hurting and can't afford the cost and taxes in Lincoln, as it is, so please don't add on more stress, even if it is in the future, as it will take time to make up for what they have lost and what they have put on hold to pay for.

We know that it probably is not your area, but could you have someone bring in good paying blue collar jobs to Lincoln. We need more jobs as it seems that Omaha, Waverly and Grand Island add businesses, but not Lincoln. If we had more better paying jobs and more people working, we probably could afford the mayor a raise, but the jobs and money are not in Lincoln. Lincoln needs "big time" help!

Thanks for listening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Auman

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** DJ Auman [djauman@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2010 1:42 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** change of fiscal year date

Is there a way to change your fiscal year date from August to May so the money would be available in May to work on streets and not August when all the University and other school activities are on? There would be less traffic to work around in the summer instead of the fall. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Auman

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Harvey Humphrey [hhumphrey@neb.rr.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2010 8:02 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Raise

City Counsel:

I live in Lincoln at 211 Windflower Circle. I have lived here for 6 years. Recently news reports on TV and in the Journal Star had stories where the council was looking to give Mayor Beutler a 20% raise. I would like to ask, does the city of Lincoln have the extra money for that raise?? I don't think they do when in his next budget the Mayor is looking to cut jobs, and services to keep the city afloat. We have many more problems besides giving the Mayor a raise.
I would urge the council to be more responsible with the finances of the city.

Harvey Humphrey

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Carlene Schrag [SSchrag@NEB.rr.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 29, 2010 8:56 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** A raise for the mayor?

Raise for the mayor? No thank you. Wrong timing, when all the rest of us have to tighten our belts.
This does not make any logical sense.

Carlene Schrag
402-488-6242

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Carlene Schrag [SSchrag@NEB.rr.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 29, 2010 9:05 AM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** 2 AM closing?

Keep the bars open another hour? So we can be more like Omaha?
Lincoln is unique, and we need to do what's right for us.

The bar owners are articulate and persuasive in presenting their case, and who wouldn't like to make more money?
But at what cost? I believe any revenue benefit to the city would be eaten by necessary additional law enforcement.

Tom Osborne knows what he's talking about. He's had decades of experience trying to turn boys into men.
He's experienced the consequences of college students misusing alcohol.
If people want another hour of drinking, they can start an hour earlier.

2 AM closing – BAD idea. Please do what's best for the citizens of Lincoln.

Carlene Schrag
488-6242

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Jean Krejci [jkrejci@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2010 2:12 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** NFP - Beutler August 2
**Attachments:** NFP - Beutler August 2.docx

TO: Members of Lincoln City Council
FROM: John Krejci
RE: Elimination of Human Rights Coordinator

I have attached a letter sent to Mayor Beutler urging him not to cut the position and funding for the Human Rights Coordinator. It outlines the concerns of the NAACP, members of the minority community, the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Board and Nebraskans for Peace, regarding the drastic cuts. Community members have met with the mayor on two occasions to state the many reasons why he should not use human rights to balance the city budget. At the last Human Relations Commission, (July 29th) members expressed grave doubt concerning the Mayor's plan for "reorganization," which was read unanimously by them as a huge step backward.

The attached letter spells out the concerns of stakeholders: lessened visibility and access, perception of diminished commitment to human rights, elimination of educational role performed by Larry Williams, distancing human rights from mayor's office and housing it in city law department, and lack of consultation with stakeholders.

When the City budget is discussed in the coming weeks, please consider the concerns raised. We all know these are difficult times financially, but it seems unwise to cut human rights efforts when there is still much work to be done and new human rights issues are arising.

Thank you for your consideration and continued work for our city.

August 2, 2010

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

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Mary Geisler [meg675432@windstream.net]
**Sent:** Sunday, August 29, 2010 8:43 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's raise
**Attachments:** "Certification"

City Council.

In response to the Mayor's raise: I do NOT think in the present economic times it's a time for any raise for any government employee. If the mayor is bringing lots of economic prosperity to Lincoln, in the way of private industry,, it may be warranted. There are many company the have laid off employees, ie: Lester Electric, 85 people, Meadow Gold, etc.Look at the wages of the Government employees.
Many over 200 in the city and many, many in the county, make more than the Governor, the sheriff, the Mayor. If the Mayor brings many new jobs from private industry, then maybe???? The new convention center, had not proven itself. If it does, long term, then maybe a bonus.

RE-BALANCE THE WAGES. Stop giving automatic wage raises. The government employees make a huge amount more than the average employee in this state.

The mayor should make more than the co. personnel director, or the budget officer. Look at all the wages, and cut some longevity wages out to the budgets. You don't have to lay anyone off, just re-balance.

Thank you, Mary Geisler

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Mike Duweling [mike@hhwonline.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 12:33 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Mayor's Raise

Peaved!! It is simply unconscionable to grant a 25% raise to the city mayor when this city and this state and this country are experiencing such extremely difficult times. When are the "public servants" going to lead by example? This greed must stop and what better place to demonstrate it stopping than in major positions like the "mayor" of a city. Sad day. Step up and show a decent example. I suggest a 0 percent raise (or even a decrease) like most Nebraskans and most Americans in the private sector are experiencing! Furthermore, isn't it quite a conflict of interest to have a committee the mayor appointed recommend the raise? Again, where are the checks and balances in the public sector. Shame!!!
Sincerely,
Mike Duweling

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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** mreida@neb.rr.com
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2010 10:07 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Re--Pay

I don't mind our government workers getting raises, but I do mind how large they are approving. A 1% to a 2% pay increase is what the majority of private business give to their employees. Who's next, city commissioner, sheriffs department all want a 20% pay increase. The workers are getting greedy and we can't afford to pay you anymore. Karyn Reida

## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Jim & Suzie Harder [gobigred@ocinc.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2010 2:10 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Bar closing time

Lincoln City Council members,

I hope you will vote no to the extension of closing time for bars. I hope you will strongly consider the reasons spelled out by the letter from Tom Osborn why it would be a step in the wrong direction for Lincoln to allow bars to serve alcohol until the later 2:00 AM. He has learned by a lot of experience why this would be a mistake. I feel that any possible added income by a small segment of business owners by an extra hour of alcohol sales would be more than offset by added costs to society and the general public as a whole. I do not think that one more hour of serving alcohol would keep a bar in business if it were otherwise failing.

Jim Harder
gobigred@ocinc.com

2:00 a.m. Bar Closings - Input from Lois Poppe

As a City Council member, you have the responsibility of making decisions that affect the citizens of Lincoln. I believe that you take that responsibility seriously. I read in the "Mayor Helen Boosalis" book, "The City Council makes policy. It is up to the City Council to decide, based upon input from citizens at the public hearings, whether they are in agreement with those proposals." Note the "based on input from citizens".

I will be honest. I do not spend time in bars. However, I do believe that your decision on the change of bar closing hours will affect me and other citizens of Lincoln now and for years to come. I hope you will consider ALL citizens of our community, when making your decision.

There are many costs associated with the additional hour of availability of alcohol – to the quality of life in our city, the likelihood of vulnerable college students and others drinking in excess, and of course the law enforcement costs.

I URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THE PROPOSED 2 A.M. BAR CLOSING CHANGE.

Fellow Lincoln citizens say to me, "You are wasting your time. It is a "done deal". The City Council members have made up their minds and will not listen to your comments." Am I naïve to believe that you will consider my comments? I ask you to consider the quality of life for all of Lincoln citizens and how your decisions will affect all of us today and in the future.

Mayor's raise:

1. Shirley Foster - no to a mayor's raise. Makes more than most people in Lincoln now. Also, City employees pension match too high, and
Talk to people about the 14th + Superior round about + tunnels. We don't want.

2. Alan More - Wrong time for the Mayor to have a salary increase.

Proposed 2:00 a.m. bar closing time:

1. Todd Delozier - Keep the bar closing time at 1:00 a.m. As an Emergency Physician see the ways drinking takes away medical care from people who need it

2. Gary Oxley - Keep the bar closing time at 1:00 p.m. - Drinking not only affects the drinkers but also their children leading to schools not being able to receive certain grants because of test scores. Also, any rehab programs should be paid for by the bars.

3. Joan Leitner - Agree with Tom Osborn do not change from 1:00 a.m. closing

Senior Center:

Message from Bob Walkup

The Senior Center at 11th + Lake Street serves over 50 people for activities, lunch, exercises social.

Bar closing time:

Ken Reitan - Tom Osborne + the University should not dictate to the City of Lincoln. Do not have a financial interest in any bar or restaurant.

Lois Korinek - Do not change the bar closing time. Opposed to proposed 2:00 a.m. closing time

PLEASE!

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

8-13-2010

## Sally deserves it!

The article and photos regarding Sally Gordon was a real treat to find in Wednesday's Lincoln Journal Star.

I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Gordon, (Sally, to everyone who has met her) when she worked as the secretary at the Centennial Education Program at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Actually, she was more than the secretary to Dr. Robert Knoll (director of the program); she was the information source everyone turned to day after day.

I had just gotten out of the Navy and was starting my freshman year at UNL, and she was a member of the residential community known as Centennial College. That was in 1969, more than 40 years ago. Being a kid of 22, everyone appeared old to me, but I was surprised to find out that Sally was 60 years old at that time. I remember thinking, "how nice that this 60-year-old lady has a job to go to each day. Maybe it will keep her young."

What did I know? Sally, you are a beautiful person, inside and out. Congratulations on the recognition you received; you deserve it and more.

**Jimmy Pattavina, Lincoln**

## City's business ignorance

The excellent reporting by Deena Winter ("Hotelier opposes hotel subsidy," LJS, Aug. 11) on possible negative impact of the proposed unnecessary hotel capacity (uncompetitively supported in part by TIF money) is one dimension of business ignorance (or greed for more tax revenue) demonstrated by our city leaders.

TIF money is not free money, as it will add to the cost of services rendered by these establishments and doubly so if the properties are underutilized. We all pay for mismanagement in our local government.

I challenge Winter and the Journal Star to keep an eye on these events, particularly those activities connected to the arena. Someone has to keep an eye on our city government.

It appears from another article by Winter ("Unprecedented transparency?" LJS, Aug. 11) that Mayor Chris Beutler's use of the term "transparency" on million-dollar transactions is unprecedented in its privacy.

**Marc Schniederjans, Lincoln**

## Homey senior center

Aging Partners has been circulating many colorful brochures recently. They are promoting the closing of all senior centers except the downtown center and the one in Havelock.

My wife and I, ages 86 and 89, became involved in the senior centers several years ago because of exercise class. Our first attendance included temporary locations until repairs were made to the Calvert Senior Center, where we attended exercise classes for a short time until it closed. We were then assigned to the Lake Street Senior Center, the only remaining center south of O Street!

What a good location! Open five days a week, Monday through Friday. Easily accessible with close adequate parking. Excellent programs and activities. Very capable and understanding director. And always coffee and cookies or rolls. And, of course, an adequate daily lunch – for many of us, a "home away from home."

We look forward three or more times a week to experiencing this simple, homey atmosphere and enjoying friends our age.

The closing of the Lake Street Center certainly would leave a real void at this stage of our lives, and in the lives of so many others, unable or unwilling to go downtown!

**Bob Wallick, Lincoln**

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## Mary M. Meyer

**From:** Tadd Delozier [tdelozier@pol.net]
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 12:05 PM
**To:** Council Packet
**Subject:** Fwd: 2 am bar closing

City Council Members: I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed 2am bar closing. I believe it will bring about more negatives than positives. My belief is that the city council needs to be an educational and responsible governing body and in this case, I do not think bar owners and college students should be the voice of reason here. We have enough drunken idiots running around late at night; let's not add more of them and put an even greater strain on our police, fire and emergency departments. I hope this piece of legislation is not approved. Thank-you.

Jodi Delozier
Lincoln, NE