

DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013
555 S. 10th Street, Room 113
2:00 p.m.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of December 19, 2012 through January 4, 2013.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Artists needed for 2013 Rain Barrel Art Project.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss national recognition received by the City, including for the Antelope Valley Project, at a news conference, Thursday, January 3, 2013, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Antelope Valley project earns Lincoln "Crown Community" award.
5. Earned National Rankings for Lincoln in 2012.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER

1. Monthly City Cash Report at the close of business November 30, 2012.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from December 18, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, December, 2012.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. InterLinc correspondence from John Reigle requesting Council to consider a disclosure ordinance on consumer fees for phone, internet, cable, and satellite tv.

Date: December 28, 2012

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of December 29, 2012 through January 4, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, January 1

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

Thursday, January 3

- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Watershed Management Division, 901 N. 6th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7701

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 31, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ellen Wright, Watershed Management, 402-441-7075

ARTISTS NEEDED FOR 2013 RAIN BARREL ART PROJECT

Local artists are invited to participate in the fifth annual Artistic Rain Barrel program. This year's project is sponsored by the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the Watershed Management Division of the City Public Works and Utilities Department. Applications are due January 23, 2013, and 25 artists will be chosen to paint rain barrels for a display at SouthPointe Pavilions shopping center.

Rain barrels are above-ground containers modified to receive, store and distribute rooftop runoff for non-drinking uses. The Artistic Rain Barrel program has raised more than \$24,000 for community youth education programs. The 2013 proceeds will help fund the Zoo's environmental education programs.

"We invite people of all ages and skill levels to paint a rain barrel," said Ellen Wright, Environmental Health Educator in Watershed Management. "We've had amateur to professional artists create designs that inspire and connect the Lincoln community. We've also had groups like elementary classes participate. This project is a fun way to educate the public about the importance of managing stormwater runoff and to raise funds for a great cause."

Applications are available at the City website, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rain barrel), and at the City Watershed Management office, 901 N. 6th St. Applicants will be asked to include a short summary of the intended design. The chosen artists will be notified by January 23 and will have until March 8 to paint and return the barrels. Barrels will be displayed from March 18 to April 19 at SouthPointe Pavilions. Photos and more information will be posted on the City website.

New this year is a "Buy Now" feature that allows individuals to purchase a rain barrel anytime after March 18. The feature can be accessed from the Zoo website at lincolnzoo.org or by using a smart phone to scan the QR code displayed with each rain barrel. Those not purchased by Saturday, April 20 will be auctioned from 10 a.m. to noon that day at SouthPointe Pavilions.

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that stormwater runoff is a leading cause of water pollution. "The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality says 46 percent of local streams are impaired by polluted stormwater," Wright said. "Rain barrels are simple pollution solutions." In addition to using rain barrels, residents can help reduce polluted runoff by installing rain gardens, using lake-friendly fertilizers and removing pet waste.

For more information, contact Wright at 402-441-7075 or ewright@lincoln.ne.gov.



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

DATE: January 2, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss national recognition received for the City and for the Antelope Valley Project at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, January 3 in room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 3, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Bill Wolpin, *American City & County*, 770-618-0112, bill.wolpin@penton.com

ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT EARNS LINCOLN
“CROWN COMMUNITY” AWARD

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that *American City & County* magazine has named Lincoln a “Crown Community” for its historic partnership in the Antelope Valley Project. The December issue of the monthly publication features a cover photo of Union Plaza, the City’s new park dedicated in September.

Recipients of the annual awards are selected by the editors of *American City & County*, which has served a nationwide audience of city and county officials since 1909. Any local government initiative substantially completed within the last year can qualify for the awards, and about 80 nominations were submitted. Entries are judged on uniqueness, short- and long-term value to the community and effective/innovative financing.

The City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District formed the Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA) in 2000 to administer the flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization effort.

“This national recognition is a great honor for the City, our JAVA partners and the entire community,” said Mayor Beutler. “Citizen input was an essential element in Antelope Valley, and the completed project reflects the contributions of all those who served on committees, attended meetings and shared their ideas. Because of that input, this project will benefit our City for many generations.”

Lincoln is one of seven local governments named “Crown Communities.” The others are Charleston County, South Carolina; Louisville, Kentucky; Ocean Spring, Mississippi; Riverside, California; Sandwich, Massachusetts; and West Monroe, Louisiana.

“Despite the downturn in the economy, local government leaders produced a record number of winning Crown Communities’ projects,” said Bill Wolpin, editorial director and associate publisher of *American City & County*. “The judges had a tough time selecting because there were so many outstanding entries to choose from.”

The magazine includes a profile of each community’s winning project. Lincoln’s article cites the removal of the designated 100-year flood plain from 336 commercial structures, 961 residential structures and 50 acres of UNL property.

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Crown Community Award

January 3, 2013
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The article also mentions the transportation improvements, such as the elimination of dangerous railroad crossings and the 6.2 miles of new roadway, as well as the focus on economic development, job creation and recreational opportunities.

“The Antelope Valley Project demonstrated to the entire city that the community can accomplish big things when we work together as partners,” said City Engineer Roger Figard in the article. “The Antelope Valley Project has set the stage for the other projects to be envisioned and that are taking place in the downtown area.”

American City & County is published by Penton Media, and more information is available at www.americancityandcounty.com.

More information on the Antelope Valley Project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).

Lincoln Earns National Rankings in 2012

CareerBuilder.com

#1 in list of “Best Cities for Jobs”

24/7 Wall Street

#4 in list of “Cities Where Everyone Has a Job”

#5 in Top Ten “Best U.S. Cities for Raising a Family”

#5 in “Best Run Cities in America”

Forbes:

7 in “Best Places for Business and Careers”

U.S. News and World Report magazine:

One of 10 “Best Places to Retire in 2012”

Homes.com

10th best place to raise a family

Livability.com

#7 in list of Top 10 Downtowns (among cities with populations between 100,000 and 300,000)

American Institute for Economic Research

6th best small city for college students (#13 in 2011)

Allstate Insurance, America’s Best Drivers

1 safest driving city among cities with populations of 250,000 or more; #5 overall

Smart Growth America

#6 in growth (1.27 percent) among cities below 1 million in population between 2010 and 2011

Straight “As” in Living, Working, Moving and Thriving - Reconnecting America study “Are We There Yet? Creating Complete Communities for the 21st Century America”

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

December 28, 2012

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

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business November 30, 2012

Balance Forward	\$	\$229,690,596.21
Plus Total Debits November 1-30, 2012	\$	\$43,020,184.21
Less Total Credits November 1-30, 2012	\$	(\$55,873,535.01)
Cash Balance on November 30, 2012	\$	\$216,837,245.41

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.	\$	\$2,522,014.75
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(\$86,957.65)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	\$10,825.64
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$103,588.63
Heartland Community Bank - Bennet	\$	\$7,325.04
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$130,518.50
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$57,605.87
West Gate Bank	\$	\$34,816.56
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$72,332,310.66
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$140,709,204.56
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$1,015,992.85
Total Cash on Hand November 30, 2012	\$	\$216,837,245.41

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 \$175,462,436.16 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Joan E. Ross
 Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



Joel L. Wittrock

 Joel L. Wittrock, Asst. City Treasurer

**CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FFCB 5.0%	31331YUH1	02/13/2023	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00		
FHLB STEP-UP .75%	3133XUWQ2	06/27/2019	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
FFCB BONDS	31331YRY8	02/01/2023	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
CORNHUSKER BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00		



Memorandum

Date: ♦ January 2, 2013
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from December 18, 2012 through December 31, 2012:

Administrative Amendment No. 12020 to Change of Zone No. 05068B, The Woodlands at Yankee Hill Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on December 21, 2012, requested by Lewis-Starostka, Inc., to revise the lot layout for Lots 1-3, Block 41, from three lots to ten lots and an outlot, and revising the land use table accordingly, on property generally located near S. 70th St. and Countryview Rd.

Administrative Amendment No. 12062 to Use Permit No. 8A, Northridge Center, approved by the Planning Director on December 31, 2012, requested by Orange Development, Inc., to amend the site plan by showing a separate pad site for a pharmacy with drive-thru and revising the parking lot layout, on property generally located at N. 14th St. and Superior St.

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City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213
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Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

December 2012

www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds

Drought & Weeds

With the drought we experienced in Lancaster County and across the state most would expect that our noxious weed inspections and infestations would have been less in 2012. Unfortunately that is one of the things that makes a noxious weed so hard to control is its ability to survive during stressful conditions. We find especially with the deep rooted perennials such as leafy spurge, knotweed, Canada thistle and phragmites that they are able to out compete other vegetation for water and survive. Another comment I hear often is that since the plant is stressed from the drought that it should be easy to kill. Actually, the opposite is more likely in most cases. When a plant is under stress from drought it often tends to go into survival mode and shuts down. This makes it very difficult to get the chemical that's applied to the plant leaf into the plant. Usually results are less than you would expect and far less than if the plant is healthy and taking in nutrients. The little moisture we received this fall helped germinate the biennial plants such as musk thistle, plumeless thistle, dandelions & henbit, this allowed landowners to get some good control on musk thistle before the snow. Many of the rosettes were only 1 to 2 inches in diameter and very easy to control. This is the most effective time to control biennials since they are taking down nutrients to survive the winter.

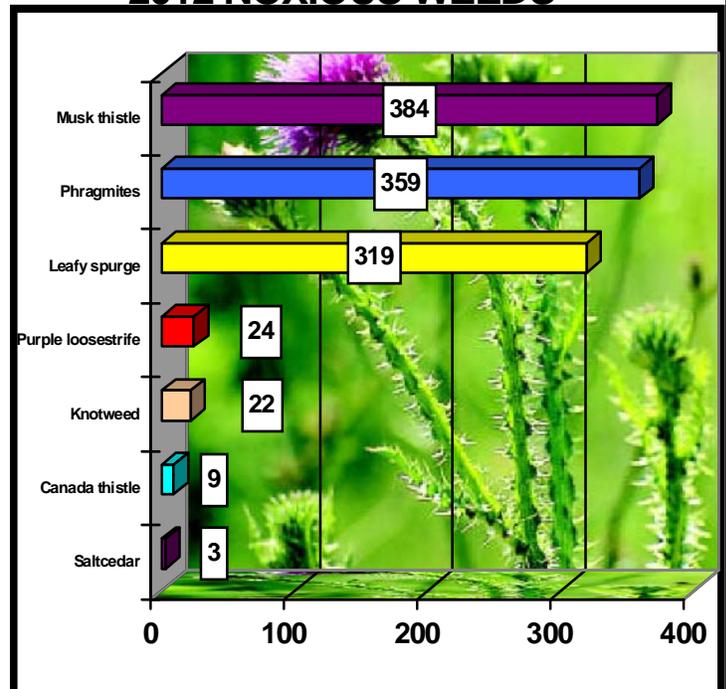


Musk thistle rosette in the fall

2012 Infestation Totals

Musk thistle was still the #1 problem weed in 2012 coming in with 384 parcels having at least a trace infestation. While the number of sites is still high, most of the sites are light to moderate infestations and are being managed by the landowner.

2012 NOXIOUS WEEDS



Phragmites takes over the #2 spot this year, up 23.8% from 290 locations in 2011 to 359 in 2012. Most landowners are working on eradicating this stubborn invasive, but it will take a few years to see long lasting results. Leafy spurge drops one spot to #3 with 319 locations this year compared to 321 in 2011. Purple loosestrife, Canada thistle and saltcedar all continue to decline. A few new locations of knotweed were reported in 2012 but overall we saw a decrease in sites that remain infested.

Good Neighbors – Control Noxious Weeds!

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2012 8:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: John Reigle
Address: 2445 Jameson Ct
City: Lincoln, NE 68512

Phone: 4024237953
Fax: 4024237953
Email: jreigle49@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

Since Time Warner increased my rates, I have been trying to find, without success, what the rates are after the teaser period for phone, internet, cable, and satellite tv from the various providers. Seems to me we need a disclosure ordinance, to make these fees readily available to consumers from all providers. Has this ever been considered by the Council?

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Public Works and Utilities officials will discuss efforts to reduce ice on residential streets at a news conference, Friday, January 4, 2013, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City tackles ice on residential streets.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of January 5, 2013 through January 11, 2013.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Friday, January 11, 2013, 3:00 p.m., in the County City Building, room 303. Agenda and documents posted on line.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for January 9, 2013.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. George Hancock, NAI FMA Realty. Recommend waiting and monitoring before adopting 2012 IECC, seeing the actions in other jurisdictions.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

DATE: January 3, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and Public Works and Utilities officials will discuss efforts to reduce ice on residential streets at a news conference at **10:30 a.m. Friday, January 4 in room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 4, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Scott Opfer, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-5619

CITY TACKLES ICE ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced an adjustment to the City's snow removal operations to address the accumulation of ice and snowpack on City residential streets. Public Works and Utilities crews have been spreading sand and salt on the streets this week to provide better traction and promote melting. In the future, crews may spread salt on residential streets at the time of the initial plowing operation.

"It's important to remember that every storm is different," Mayor Beutler said. "With the most recent storm, the early rain and continued low temperatures have kept our residential streets icy for a longer period of time. I want to thank the public for their patience and for driving carefully. We are always looking for better ways to use our available resources to keep our streets safe, and we hope this change will help improve driving conditions."

Scott Opfer, Street and Traffic Operations Manager in the Public Works and Utilities Department, said the City is proactive in preventing ice buildup on major streets. Depending on the type of storm that's forecasted, arterial streets, bridges and major intersections may be pre-treated with salt brine or magnesium chloride. This leaves residue on the streets to make it easier for crews to remove snow and ice. Once freezing precipitation has begun, crews spread salt and sand on major streets, bus routes and bridges.

When plowing begins, Opfer said the City's first priority must be clearing all Emergency Snow Routes, the major streets used by emergency service. Crews next focus on the other arterial streets, bus routes and streets around schools. By the time, crews are able to start clearing residential areas, the snow has been packed down by traffic, making it more difficult to remove.

"By spreading salt in residential areas as we make our initial attempts to plow, we hope to more quickly reduce the amount of ice and snowpack on the streets," Opfer said. "We will need to take weather conditions into account. When temperatures remain low, salt can be less effective. When temperatures are warmer prior to the storm or if they are expected to be above freezing after the storm, applying salt may not be the best use of our resources."

The Mayor urged the public to stay informed on City snow operations and parking bans and to keep parked cars off the streets to help crews remove snow more quickly and thoroughly. Information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow) or from the Snow Center at 402-441-7644. Residents can sign up on the website to be notified of snow operations through RSS feeds. They also can sign up to be notified through Twitter at twitter.com/lincolnsnow.

Date: January 4, 2013

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of January 5 through 11, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Monday, January 7

- Mayor's Award of Excellence presentation - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, January 8

- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Friday, January 11

- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., room 303, County-City Building

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting January 11, 2013

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in the County City Building Room 303.

The agenda and documents are now posted at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

Pam Gadeken
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URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE** will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 3:00 p.m., in **Room 214, Second Floor**, County/City Building.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 441-7491.

AGENDA

January 9, 2013

1. Adoption of meeting records from the UDC meeting of December 12, 2012.
2. Review of design progress, 18th & Q parking/housing project(Urban Development Dept.).
3. Update, Enersen Urban Design Award.
4. Staff report/misc.: 2012 Annual Report.

Mary M. Meyer

From: George Hancock [gHancock@naifmarealty.com]
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 9:52 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; DiAnna R. Schimek; Mary M. Meyer; lhinkley@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Proposed Building Code Changes

Dear Mayor Beutler,

I don't see any advantage to the City of Lincoln from being one of the first to adopt 2012 IECC. I do see advantages in waiting to monitor actions taken by other jurisdictions, including the State of Nebraska, and learning from them. As Thomas Jefferson once said to George Washington "delay is preferable to error. "

Many of the proposed requirements will obviously add to the cost of development. Will rental rates produce enough additional revenue to offset these extra costs? Probably not for quite some time, especially in a market that is still quite soft.

We all want to be Cleaner and Greener as quickly as possible, but progress toward such ends needs to be pursued more deliberately. Haste makes waste.

Sincerely,

George

George Hancock, CCIM
Associate Broker

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MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013

Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair (2:10 p.m.); Gene Carroll; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; DiAnna Schimek; and Lloyd Hinkley

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Judy Halstead, Health Department Director; Scott Opfer, Street & Traffic Operations Manager; Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director; Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director; Rod Confer, City Attorney

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

In outlining the formal agenda Ross stated first is the Mayor's Award of Excellence. Under Liquor Licenses, 2 new applications. Items 15 & 16 will be called together, One More Bar, 836 No. 70th, and they do need a special permit with their application which is on the Planning Commission agenda for Wednesday. The resolution requests the requirement for the special permit. Items 17 & 18 have no issues.

Ross stated an item on Pending List-Date Certain, No. 42, 12-157B, will be moved to action on January 14th. Hoppe stated for clarity a new resolution was introduced with a different name regarding the Park. Confer added the resolution should be passed before the ordinance. Ross will move the Item up.

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

Hoppe asked the Directors to introduce themselves to Councilman Hinkley. Introductions made. Hoppe invited Councilman Hinkley to attend the Directors Meeting held on each Wednesday.

Hoppe distributed a letter regarding a discussion on school resource officers, especially now after the New Town tragedy. Everyone is aware we have school resource officers at high schools, but none at middle and elementary schools. The Mayor's office spoke to Councilman Carroll on whether to talk again regarding reigniting the discussion on school resource officers. Mayor Beutler thought a good idea and together they sent the attached letter to the school board to compare on what everyone hopes to accomplish.

Carroll stated he called the Mayor regarding not only officers in schools but the whole community realization and school safety for our children and what we're doing. A year ago in February we had a Super Commons Meeting with the Mayor, City Council, County Board and the School Board. We should do again to bring back this discussion. In looking at school shootings since 1993, 95% occur in high or middle schools. Carroll believes that's where we need to focus our resources as far as police officers. A letter was sent to the School Board to initiate discussion, letting them inform us of what they're doing internally for safety. This is a partnership of the City, County, and public schools, and pushing for an open discussion. Ask our Chair to meet with the Chair of the Schools and set up another Super Commons Meeting to discuss.

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No comment

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Halstead stated first item is informational, relating to a First Reading on the agenda. Propose to appeal our contagious and infectious diseases section. In 2007 we rewrote our communicable disease section, 8.18. The section we propose to appeal is 8.16. Most of the section is outdated and should have been repealed in 2007, noting many of the provisions were written in 1936. Outdated for what we currently do with reporting functions and State requirements. Repealing language which should have been repealed in 2007. Reference 8.18, created in 2007 to address our needs, concerns, statutory requirements.

Halstead stated the Health Department has a lot of grants, contracts, and agreements which come to the Council as they are multi-year agreements only. Not committing any City resources. Often do multi-year grants from the Department of Environmental or HHS, but as we’re required to bring multi-year agreements to the Council would propose the departments would be able to have these documents as Consent Agenda items when there’s no City financial obligation. Council has the authority to remove any, or request their removal, with a regular hearing on those. We have many more multi-year contracts and grants, and State agencies have wanted to do more multi-year agreements instead of doing each year. Halstead stated she spoke with Confer and the Mayor regarding these appearing as Consent Items, only when there is no City resources.

Cook asked if they still appear as First Reading Resolutions, so we see prior to Consent and Public Hearing? Halstead agreed. Cook added Council does Consent primarily for appointments. If we start including other items we might possibly modify the agenda so the First Reading notes they are Consent. Ross stated if noted on the Consent form it would be targeted as a Consent Item, and we would list. Cook said a critical piece is City financial resources, if specifically noted on the agenda would let people know. Halstead added it might simplify the process. Cook asked if not possible items not requiring City resources as they’re grant money, would they later have strings which would cause us to spend more, and should we consider? Or, usually not an issue? Halstead said from the Health Department’s experience, usually not an issue. If they require commitment, or City resources not previously required, we come back to Council to request as special funds. Hoppe added we would ask the Directors, that those items not be included on the Consent.

Carroll inquired about Lancaster County flu statistics. Halstead replied the flu increased significantly in the last couple of weeks. People need to get immunized, and have individuals who have been very ill. The ones getting sicker have not been immunized. The flu is early, and has increased. Do have high utilization in the doctor offices, and the emergency rooms.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Johnson stated they have an Advisory Committee associated with the Lincoln Care Committee. Now the

City Council representative is DiAnna Schimek. We re-organize the committee by nominating twice a year, in January to review projects, and June or July to meet and review donations and advise on any modifications we may make to marketing, or the program. Asking Council whether to initially start with Councilwoman Schimek serving, and switch in summer? Or, want to designate someone to serve the entire year? We do very much appreciate Councilwoman Schimek's participation.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/STREET & TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Scott Opfer, Manager Street & Traffic Operations; Miki Esposito, Director Public Works & Utilities (Attachments A & B)

Opfer stated the maps are for reference, an idea of snow removal routes, giving the scale of operations. He explained the planned routes, approximately 60 lane miles each. Residential plowing districts have 90 lane miles each.

Opfer commented with the snow storm on the 19th, we started working on the 17th. First had cold temperature and frost on bridges. Put salt brine on all bridges and no problems. We anticipated this storm and continued putting salt down until the 19th. With the rain basically the brine washed away. On the 19th had accumulating snow around 5:30 p.m., with rain before. With warmer payment temperatures plus the rain and snow, people drove in residential areas putting down layers which froze. Once this freezes cannot get up. To combat need people in residential areas at the same time we do the arterials, and do not have the manpower. Typically a plowing operation has 4 units on each route. One is a material spreader, with a plow, and 3 other plows. Started around 5:30 p.m. on the 19th, and didn't go into residential areas because of the blizzard forecast. Brought in an additional group of contractors for bus routes at 10:00 p.m. This is where it was basically bare pavement within a couple of days. These 90 people are the same workers who do residential streets. Can't do both at the same time. The priority being major streets.

Opfer stated complete removal started on midnight the next day, taxing resources. Have additional hauling contractors but basically the workers on the graders, snow blowers are the same who plow the streets, and we continued arterial work through the night. Then focused on school, bus routes, starting on residential the next morning. We pushed to have one side done by midnight as we did not want LPS to cancel school on Friday. Finished residential, then continued to put down gravel, clean-up, finish complete removal, and put salt in residential areas.

Opfer understood Eskridge had been in Omaha New Year's Eve, adding he was there Christmas Eve. He had heard Omaha streets were better, and drove around Omaha the Thursday after Christmas. He saw residential streets which were pavement. Not plowed all the way to the curb but were wet pavement. Called Omaha's superintendent who said 90% of Omaha's streets are just like Lincoln's. Ice packed, curb to curb. The areas seen probably had early contractors. Later saw streets identical to Lincoln streets.

Eskridge stated with the bitter cold, and ice, we cannot remove. After a day, or so, of warming do we ever go back and try to clear? Opfer replied do but have to be careful. With a previous storm had a 4 to 6 inch layer of packed snow, and when it warmed started to break. We'd try to clear but found by fixing one problem caused another. Example, plugging people's driveways. We don't want to cause problems, especially with people having physical difficulties. Esposito added don't want to create other problems. When you tend to go over streets may pop up pot holes. Then, the salt used is an environmental consideration. Don't want to use too much as it ends up in the storm drain system, discharging to the creek. A tough storm with challenges. She added hopefully the salt, and warmer temperatures, helped last week to bust some of it up.

Schimek asked if they put salt down only after the snow? Not before? Opfer stated they put the salt brine down before, won't put rock salt down before. Typically do arterials, hoping to melt as much as possible, and put rock salt down for maybe 1 or 2 hours at the storm's start, knowing we'll there with plows. Otherwise, no. Schimek asked if the salt is corrosive to the underside of cars? Opfer and Esposito both replied yes. Hoppe added, and the reason the Mayor asked for it to be used lightly. Opfer stated they're refining the ability to use chemicals with salt to reduce the salt amount but increase melting power. Hopefully we can use these chemicals with salt to accomplish our goal without as many negative impacts. This is fairly expensive, \$1.00 per gallon.

Camp thanked Opfer. Opfer stated one success is a program started this year. Last February had a major storm, the single largest snow total in one day. Received numerous calls from people who couldn't shovel their walks because we put 4 foot snow ridges in front of driveways. We started the Snow Angels Program and currently have 42 members, plus volunteers, who helped people during this storm. We virtually had no complaint calls of snow ridges across driveways.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, December, 2012. No comment

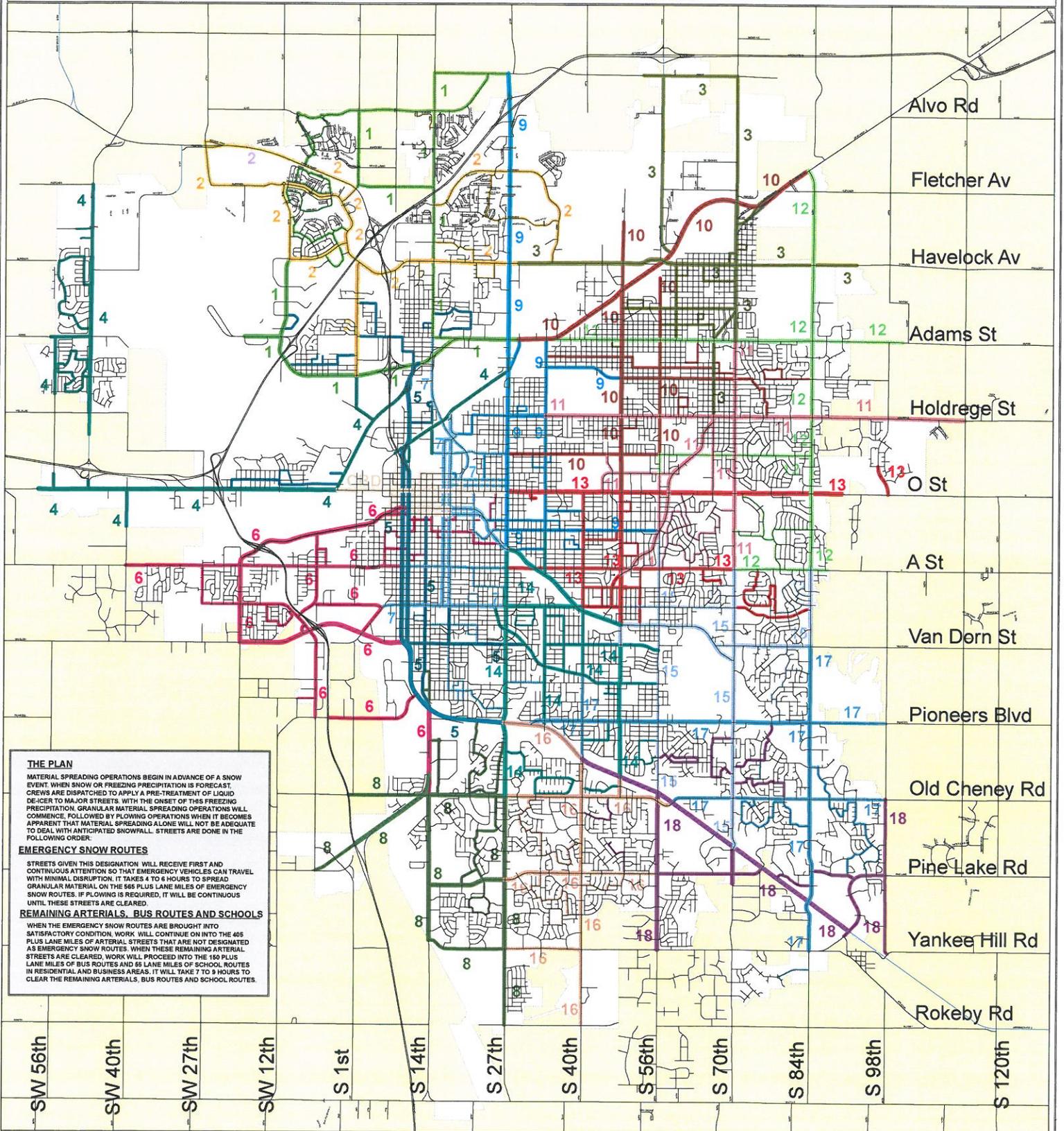
IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

No questions, comments, from Council Members.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. InterLinc correspondence from John Reigle requesting Council to consider a disclosure ordinance on consumer fees for phone, internet, cable, and satellite tv. No comment

Public Works & Utilities



THE PLAN
 MATERIAL SPREADING OPERATIONS BEGIN IN ADVANCE OF A SNOW EVENT WHEN SNOW OR FREEZING PRECIPITATION IS FORECAST. CREWS ARE DISPATCHED TO APPLY A PRE-TREATMENT OF LIQUID DE-ICER TO MAJOR STREETS. WITH THE ONSET OF THIS FREEZING PRECIPITATION, GRANULAR MATERIAL SPREADING OPERATIONS WILL COMMENCE, FOLLOWED BY PLOWING OPERATIONS WHEN IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT MATERIAL SPREADING ALONE WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH ANTICIPATED SNOWFALL. STREETS ARE DONE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES
 STREETS GIVEN THIS DESIGNATION WILL RECEIVE FIRST AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION SO THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN TRAVEL WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTION. IT TAKES 4 TO 6 HOURS TO SPREAD GRANULAR MATERIAL ON THE 565 PLUS LANE MILES OF EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES. IF PLOWING IS REQUIRED, IT WILL BE CONTINUOUS UNTIL THESE STREETS ARE CLEARED.

REMAINING ARTERIALS, BUS ROUTES AND SCHOOLS
 WHEN THE EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES ARE BROUGHT INTO SATISFACTORY CONDITION, WORK WILL CONTINUE ON INTO THE 405 PLUS LANE MILES OF ARTERIAL STREETS THAT ARE NOT DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES. WHEN THESE REMAINING ARTERIAL STREETS ARE CLEARED, WORK WILL PROCEED INTO THE 150 PLUS LANE MILES OF BUS ROUTES AND 85 LANE MILES OF SCHOOL ROUTES IN RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS AREAS. IT WILL TAKE 7 TO 9 HOURS TO CLEAR THE REMAINING ARTERIALS, BUS ROUTES AND SCHOOL ROUTES.

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