

**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016**  
**555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BILL LUXFORD STUDIO**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of Directors' Meeting of October 17, 2016.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

**IV. MAYOR' CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran to offer free Boo at the Zoo shuttle service.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Health and Safety Warning - Those with new roofs urged to check venting.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

1. Councilwoman Jane Raybould commenting on the great job in helping Ms. Roberts in her claim.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS/CABLE TV**

1. The Telecommunications/Cable TV Advisory Board meeting schedule for October 27<sup>th</sup> is postponed due to a potential lack of quorum.

**VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS**

1. Internal Liquor Committee - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
2. Downtown Lincoln Association - Gaylor Baird, Eskridge
3. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Eskridge
4. Problem Resolution Team - Lamm

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Monday Meeting Dates calendar for 2017.

**VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE**

1. InterLinc correspondence from Curtis Mann regarding Lincoln's crosswalks and rules for drivers.
2. Lincoln Electric System 2017 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget and 2017 Rate Schedule Request.

**X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**  
StarTran, 710 “J” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7185

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 26, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Kitty Miller, StarTran Marketing Director, 402-441-7185

**STARTRAN TO OFFER FREE BOO AT THE ZOO SHUTTLE SERVICE**

StarTran will provide free shuttle bus service from three parking lots to the Lincoln Children’s Zoo trick-or-treat celebration, Boo at the Zoo, Wednesday October 26 through Sunday, October 30.

Shuttle service to the zoo will begin at 4:30 p.m. from these locations:

- Lincoln High School parking lots, 2229 “J” Street
- QP Ace Hardware parking lot, 945 S. 27th Street
- Antelope Park, next to Auld Pavilion, 1650 Memorial Dr.

Buses will run about every 20 minutes until 9 p.m. each evening.

For more information, call StarTran at 402-476-1234 or visit [startran.lincoln.ne.gov](http://startran.lincoln.ne.gov). For more information on Boo at the Zoo, visit [lincolnzoo.org](http://lincolnzoo.org).

**BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT**  
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7521

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 26, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Chad Blahak, Building and Safety Director, 402-441-6457  
Chief Mike Despain, Fire and Rescue, 402-441-8350

**HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNING –**  
**THOSE WITH NEW ROOFS URGED TO CHECK VENTING**

The City Building and Safety Department today is warning area residents with new roofs that improper roof venting for heating systems can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. Building and Safety Director Chad Blahak said his office has heard from multiple residents who discovered the problem when having their heating systems checked for the winter. Building and Safety is not required to inspect new residential shingle replacements.

Many residents have recently had new roofs installed as a result of the May 2016 hail storm. Blahak said it appears that some installers covered up vents or improperly installed vent caps. If exhaust from the heating system or plumbing “vent stacks” is not allowed to vent, it can cause a buildup of deadly carbon monoxide or dangerous hydrogen sulfide (sewer gas) in the home.

Blahak said residents with new roofs should contact a licensed heating contractor for an inspection before turning on the heat. Residents should not attempt to check the roof vents themselves.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced anytime fuel is burned. Symptoms of exposure are headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. Inhaling carbon monoxide can make you pass out or kill you, and those who are sleeping can die from carbon monoxide poisoning before they have symptoms. Lincoln Fire and Rescue reminds residents to leave their homes immediately and call 911 if they experience or suspect any of these signs or symptoms. Hydrogen sulfide has a “rotten egg” smell and can cause respiratory problems, especially in people with respiratory ailments. Officials recommend that every home have a working carbon monoxide detector on every level.

## Mary M. Meyer

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**Subject:** FW: Pothole Claim

**From:** Jane Raybould; **Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 4:50 PM  
**To:** Miki M. Esposito; Elizabeth D. Elliott; Thomas S. Shafer  
**Subject:** RE: Pothole Claim

How wonderful!! Thank you and your team for going the extra mile to help Ms. Roberts.

Jane

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**From:** Miki M. Esposito  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 10:15 AM

Good Morning City Council Members –

We have an update for you with respect to the claim brought by Ms. Sandra Roberts a month ago. Liz Elliott from our Law Department assisted Ms. Roberts with making contact with MTZ (the street contractor), who subsequently paid her claim.

Should you have any additional questions about the matter, please let us know.  
Miki

**From:** Miki M. Esposito  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 4:45 PM  
**Subject:** Pothole Claim

Good Afternoon City Council Members -

As you recall, Ms. Sandra Roberts testified before you at public hearing last week regarding denial of her pothole claim. Since that time, PWU was able to follow up with Liz Elliot, Assistant City Attorney who handled the claim for the City.

We confirmed that road rehabilitation work was underway at the time of the alleged damage. Thomas offered to be in touch with the contractor, MTZ to get a sense of the conditions of the site at the time of construction. He will also check into the legal/contractual requirements (Jane and Carl's question) regarding keeping a tidy work site.

Following our discussion with Liz, she followed up with Ms. Roberts to provide her with the contact information for MTZ. Liz suggested she talk to them about assistance with the repair costs. Liz also put Ms. Robert's claim back on the denial list and a letter will go out to her with her next council date.

Should we receive any additional information regarding liability of the contractor between now and the next council date, we will be sure to let you know.

Thank you,  
Miki

Miki Esposito, Director, Public Works & Utilities  
O: 402.441.6173; C: 402.525.0065

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Telecomm/Cable Board postponed

The meeting of the Telecommunications/Cable TV Advisory Board scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 27 will be postponed due to a potential lack of quorum. I will be polling the board on a new date.

Justin, please indicate on the website that it has been postponed with a new date TBA.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Diane

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## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2016 9:26 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Feedback

### Council Office - Feedback

Date : 10/27/2016 9:25:31 AM

**Full Name** Curtis Mann  
**Address** 4823 South 48  
**City** Lincoln  
**Phone** 4024884820  
**Email** [cmann2@neb.rr.com](mailto:cmann2@neb.rr.com)

**Comments** Members of the City Council,

When I travel in Colorado, I constantly see signage along the road or in the middle of the road that indicates that it is a state law for drivers to stop for people in the crosswalk. In Nebraska...especially in Lincoln...a crosswalk means 'cross at your own risk'. On numerous occasions as I travel in Lincoln, I see individuals waiting in a crosswalk for an opportunity to get across the street. I do stop but then I'm amazed at the number of vehicles from the opposite direction just keep on rolling through the crossing zone. Other times, I'm unable to stop because I have someone tailgating me and it would be unsafe not only for the me, the other driver, but also the pedestrian to make that stop.

I live on South 48th in Lincoln directly east of Pound Middle School. There is a crossing light near the fire station for students to use but at LaSalle Street there is only a sign and a crosswalk. I know for a fact that there are many students who live east of 48th Street that need to cross at LaSalle. As a former LPS teacher, I would stop for these kids on my way to school each morning. Again, many times the traffic from the north would not stop. This is sad. These young kids are being put at risk as they either wait for a very long time to cross or choose to dart across in between cars.

Although I can't prove it, I'm guessing there was an incident this morning at that LaSalle Street crossing. Traffic was backed up on 48th past my house and so I just looked up the street to see emergency vehicles at the crossing. I didn't walk up but I'd be pretty certain that someone was hit trying to cross the street.

Something is majorly wrong when we as a public are in such a hurry that we can't stop for a couple of moments to let our children and/or adults cross safely. I'd like to see Lincoln put some 'teeth' into crosswalk safety. I'd also like the city to look into putting a safer crossing system in place at 48th and LaSalle.

IP: 97.98.143.72

Form: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/feedback.htm>

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1040 O Street, P.O. Box 80869  
Lincoln, NE 68501-0869

October 27, 2016

Lincoln City Council  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Subject: Lincoln Electric System (LES) 2017 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget and  
2017 Rate Schedule Request

Chair Gaylor Baird and Members of the Lincoln City Council:

Enclosed for your review is the proposed 2017 LES Operating and Capital Budget and Rate Schedules. The 2017 Operating and Capital Budget, and 2017 rate adjustment was approved by the LES Administrative Board at its meeting on October 21, 2016, and is recommended for your approval. We are proposing the following schedule for your consideration of the 2017 budget and rate adjustment:

- Monday, November 7 - Introduction of the LES Budget and Rate Schedule resolutions
- Monday, November 21 - Public Hearing on the LES Budget and Rate Schedule resolutions at City Council meeting.
- Monday, December 5 - City Council action on the LES Budget and Rate Schedule resolutions.

As reflected in the attached document which is being used to communicate with LES customers, LES is recommending a 2017 Total Operating & Capital Budget of \$379.3 million, of which \$290.9 million is for operating expenditures and \$88.4 million is for capital expenditures. A system-wide retail electric rate adjustment of 3% is proposed for 2017. This will be the first LES rate adjustment since 2014.

LES is also proposing a continued modification to the Customer and Facilities charge for the Residential, General Service and Heating Service rate classes. These changes are part of a multi-year effort to more accurately recover the fixed costs associated with supplying power to customers that are not dependent on the amount of electricity used. Beginning in 2017, we are proposing to separate the Customer and Facilities charge into two distinct charges and the implementation of three Levels within the Facilities Charge which will be implemented to appropriately recover fixed facilities costs from Residential Customers in accordance with cost of service principles. Additional details on the changes to the Customer and Facilities Charge can be found in the attached presentation. The change to the Customer and Facilities charge is offset by a lower Energy Charge.

Other changes in the Rate Schedules include elimination of a declining winter Energy Charge and other minor changes. All changes would be effective January 1, 2017.

Over the past several weeks we have conducted meetings with customers regarding the proposed budget and changes in the Rate Schedules. In addition to a public customer meeting and individual contacts with "key account" customers, meetings were also held with LES' business advisory council (comprised of small to large commercial and industrial customers), LIBA, the Rent and Utility Assistance Network Committee and representatives of the Lincoln Employers Coalition (LEC). As you know, we have also offered each member of the Council a briefing on the proposed budget and rates.

The proposed budget and rates have been developed to maintain our public power commitment of providing reliable, low-cost electric service to our customers. The comparison of LES electric bills with bills from other utilities in the region reveals that LES' bills continue to be among the lowest, as shown on the enclosed regional utility bill comparison.

In summary, LES is requesting:

1. Approval of the 2017 LES Operating Budget of \$290,926,000 and Capital Budget of \$88,406,000.
2. Approval to amortize certain costs related to the Rokeby Generating Station extended outage over a 4-year period not to exceed \$6 million, pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 62.
3. Approval of the LES Rate Schedules for rates effective January 1, 2017, reflecting a system-wide average increase in rates of 3%. This would include the changes in the Customer and Facilities Charges as discussed above.

As you review these materials, please feel free to contact me, Laura Kapustka, or a member of the Administrative Board with questions or comments.

Respectfully,



Kevin G. Wailes  
Chief Executive Officer

C: Mayor Chris Beutler  
Laura Kapustka, Chief Financial Officer  
Shelley Sahling-Zart, General Counsel  
LES Administrative Board



# 2017 Proposed Budget & Rates

Laura Kapustka  
VP & Chief Financial Officer



# 2017 Budget Assumptions

## Financial Targets & Other Assumptions

Financial Metric	Target	Comments
Debt Service Coverage	2.0X (Minimum)	Targeting 50% cash funding of routine capital costs
Debt to Equity Ratio	60%	With continued progress to align with LES Peer Group
Fixed Charge Coverage	1.55	With continued alignment with LES Peer Group
Days Cash on Hand	Minimum of 74 days in any month	
Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF)	\$28.5M	
Budget Inputs		
Retail Energy Sales	3,203 GWh	Energy Sales are budgeted 44 GWh/1.4% less than the 2016 Budget.
Demand	749 MW	Demand is forecasted 5 MW/0.7% greater than the 2016 Budget.
Financings	No long-term financings are planned for 2017. Continued low interest rates could provide an opportunity to refund existing bonds at lower rates.	

# 2017 Proposed Budget and Rate Adjustment

Rate Adjustment Factors	2017 Increase/ (Decrease)
Transmission Expense & Power Cost (net of Wholesale Revenue)	\$ 25.8 M
Debt Service & Coverage Reduction (2016 bond refinancing)	(\$17.0 M)
Reduced Retail Sales	\$ 1.9 M
Other Miscellaneous Changes	<u>(\$ 0.3 M)</u>
<b>Total Additional 2017 Revenue Required</b>	<b>\$ 10.4 M</b>

## Rate Mitigation:

Use of Rate Stabilization Funds	(\$2.9 M)
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## Resulting Revenue Requirement to meet system requirements:

<b>3% System Average Rate Adjustment</b>	<b>\$ 7.5 M</b>
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# 2017 Budget – Capital Budget

Major Programs/Projects	2017 Budget
 Laramie River Station	\$22.5M
 LES Operations Center	\$19.9M
 SE Lincoln Reliability Program	\$11.2M
 Duct Installation Program	\$4.2M
 Underground Rebuilds	\$4.1M

**Capital Authorization**  
(thousands)

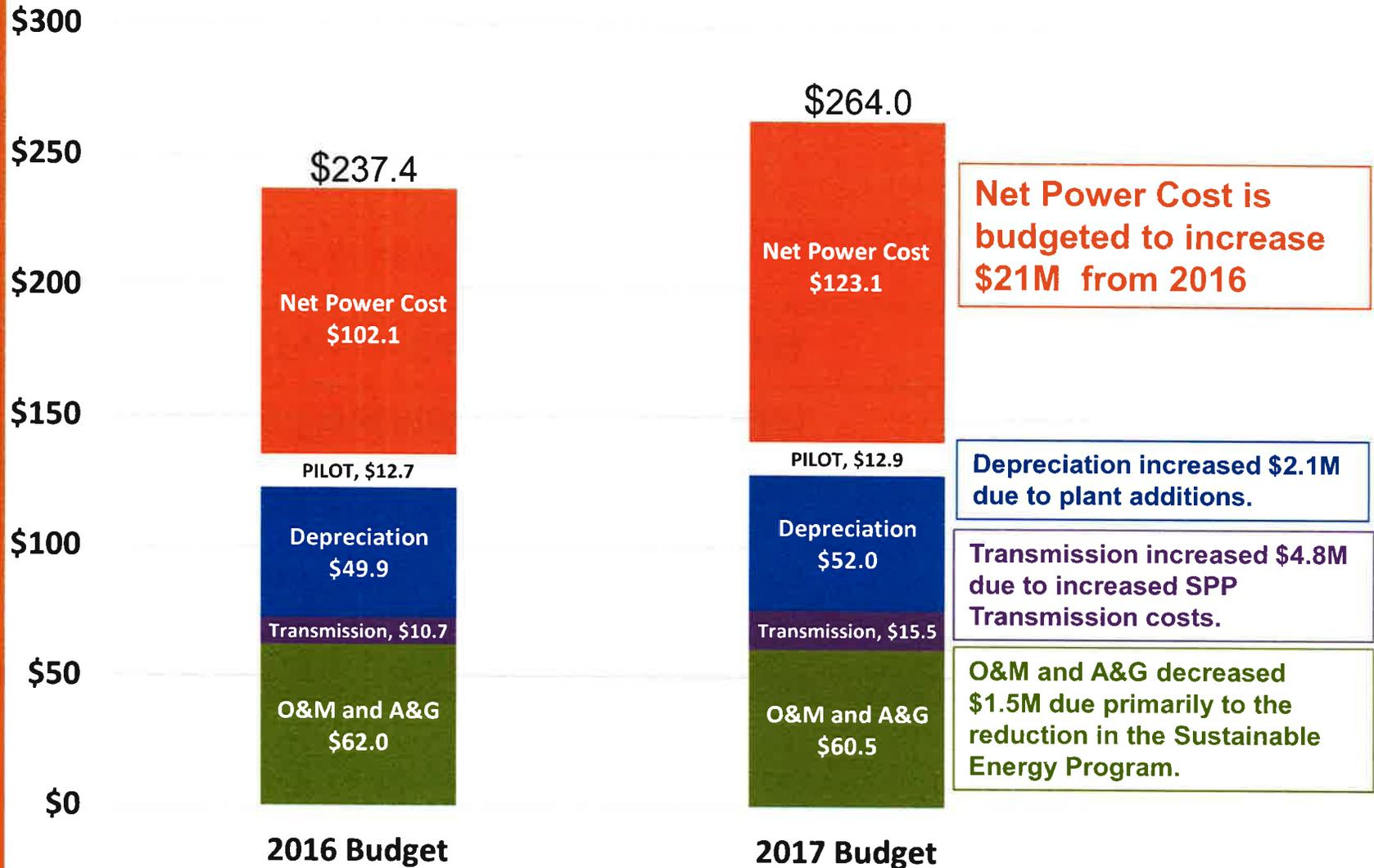


	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
 Transmission & Distribution	\$25,419	\$34,363
 Communications & Customer Services (Meters)	\$3,718	\$754
 Facilities	\$14,772	\$19,906
 Power Supply	\$24,602	\$29,774
 General & Transportation Equipment	\$4,466	\$3,610
 Indirect Overhead Costs*	\$7,035	\$-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,011</b>	<b>\$88,406</b>

\*2017 Budget includes indirect costs in each category.

# 2017 Budget – Operating Budget

## Net of Wholesale Revenues - \$ in Millions

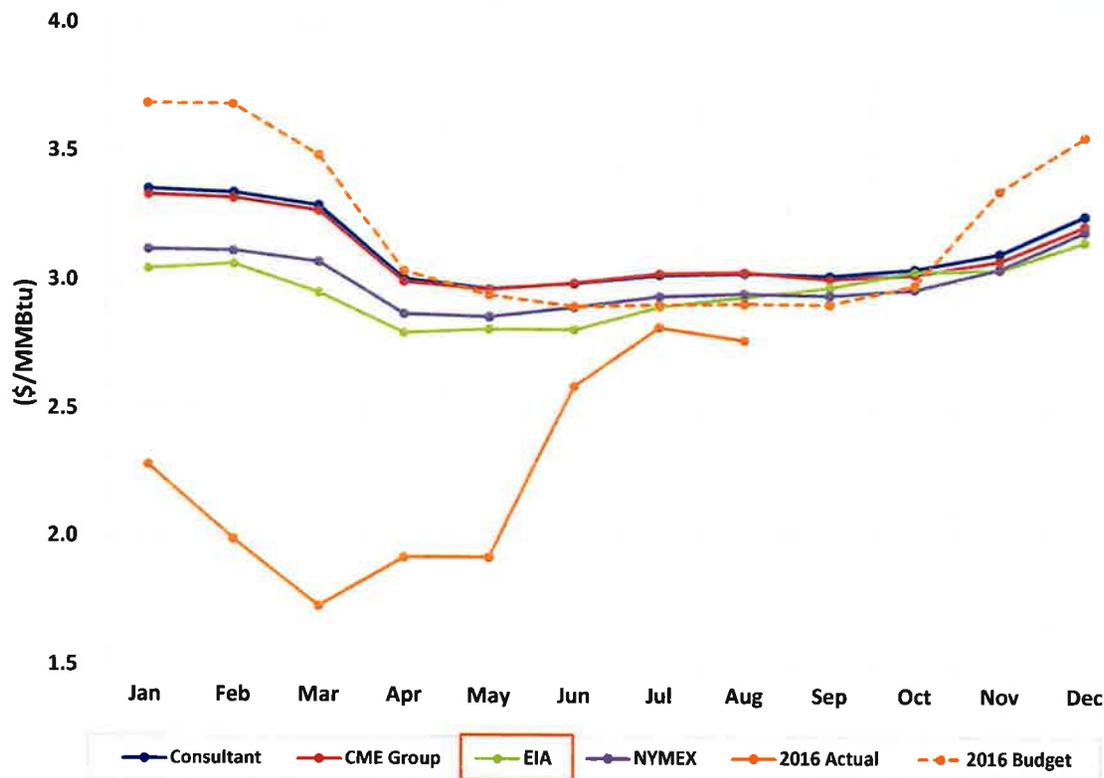


# 2017 Net Power Costs Budget

Budget Category	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Power Purchased	\$93.0M	\$87.6M
Power Produced	\$70.5M	\$75.3M
Wholesale Revenue	(\$61.4M)	(\$39.8M)
<b>Total Net Power Cost</b>	<b>\$102.1M</b>	<b>\$123.1M</b>

# 2017 Natural Gas Price Assumptions

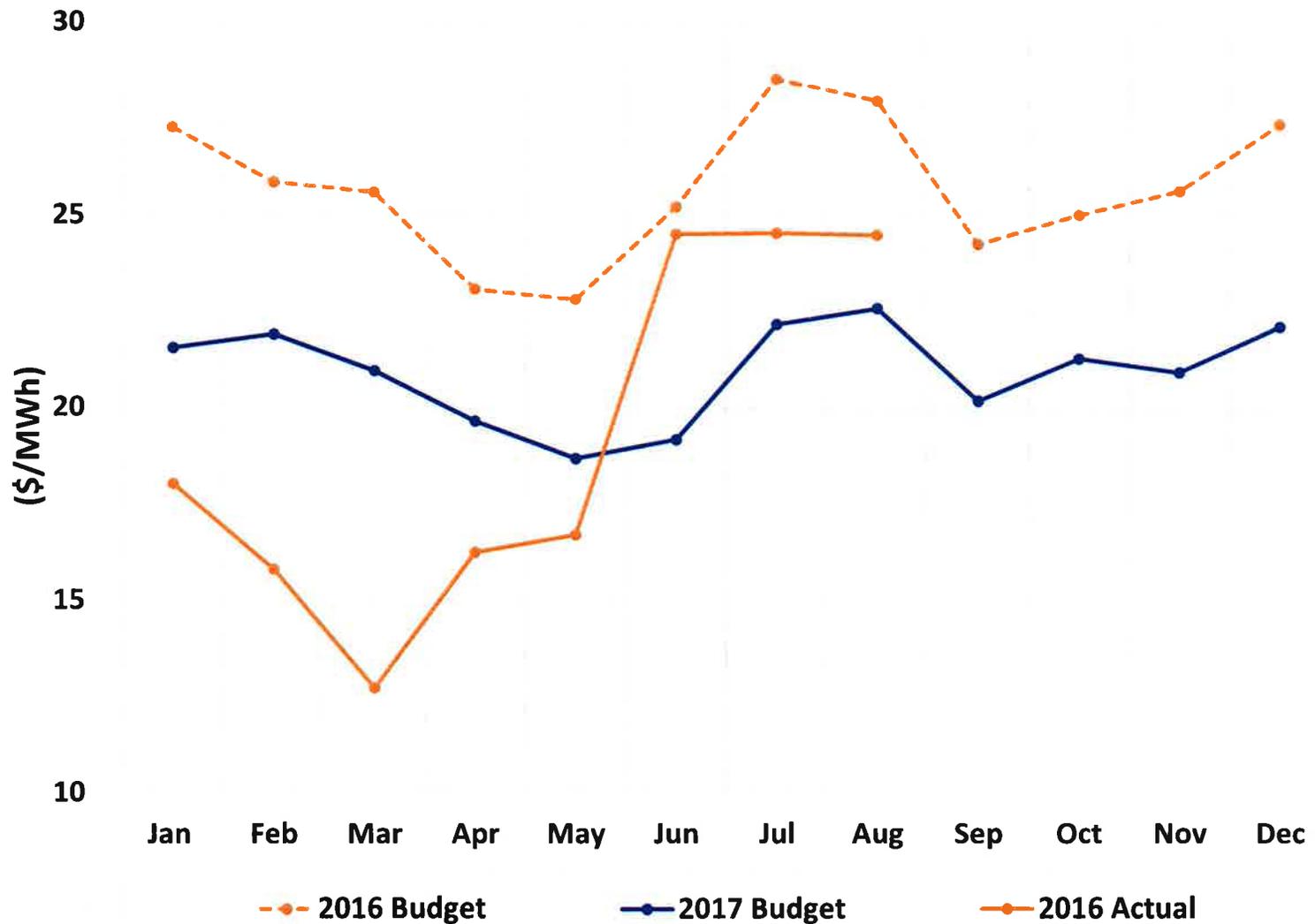
- Looked at 4 potential sources for Henry Hub pricing (June, 2016):
- Consultant
- CME Group
- New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)
- US Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Short Term Energy Outlook (STEO)



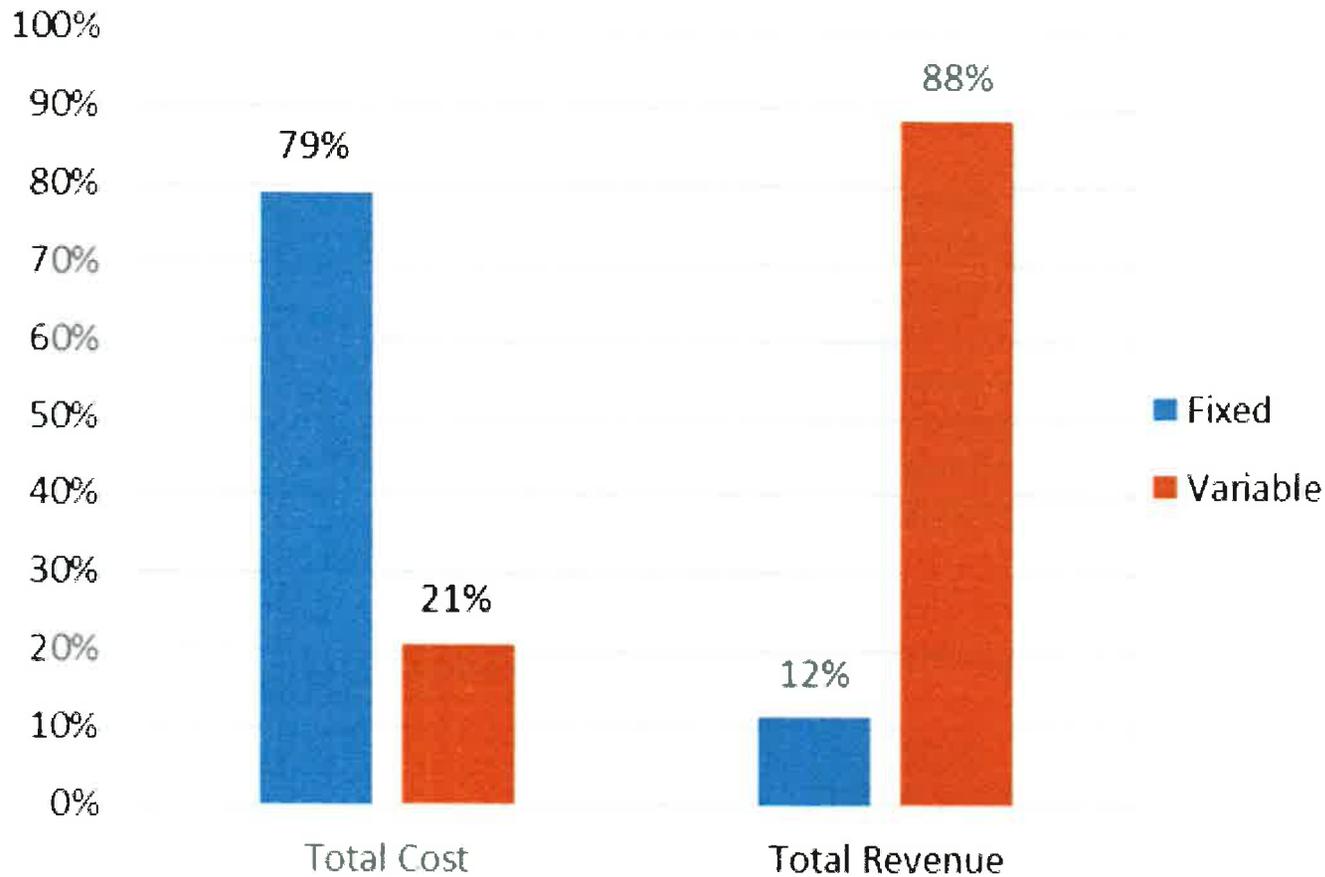
Selected EIA's forecast as it is largely most conservative, then reduced it by 15%.

Leveraging the "expert's" knowledge in developing a natural gas forecast, while at the same time acknowledging that recent forecasts from these same "experts" have routinely been too high.

# Lincoln Day-Ahead Locational Marginal Price (LMP) Comparison



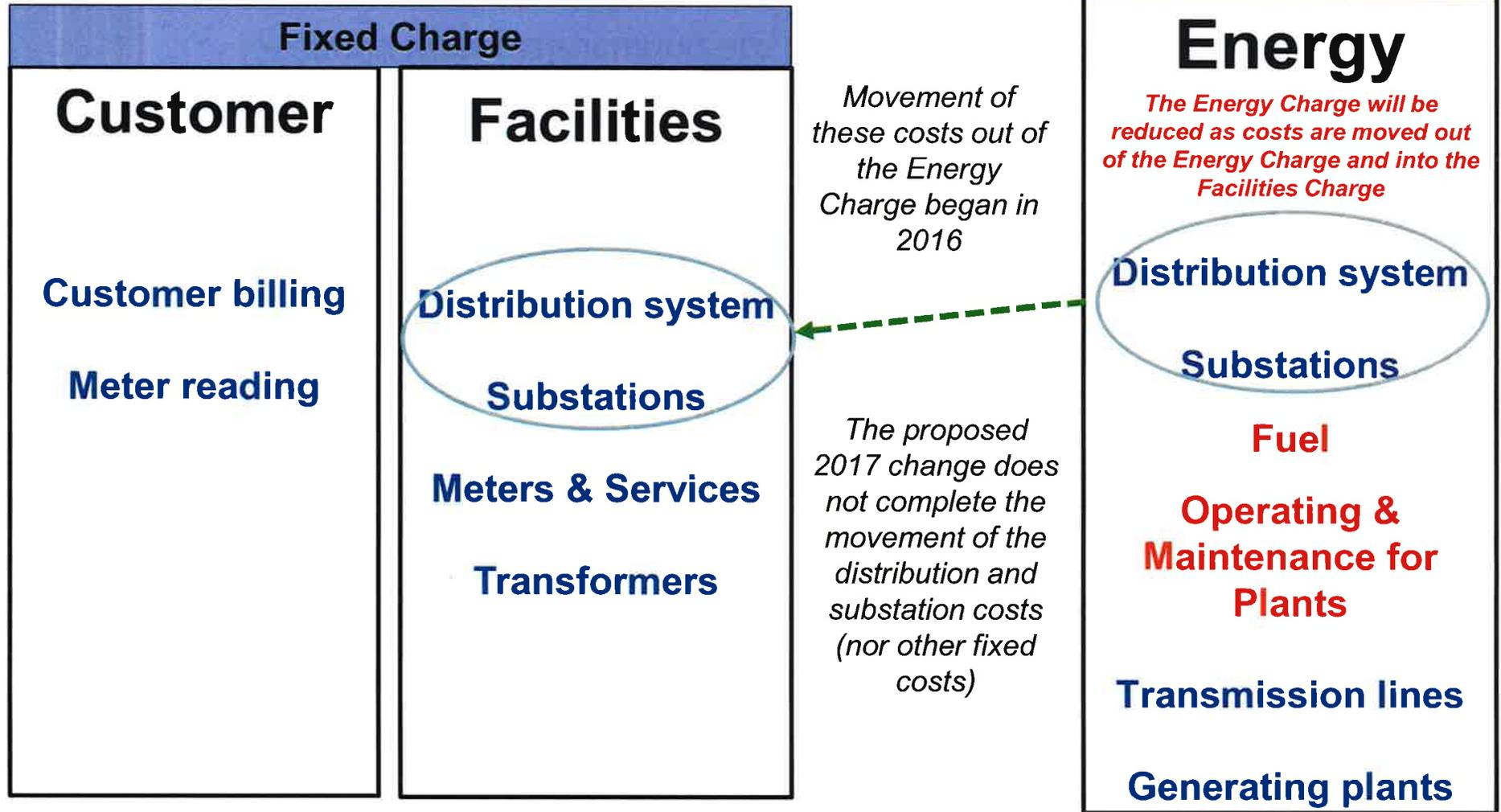
# Rate Restructuring: Why?



**For non-demand customers, about 80% of the costs to serve them are fixed, however, only 12% are collected through a fixed charge**

Changes from restructuring are revenue neutral to LES

# Rate Restructuring: How?



**Applies only to: Residential, Heating Service and General Service Rate Classes**

# Proposed Residential Customer and Facilities Charge

Levels are new in 2017

		2017 Proposed Facilities Charge	2017 Proposed Customer Charge	Total
Level 1	Less than 800 kWh/month	\$10.50	\$5.00	\$15.50
Level 2	Between 800 and 1,500 kWh/month	\$14.50	\$5.00	\$19.50
Level 3	Greater than 1,500 kWh/month	\$19.50	\$5.00	\$24.50

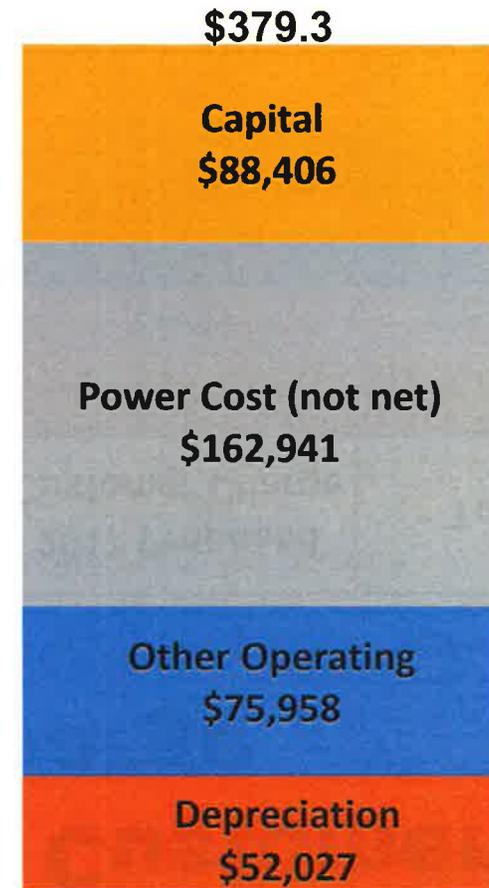
Note: The 2016 combined Customer and Facilities charge was \$13.40

**“Levels” are based upon an analysis of the cost to provide distribution and substation services to customers at different levels of usage**

# 2017 Budget Resolution

1. Adopt 2017 Operating and Capital Budget and direct submission to City Council
  - Operating - \$290.9 million (expenses only, wholesale revenue not included)
  - Capital - \$88.4 million
  - Total - \$379.3 million
2. Provide LES the ability to reimburse itself for 2017 capital expenditures through the future issuance of bonds
3. Approval for use of GASB 62 to amortize:
  - Portion of the 2016 extended outage costs at Rokeby Generating Station over 4 years – not to exceed \$6.0 million
4. Provide continued eminent domain authority

## Proposed 2017 Operating and Capital Budget (\$ in thousands)



# 2016 Rate Resolution

1. Adopt the “Rate Schedules” and direct submission to City Council
  - 3% System-wide average rate adjustment effective January 1, 2017
2. Elimination of Declining Winter Energy Rate
3. Continued modification of Customer and Energy Charges
  - Residential, Heating Service & General Service
  - Implementation of 3 Levels of Residential Facility charges
4. Energy Assistance Program funding
5. Virtual Net Metering rate schedule
6. Minor “housekeeping” changes

2017 Proposed Rate Adjustment and Resulting Cost of Service		
	Rate Increase	Cost of Service
<b>Residential</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>General Service</b>		
Small General Service	1.3%	102.4%
Heating Service	0.1%	104.5%
General Service - Demand	0.0%	106.0%
<b>Total General Service</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>104.6%</b>
<b>LLP and LPC</b>		
Large Light and Power (LLP)	3.6%	102.1%
Large Power Contract (LPC)	5.5%	99.2%
<b>Total LLP &amp; LPC</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>101.4%</b>
<b>Total Retail System</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Subsequent to implementation of the 2017 rate adjustment - LES projects its average Residential bill will remain the lowest in the region

# Customer Outreach

Channels used to communicate the Proposed 2016 Budget & Rates:

- LES.com
- LES statement stuffer
- LES Current newsletter
- Lincoln Journal Star
- Board & Customer Meetings
- News Releases
- Facebook
- Twitter

Opportunities for customers to provide feed back:

- LES.com
- Board email
- Direct mail and email
- Customer meetings
- Public meeting
- Customer contact center
- Key Account Representative
- Facebook
- Twitter

# 2017 Proposed Budget Upcoming Dates

Dates	Action Item
<del>September 1-September 30</del>	<del>LES Bill Stuffer announcing Budget Public Meeting</del>
<del>September 27</del>	<del>LIBA</del>
<del>TBD</del>	<del>Lincoln Employers Coalition, Chamber briefing, and Rent Assistance Group</del>
<del>September 25 &amp; October 2</del>	<del>Lincoln Journal Star Ad</del>
<del>October 4</del>	<del>Business Advisory Council budget &amp; rates update</del>
<del>October 6, 7:00pm</del>	<del>Public Meeting on proposed 2017 Budget &amp; Rates</del>
<del>October</del>	<del>Budget &amp; Rates Committee reviews public comments</del>
<del>October 21</del>	<del>Board Meeting - action on 2017 Budget and Rates</del>
<del>TBD</del>	<del>Individual meetings with City Council members</del>
November 7	City Council first reading on Budget & Rates
November 21	City Council public hearing on Budget & Rates
December 5	City Council takes action on Budget & Rates

# Thank you.

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VP and Chief Financial Officer  
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lkapustka@les.com



## LES proposes rate adjustment

After two years with no rate adjustment, LES is proposing an increase to retail electric rates. Residential customers will see an average rate adjustment of 3.5 percent, while the system average adjustment will be 3 percent. LES' rate philosophy is to equitably allocate costs to each class of customers with the goal of maintaining rates for each class within 5 percent of the cost to serve the customer class.

**THE AVERAGE MONTHLY LES RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER BILL IS \$94, COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF \$132.**

This means that while the system average rate adjustment is 3 percent, individual rate classes will see adjustments both above and below the average. Even with the proposed adjustment, LES electric rates are projected to

remain among the lowest in the country.

The rate adjustment is primarily due to increases in net power costs, which are related to decreased wholesale market revenues, driven by low natural gas prices. Power costs are typically the single largest driver of rates.

LES recently refinanced approximately \$120 million in revenue bonds which resulted in a net present value savings of approximately \$19 million. This refunding, combined with internal cost management measures, helped to significantly lower the rate adjustment.

LES also continues its restructuring of electric rates to properly allocate the fixed charges and variable energy charges associated with supplying power to customers.



	2014	2015	2016	Prop. 2017	4-yr Avg.
Residential	2.9%	0	0	3.5%	1.6%
General Service	1.2%	0	0	0.7%	0.5%
Large Light & Power	4.4%	0	0	4.0%	2.1%
System average	2.9%	0	0	3.0%	1.5%

As part of this process, LES is proposing to segment the residential rate class into three levels based on average monthly electric usage. This in turn provides a more equitable distribution of fixed costs between high- and low-use customers.

For more information about these changes, contact LES at **402.475.4211** or [finance@les.com](mailto:finance@les.com).

## Where your dollar goes



# LES proposes 2017 budget

LES is proposing a 2017 Total Budget of \$352 million. The Total Budget includes the operating (\$264 million) and capital (\$88 million) budgets.

## Budget highlights

- Net power costs are up \$21 million. LES' ability to impact these costs is limited.
- In 2017, LES forecasts reduced retail sales due primarily to customer energy efficiency efforts.
- LES will use the remaining \$2.9 million of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe settlement proceeds to offset expenses.
- Due to the bond refinancing in 2016, debt service and coverage will be reduced by \$17 million.
- Sustainable Energy Program funding will be at \$2 million for 2017.
- Other reductions in operating expenses helped reduce the overall rate adjustment.

Major Capital Programs/Projects	2017 Budget
Laramie River Station	\$22.5 M
LES Operations Center	\$19.9 M
Southeast Reliability Project	\$11.2 M
Duct Installation Project	\$4.2 M
Underground Rebuilds	\$4.1 M
All other projects <\$3.0 M each	\$26.5 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88.4 M</b>

**Budget & Rates Public Meeting**

LES will host the 2017 Budget & Rates Public Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., at the LES Walter A. Canney Service Center, 2620 Fairfield Street.



**Finding ways to save energy?**  
Visit LES.com for ways to conserve energy and save money.

## LES by the numbers

<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">28</p> <p>LES' average customer outage time in 2016 was 28 minutes, compared to the national average of 120 minutes.</p> 	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">13</p> <p>LES' overall rates are 13th lowest in the U.S., according to a recent rate study of 100 cities.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">48</p> <p>Electricity from renewable resources equivalent to 48% of retail energy.</p> 	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">94</p> <p>The average monthly LES residential customer bill is \$94, compared to the national residential bill average of \$132.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">80</p> <p>Over 50 years, a total of 80 community members have volunteered about 85 hours per year to serve on the LES Administrative Board.</p>
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## Lincoln Electric System Regional Utility Bill Comparison

The following tables reflect the average monthly bill by rate class for cities in the region. The average bills are calculated (at the demand and energy levels identified) by LES using 2016 electric rates as shown on the utility's website for the respective city. Announced or proposed rate adjustments for 2017 are included where appropriate.

Residential (Monthly Average)			
Electric Bills using January 1, 2016 Rates, applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend		Electric Bills using 2016 Rates adjusted for changes since January 1, 2016, including proposed 2017 rate changes, and applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend	
City	Residential 1,000 kWh	City	Residential 1,000 kWh
Lincoln	\$94	Lincoln	\$96
Denver	\$103	Denton, NE	\$104
Denton, NE	\$104	Denver	\$106
Des Moines	\$113	Des Moines	\$114
Colorado Springs	\$116	Omaha	\$116
Omaha	\$117	Colorado Springs	\$117
Kansas City, KS	\$125	Kansas City, KS	\$122
Kearney, NE	\$130	Kearney, NE	\$130
Kansas City, MO	\$131	Kansas City, MO	\$136
Minneapolis	\$134	Wichita	\$137
Wichita	\$135	Minneapolis	\$141

Large Light & Power Commercial (Monthly Average)			
Electric Bills using January 1, 2016 Rates, applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend		Electric Bills using 2016 Rates adjusted for changes since January 1, 2016, including proposed 2017 rate changes, and applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend	
City	500 kW 180,000 kWh	City	500 kW 180,000 kWh
Des Moines	\$11,692	Des Moines	\$11,876
Omaha	\$14,036	Omaha	\$14,036
Denton, NE	\$14,127	Denton, NE	\$14,127
Denver	\$14,890	Lincoln	\$15,695
Lincoln	\$15,184	Colorado Springs	\$16,192
Colorado Springs	\$16,324	Denver	\$16,448
Kearney, NE	\$16,579	Kearney, NE	\$16,579
Minneapolis	\$17,632	Wichita	\$17,470
Wichita	\$17,833	Minneapolis	\$18,620
Kansas City, MO	\$19,129	Kansas City, KS	\$19,021
Kansas City, KS	\$19,643	Kansas City, MO	\$21,309

Small Commercial (Monthly Average)			
Electric Bills using January 1, 2016 Rates, applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend		Electric Bills using 2016 Rates adjusted for changes since January 1, 2016, including proposed 2017 rate changes, and applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend	
City	40 kW 10,000 kWh	City	40 kW 10,000 kWh
Lincoln	\$773	Lincoln	\$774
Colorado Springs	\$837	Omaha	\$841
Omaha	\$870	Colorado Springs	\$846
Des Moines	\$909	Denton, NE	\$914
Denton, NE	\$914	Des Moines	\$919
Denver	\$1,079	Kearney, NE	\$1,132
Kearney, NE	\$1,132	Wichita	\$1,183
Minneapolis	\$1,200	Kansas City, KS	\$1,209
Wichita	\$1,238	Denver	\$1,211
Kansas City, KS	\$1,243	Minneapolis	\$1,255
Kansas City, MO	\$1,275	Kansas City, MO	\$1,396

Large Light & Power Industrial (Monthly Average)			
Electric Bills using January 1, 2016 Rates, applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend		Electric Bills using 2016 Rates adjusted for changes since January 1, 2016, including proposed 2017 rate changes, and applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend	
City	1,000 kW 650,000 kWh	City	1,000 kW 650,000 kWh
Des Moines	\$35,609	Des Moines	\$36,117
Lincoln	\$36,622	Colorado Springs	\$36,117
Colorado Springs	\$37,207	Denver	\$37,271
Denton, NE	\$38,065	Lincoln	\$37,794
Omaha	\$39,389	Denton, NE	\$38,065
Denver	\$41,905	Omaha	\$39,389
Kearney, NE	\$45,849	Wichita	\$45,545
Wichita	\$46,848	Kearney, NE	\$45,849
Kansas City, MO	\$49,310	Kansas City, KS	\$51,538
Minneapolis	\$51,069	Kansas City, MO	\$57,183
Kansas City, KS	\$53,786	Minneapolis	\$57,289

General Service Demand Commercial (Monthly Average)			
Electric Bills using January 1, 2016 Rates, applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend		Electric Bills using 2016 Rates adjusted for changes since January 1, 2016, including proposed 2017 rate changes, and applicable Franchise Fees and LES' City Dividend	
City	75 kW 50,000 kWh	City	75 kW 50,000 kWh
Lincoln	\$2,667	Lincoln	\$2,661
Denton, NE	\$2,897	Denton, NE	\$2,897
Denver	\$3,055	Omaha	\$3,117
Omaha	\$3,117	Denver	\$3,221
Des Moines	\$3,312	Des Moines	\$3,317
Colorado Springs	\$3,355	Colorado Springs	\$3,360
Kearney, NE	\$3,696	Kearney, NE	\$3,696
Minneapolis	\$3,874	Kansas City, KS	\$4,051
Kansas City, MO	\$4,090	Minneapolis	\$4,087
Kansas City, KS	\$4,224	Kansas City, MO	\$4,695
Wichita	\$5,237	Wichita	\$4,961

See reverse for additional information.



## Lincoln Electric System Regional Utility Rate Comparison

- The first column lists bills using 2016 Rates. Bills in the second column use January 2016 rates with adjustments since January and proposed 2017 adjustments as available for the following cities:

- Colorado Springs (CSU) Electric Cost Adjustment
- Denver (Xcel) Electric Commodity, Transmission Cost, Demand Side Management Cost Adjustments, Clean Air-Clean Jobs Act Rider
- Des Moines (MEC) Transmission, Energy, Energy Efficiency Cost, and scheduled 2017 Equalization Adjustment
- Kansas City, KS Energy Rate Component Adjustment
- Kansas City, MO added a Demand Side Management Rider and Fuel Adjustment Rider
- Lincoln (LES) City Dividend and 3% system average rate increase
- Minneapolis (Xcel) Transmission and Fuel Adjustments
- Omaha (OPPD) Energy Charge and Service Charge Adjustments
- Wichita (Westar) Fuel Cost and Transmission Delivery Adjustments

- Seasonal rates are factored into the bills.

- Lincoln bills use an average determined from four summer bills and eight winter bills. Other utilities may have different monthly weights for their bills.

- The following utilities include franchise fees:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| - Denver (Xcel)    | - Kansas City, MO (KCP&L) | - Minneapolis (Xcel) |
| - Des Moines (MEC) | - Keamey (NPPD)           | - Wichita (Westar)   |

The first column lists bills using 2016 rates (LES' 1/1/2016 City Dividend). Bills in the second column use 2017 rates (LES' 1/1/2017 City Dividend). Keamey (NPPD), Des Moines (MEC), Denver (Xcel), Kansas City, MO (KCP&L), Wichita (Westar) and Minneapolis (Xcel) bills include franchise fees.

Seasonal rates are factored into the bills using the same energy and demand for each month. Lincoln bills average four summer bills and eight winter bills.

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA**  
**ADDENDUM**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Separation of grass and leaves continues until December 1.
2. NEWS RELEASE. LES to start vegetation maintenance tomorrow at Wilderness Park.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Aging Partners event schedule October 31<sup>st</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 4, 2016.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Aging Partners invites public to special holiday meals.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present September Award of Excellence to a team of School Resource Officers.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor encourages support for half-marathon, November 6<sup>th</sup>.
8. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran celebrates new routes during First Friday Art Walk.

**III. DIRECTORS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Action by the Planning Commission, Friday, October 28, 2016.

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING**

1. ADVISORY. Storm drainage improvements on Leighton Avenue from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to 61<sup>st</sup> Street. City Project No. 701578G.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**V. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP**

1. InterLinc correspondence from John Tidball with questions on the altered Zoo expansion plans.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**  
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7043

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 27, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043

**SEPARATION OF GRASS AND LEAVES CONTINUES UNTIL DEC. 1**

City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon reminds Lincoln residents that they must continue to separate their grass and leaves from their household trash until December 1.

The Nebraska Integrated Solid Waste Management Act requires that grass and leaves be separated from household trash from April 1 through November 30 of each year. During these months, grass and leaves are diverted to the City's compost facility, and local waste haulers charge a separate fee for the yard waste collection.

Residents can place their grass and leaves with their household trash from December 1 through March 31. However, additional fees may be charged for regular waste collection based on the volume and weight of the leaves and grass collected.

More information on the City's recycling program is available at [recycle.lincoln.ne.gov](http://recycle.lincoln.ne.gov).

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 27, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Sara S. Hartzell, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8261

**LES TO START VEGETATION MAINTENANCE**  
**TOMORROW AT WILDERNESS PARK**

Beginning Friday, October 28, the Lincoln Electric System (LES) will conduct vegetation maintenance under the transmission line running through Wilderness Park. The line runs from about S. First Street and Old Cheney Road northeast to near the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Trails will remain open, but park visitors should be aware of LES crews working in the area.

Crews will be removing trees and brush underneath the lines to protect the line and ensure access for maintenance and repairs. Crews will be chipping branches on site and spreading the wood chips over the ground. The work is expected to be completed in one week.

For more information, contact Sara Hartzell, Parks and Recreation, at 402-441-8261 or [shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov). More information on Parks and Recreation facilities and programs is available at [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov). More information on LES is available at [les.com](http://les.com)

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Aging Partners, 1005 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 28, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

**AGING PARTNERS EVENT SCHEDULE**  
**OCT. 31 THROUGH NOV. 6**

Aging Partners invites senior citizens and the general public to attend a variety of senior-focused activities and classes in Lincoln and Lancaster County from October 31 through November 6:

Monday, October 31

- Contemporary Yoga, Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd. – 9 a.m.
- Tai Chi (Continuing 24 Form), Cotner Center Condominium – 10:30 a.m.
- Stepping On fall prevention class, Savannah Pines, 3900 Pine Lake Road – 2 p.m.
- Halloween Spook-a-pollooza, Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave. – 9:30 a.m.
- Halloween party, Lake Street Senior Center, 2400 S. 11th St. – 10 a.m.
- Halloween party, Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St. – 11 a.m.
- Halloween party, Firth Senior Center, 311 Nemaha St. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1

- Stepping On fall prevention class, Madonna ProActive, 7111 Stephanie Lane – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Lake Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Belmont Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- BINGO, Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St. (located in American Legion Hall) – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2

- Blood pressure screenings by Homestead Rehabilitation Center nurses, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Vermeer House Senior Health Promotion Center UNMC Health Clinic, 4000 S. 84th St. – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Blood pressure screenings by Bryan College nursing students, Lake Street Senior Center – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- BINGO, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Downtown Senior Center, 1005 "O" St. – 10:30 a.m.
- BINGO, JoAnn Maxey Center, 2032 "U" St. – 11:30 a.m.

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**Aging Partners Events**

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Thursday, November 3

- “Moving with Music” entry level dance class, Downtown Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Downtown Senior Health Promotion Center Health Clinic, 1005 “O” St. – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- “Surfing the Internet” introductory class, Northeast Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 4

- Traditional Tai Chi (24 Form), Auld Recreation Center, 1650 Memorial Drive – 9 a.m.
- Stepping On fall prevention class, Eastmont Towers, 6315 “O” St. – 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 6

- UNL Pepsi Scholars Annual Senior Prom, UNL East Campus Student Union (Great Plains Room), 1705 Arbor Drive – 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: My Center News).

Date: October 28, 2016

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

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of October 29 through November 4, 2016**  
*(Schedule subject to change)*

Saturday, October 29

- NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, remarks – 5:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 141 N. 9th Street

Monday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 2

- Environmental Leadership Awards, remarks – 7:30 a.m., Nebraska Innovation Campus, 2021 Transformation Drive

Thursday, November 3

- Lincoln Community Foundation Conference of Philanthropic Preparedness, Resiliency and Emergency Partnership, – 8 a.m., Courtyard Marriott, 808 "R" Street

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Aging Partners, 1005 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 31, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

**AGING PARTNERS INVITES PUBLIC TO SPECIAL HOLIDAY MEALS**

Aging Partners invites senior citizens and the public to holiday meals November 14 through 18 in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Dates and locations are as follows:

- **Monday, November 14 – Firth Senior Center**, (in Firth Community Center), 311 Nemaha St., Firth, call 402-416-7693 for reservations
- **Tuesday, November 15 – Belmont Senior Center**, (in Belmont Recreation Center), 1234 Judson Street, call 402-441-7990 for reservations  
**Bennet Senior Center**, (in American Legion Hall), 970 Monroe St., Bennet, call 402-416-7693 for reservations  
**Northeast Senior Center**, 6310 Platte Ave., call 402-441-7151 for reservations
- **Wednesday, November 16 – Asian Senior Center** (in Asian Community and Cultural Center), 144 N. 44th St., 402-477-3446  
**Hickman Senior Center** (in Hickman Presbyterian Church), 300 E. Third St., Hickman, call 402-792-2006 for reservations
- **Thursday, November 17 – Bennet Senior Center**, call 402-782-6780 for reservations  
**Downtown Senior Center**, 1005 "O" St., call 402-441-7154 for reservations  
**Lake Street Center** (in Saint James United Methodist Church), 2400 S. 11th St., call 402-441-7157 for reservations
- **Friday, November 18 – Waverly Senior Center** (in First United Methodist Church), 14410 Folkestone St., Waverly, call 402-416-7693 for reservations  
**JoAnn Maxey Center** (in Malone Community Center), 2031 "U" St., call 402-441-7849 for reservations

Meals will be served at 11:30 a.m. except for Bennet, where meals will be served at noon. The suggested contribution is \$6 for those age 60 and over, and there is a \$9 fee for those under age 60. The menu includes a turkey slice, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with almonds, cranberry salad, roll and pumpkin pie with whipped topping. Reservations are required by calling the senior center by noon at least two days in advance. Note that two meals are served in Bennet, with two different numbers to call for reservations. More information on Aging Partners is available at [aging.lincoln.ne.gov](http://aging.lincoln.ne.gov).

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 31, 2016

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

**MAYOR TO PRESENT SEPTEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor's Award of Excellence for September to a team of School Resource Officers (SROs) – Police Officers Joseph Fisher, Nate Hill, Shane Jensen, Alan Pickering, Megan Schreiner and Thomas Stumbo. The award will be presented at 3 p.m. at the beginning of the City Council meeting at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Lincoln Police Department (LPD) Captain Genelle Moore nominated them in the categories of customer relations and productivity for their work on a two-day Youth Police Academy. The SROs Police Academy clubs were established in all six public high schools in 2013. The clubs introduce interested students to various aspects of the law enforcement profession. The students participate in group explorations, discussions and hands-on activities.

In January, the SROs decided to expand the program by offering a two-day Youth Police Academy at Southeast Community College in May. The team recruited 35 participants, ages 14 through 18. The Lincoln Police Union, Chick-Fil-A, Super Target and two retired police officers donated services or provided financial support.

The program included a welcome from Police Chief Jeff Bliemeister; presentations of LPD's organizational structure, how to become a police officer and TASER techniques; as well as K-9 demonstrations. The students also participated in practical exercises in meth lab attire, evidence handling, crime scene evidence recovery, emergency vehicle operation, radar device operating and motor vehicle traffic stops, and learned about the interview and interrogation of suspects and victims. The students also participated in real-life scenarios involving crimes in progress, building searches and handcuffing techniques.

Students' evaluations completed at the end of the Academy were very positive. Captain Moore wrote, "In review, the SROs' two-day efforts fulfilled each of the established program goals, as well as relating positively to a segment of Lincoln's youthful population."

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are safety, valor and loss prevention. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description.

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**Mayor's Award of Excellence**

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All City employees are eligible for the award 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](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered 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 \$50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 31, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jon Taylor, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547  
Ben Cohoon, Pink Gorilla Events, 402-770-1170

**MAYOR ENCOURAGES SUPPORT FOR HALF-MARATHON**

*Some roads will be closed along scenic race route*

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged residents to line the race route to support the Good Life Halfsy half-marathon Sunday, November 6. About 6,000 runners will participate in the race, which begins at 8:30 a.m. at Seacrest Field and ends at the Railyard. Six special “cheer stations” will be located at Neighbors Park, Union Plaza, Innovation Campus, Haymarket Park and the Railyard. The route and more information are available at [goodlifehalfsy.com](http://goodlifehalfsy.com).

“As one of the biggest fall half marathons in the Midwest, the Good Life Halfsy is a high-profile event that promotes exercise, a healthy lifestyle and our community,” Beutler said. “The race will take runners through some of Lincoln’s most scenic spots, including Holmes Lake, the Sunken Gardens, the Capitol and Pinnacle Bank Arena Plaza.” This is the third year for the event organized by Pink Gorilla Events, which also created the Market to Market Relay.

Police will control intersections along the race route, and the public is advised to plan ahead for traffic delays. The Antelope Valley trail will be closed from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Randolph to Court streets. Southbound 70th Street will be closed from 8 to 11 a.m. from “O” Street to Pioneers Boulevard. Southbound 56th, 48th and 40th streets will be closed at Normal Boulevard from approximately 9 a.m. to noon. Therefore, north and southbound drivers are encouraged to use 84th and 27th streets, and eastbound and westbound drivers are encouraged to use “O” Street and Pioneers Blvd. to bypass the race course. Additional street closures are as follows:

- 70th Street from Wedgewood to Pioneers Blvd. will be closed from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m.
- All lanes of Normal Blvd. from 70th to 56th streets will be closed from 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- One westbound lane of Normal Blvd. and Capital Parkway will be closed from 56th to Randolph streets from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Transformation Drive, N. 19th and Court streets in Innovation Campus will be closed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Some streets in the North Bottoms will be partially closed, and parked vehicles may be towed. Parking will not be allowed on New Hampshire Street from 14th to 6th streets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- All lanes of Canopy Street from “R” to “O” streets will be closed from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Arena festival lot and Haymarket Park lot will be available for parking, but some streets in this area will be closed from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**  
StarTran, 710 “J” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7185

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 31, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Mike Davis, StarTran, 402-441-7185

**STARTRAN CELEBRATES NEW ROUTES**  
**DURING FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK**

To celebrate its new routes, StarTran is offering free bus rides and prize drawings November 4 in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk. From 6 to 8 p.m., the Star Shuttle will provide art lovers with a warm and quick way to visit all of their favorite galleries. Stops along the route are 11th and “Q,” 8th and “P,” 11th and “L,” 13th and Lincoln Mall, 14th and Lincoln Mall, and 14th and “O.” A map can be found at [startran.lincoln.ne.gov](http://startran.lincoln.ne.gov).

KFRX radio will broadcast live from Tower Square and from buses. At Tower Square, the public can visit the KFRX tent to pick up StarTran giveaways as well as information on the updated routes. The Coffee House will also provide free coffee and cookies.

Those who ride the bus on First Friday can enter the prize drawing for gift cards to Cultiva, SouthPointe, Barry’s and the Coffee House; biking gear from CycleWorks; Adidas lanyards; leather-bound Husker journals; a Husker basketball signed by Coach Tim Miles; and Husker baseballs signed by Coach Darin Erstad. Winners will be announced next week. The public can find more updates on Instagram at [lincoln.bus.system](http://lincoln.bus.system) and on Facebook at StarTran.

The new bus routes that take effect November 1 were developed as part of the Transit Development Plan. In addition to the First Friday event, the new routes are being celebrated with free fares for all riders throughout November. For more information, visit [startran.lincoln.ne.gov](http://startran.lincoln.ne.gov) or call 402-476-1234.

## **\*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Friday, October 28, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County 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**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016**

**[Commissioners Lust and Scheer absent; Commissioner Harris left the hearing at 1:10 p.m.]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 2016. **\*\*APPROVED: 6-0; (Lust and Scheer absent)\*\***

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

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:**

- Page 01
- 1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16009, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, an amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, to add a project for street and streetscape.  
**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**  
**Staff Planner: Kellee Van Bruggen, 402-441-6363, [kvanbruggen@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:kvanbruggen@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONFORMS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; 6-0 (Lust and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**

**ANNEXATIONS AND RELATED CHANGES OF ZONE:**

- Page 09 1.2a Annexation No. 16011, to annex approximately 22 acres, more or less, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Rokeby Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 6-0 (Lust and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**
- Page 10 1.2b Change of Zone No. 16032, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Residential District) for approximately 22 acres, more or less, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Rokeby Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 6-0 (Lust and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**
- Page 19 1.3a Annexation No.16012, to expand the Village Gardens Planned Unit Development by approximately 15 acres, more or less, on property generally located at the northwest corner of 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 6-0 (Commissioner Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Lust and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**
- Page 19 1.3b Change of Zone No. 04075G, Village Gardens Planned Unit Development (PUD), for a change from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Residential District) PUD, and from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Commercial District) PUD, on property generally located northwest of the intersection of 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road; for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning Ordinance, Land Subdivision Ordinance and Design Standards to provide approximately 12.5 acres for a place of religious assembly, and approximately 2.5 acres for neighborhood commercial uses.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL as set forth in the staff report dated October 12, 2016; 6-0 (Commissioner Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Lust and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**

**CHANGE OF ZONE:**

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- 1.4 Change of Zone No. 16027, to remove the Landmark Designation from that portion of the medical campus of Bryan Medical Center that formerly housed the Sophy Teeter's Nurses Home, on property generally located at 1650 Lake Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, [ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 6-0 (Lust and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**

**2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:**

- 2.1 Change of Zone No. 16023, from AG (Agricultural District) to H-3 (Highway Commercial District) on approximately 2.62 acres, more or less, on property generally located at 6625 NW 48th Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, [tcakla@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcakla@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**The applicant's request for an additional 2-week deferral was granted, with PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016.**
- 2.2 Special Permit 16009, for construction of a carport, on property generally located at 1801 Kings Highway **\*\*FINAL ACTION\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, [rjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjones@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission voted 6-0 (Lust and Scheer absent) to grant the applicant's request to place this item on indefinite pending until such time that the applicant is ready to move forward.**

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

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

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND RELATED ITEMS:**

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- 4.1a Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16005, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, a request to declare a City-owned parking lot as surplus property for the zoo expansion, on property generally located at approximately 2847 A Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONFORMS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; 5-0 (Commissioners Scheer and Harris declared a conflict of interest; Lust, Harris and Scheer absent).**  
**Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**
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- 4.1b Text Amendment No. 16010, amending Chapter 27.63 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Special Permits by amending Section 27.63.170 to provide that a parking lot for a zoo may be allowed by Special Permit in the R-1 through R-8 zoning districts and in the O-2 zoning district if the parking lot is located within 360 feet from property occupied by a zoo and the parking lot is primarily used in connection with said zoo, and repealing Section 27.63.170 as hitherto existing.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 5-0 (Commissioners Harris and Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Lust, Harris and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**
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- 4.1c Change of Zone No. 16028, from B-3 (Commercial District) to R-6 (Residential District), on property generally located at 2847 A Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 5-0 (Commissioners Harris and Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Lust, Harris and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**

- Page 97 4.1d Special Permit No. 16047, to construct an additional parking lot with associated waivers to setbacks and storm water detention, on property generally located at 2847 A Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL as set forth in the staff report dated October 13, 2016; 5-0 (Commissioners Harris and Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Lust, Harris and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**
- Page 113 4.1e Street and Alley Vacation No. 16005, to vacate a portion of South 29<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way, a portion of the east-west alley located in Block 2, Zehrunge and Ames Addition, and a portion of Washington Street right-of-way, all generally located at 2847 A Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONFORMS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; 5-0 (Commissioners Scheer and Harris declared a conflict of interest; Lust, Harris and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**
- Page 121 4.1f Change of Zone No. 16022, to designate the Ager Building on Antelope Park Triangle east of the intersection of B Street and South 27th Street and associated premises west of the building as a local landmark under Section 27.57 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, on property generally located at 1300 South 27th Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval of Landmark Designation**  
**Staff Planner: Stacey Hageman, 402-441-6361, [slhageman@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:slhageman@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION; 5-0 (Commissioners Scheer and Harris declared a conflict of interest; Lust, Harris and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2016, 5:30 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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**Adjournment 2:15 p.m.**



# PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT ADVISORY

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October 28, 2016

## **Storm Drainage Improvements on Leighton Ave. from 60<sup>th</sup> St. to 61<sup>st</sup> St. City Project No. 701578G**

Construction is expected to begin Tuesday November 1st on Leighton Ave. from 60<sup>th</sup> to 61<sup>st</sup> St. for storm sewer improvements. The work will require complete closure of Leighton Ave. from 60<sup>th</sup> St. to 61<sup>st</sup> St.

The storm sewer project involves reconstructing and upsizing of the storm sewer pipe that runs along Leighton Ave. as well as the storm sewer pipe running along N. 60<sup>th</sup> St. The work also involves the addition of multiple storm sewer inlets that will be installed on Leighton Ave. and N. 60<sup>th</sup> St. The project is being done in order to increase drainage capacity within the area. The contractor will require the entire street to be closed due to the location of the storm sewer pipe and the need to stage equipment and materials. All work is expected to be completed by November 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

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## Mary M. Meyer

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### Council Office - Feedback

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**Comments** I'm confused with the altered Zoo expansion plans. Will the current Park's Dept offices need to be moved from a "paid for" building to a RENTAL space in the Health Dept building with renovation cost of over a million dollars. Doesn't seem fiscally responsible. Will the revised plan remove the trees in the park at 27th and A? The original published map didn't indicate that but the twice revised plan might remove the trees. Wasn't this land given to Lincoln over 100 years ago for park, green space? What happened to the pedestrian bridge from the parking area south of A Street to the Zoo area? Was this parking lot sold to eliminate the possibility of using that option?

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**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016**

**Present:** Leirion Gaylor Baird, Chair; Roy Christensen, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Cyndi Lamm; Carl Eskridge; and Trent Fellers

**Others Present:** Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney; and Mary Meyer, City Council Secretary

Chair Gaylor Baird opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of Directors' Meeting of October 17, 2016.

With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

Gaylor Baird commented have a discussion on Meyer's retirement.

**III. CITY CLERK**

Meier, in review of the formal agenda, stated under Public Hearing-Liquor Resolutions, Item 20 has changed their DBA from The Keg to Gray's Saloon. Will be listed in the action sheet. On Item 20 the applicant requested public hearing and action delayed one week, as he is unable to attend today. Under Public Hearing-Resolutions, Item 23 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1. Council received in their packet.

Meier stated on page 4 will call Items 28 through 30 together. Ordinance-3<sup>rd</sup> Reading, Item 31 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1. Item 38 has a Motion to Amend to accept a substitute agreement and distributed to Council.

**IV. MAYOR' CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran to offer free Boo at the Zoo shuttle service.

2. NEWS RELEASE. Health and Safety Warning - Those with new roofs urged to check venting.

**Rick Hoppe - Chief of Staff**

Hoppe reminded Council of the County Board meeting, November 3 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss joint issues, follow up, with a briefing. The meeting is 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Luxford Studio with three topics.

The first topic is transportation issues, including the South and East Beltways. The County would like to discuss the RUTTS Standard, the transition of rural roads to City roads. And they are very interested in having a turn lane on Havelock Avenue out of the Lancaster County Event Center grounds.

There will be a presentation from Pam Dingman, County Engineer, and Public Works will speak on issues so the Board has knowledge before further discussions. The second topic will be the Visitors Promotion Committee and improvements of Pinewood Bowl. Probably heard about the various needs to make the facility better for talent, and improving some infrastructure associated with events. As the facility has continued to grow and attract people changes are needed.

Hoppe stated there will be a brief discussion on a joint payroll system for the City and County. With information you would want to hear.

Wanted to welcome everyone to the meeting. If you can't I can brief all, or set up an individual briefing.

Fellers asked for the date with the reply of Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The bulk of the time will be spent on transportation issues.

**Jeff Kirkpatrick - City Attorney**

Hoppe stated Kirkpatrick would like to discuss the claims process. Briefly discuss how to make this process fairly consistent, and following the same process, or a similar understanding of doing.

Kirkpatrick noted the main item, the problem we run into with claims is we never know when someone will come to a meeting or not to discuss their claim. Generally no one shows Council doesn't have questions. Fairly rare for Council to have questions and fairly rare that people come.

Kirkpatrick commented generally we don't know. Familiar with the file and can give legal reasons for our recommendation to accept or deny. Quite often Council has questions beyond legal reasons. It would be helpful for a department member who is affected to answer questions. I could let departments know each time they have something. But 99.5% of time no one shows and their time is essentially wasted. No perfect solution. One step we'll try is with the letter sent to each claimant, sent when they're on the resolution telling them it will be before Council. We would add a line asking them to let us know if they will show. Not required to let us know, but we're making the request hoping people will respond. If we know they'll show for their claim it lets us inform the affected department allowing them a chance to review and be more prepared to answer questions. Hoping Council is in a better position to make their decisions.

Lamm asked how long before the hearing do the letters go out? Kirkpatrick thought a week. Lamm added she asked as she's had letters from people who didn't come claiming they didn't get the letter in time, and didn't come before the vote, and it's not been our practice to bring back up. Kirkpatrick stated usually over a week. We think it's enough time and on occasion we'll be contacted by people saying they're out of town, or unavailable. When we receive this type of request we pull the item until a later date to give them an opportunity to attend.

Kirkpatrick added the claim Council heard last week when the attorney showed up with the reason of why it was last Monday is because they contacted us and said he's not available on a certain day. We pushed back a couple of weeks and sent a new letter to give them an opportunity to appear.

Lamm asked, the plan is if the claimant responds you'll have someone from that department attend? Kirkpatrick replied they hope to.

Gaylor Baird commented these changes do make sense. But it will be made clear people can show even if they haven't contacted your office. Kirkpatrick answered they have that right. We're not trying to imply they have to let us know or they won't be able to speak. Just gives us a better opportunity to prepare. Don't know what responses we'll receive, or how many people will notify us. Right now we rarely know if they're coming. We might if they call the office and say they'll show and speak to Council. Doesn't happen often. Usually on claims day I try to determine if someone is going to speak.

Kirkpatrick stated one other announcement. As you know John McQuinn, our longtime City prosecutor has been out with West Nile virus over a year. He went through paid leave, a period of unpaid leave, unable to return and essentially retired. We hired a new Chief Prosecutor, Jessica Kerkhofs. She's been in the office for a number of years, and excited to be able to work with her as Chief Deputy.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

1. Councilwoman Jane Raybould commenting on the great job in helping Ms. Roberts in her claim.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS/CABLE TV**

1. The Telecommunications/Cable TV Advisory Board meeting scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> is postponed due to a potential lack of quorum.

## **VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **1. Internal Liquor Committee - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers**

Eskridge stated they discussed a potential spring concert with concerns on how it would happen and considering other places more optimal than Tower Square. Most meeting time spent in discussion with Phil Tegler on his report. He upgraded some of the report. What we see is a significant number of young people drink a lot with some numbers ridiculously high. A lot of these people confined to a small number of venues. We have ideas/strategies on how to deal with, one in front of the State Commission now.

Fellers commented Tegler also had a change allowing us to see bar capacity. Fellers gave examples of a bar being much higher than another. Some venues are larger and we could see which ones. Larger venues had more admissions than smaller for the most part, with some small venues having admissions.

Fellers added the report showed where they were picked up. An item to notice is at the bars downtown patrons don't get far before they're picked up and admitted to Cornhusker Place. Also see which ones are a DUI or not based on the report. Before we got BAC, date, age, gender, and source of their last drink. This is more quality data and can see more trends and patterns.

Raybould stated we implemented the service licensing for anyone who sells alcohol in the City. I've come back and challenged. Are we trending better in terms of controlling the alcohol consumption and sale? Or, are we going in the wrong direction, still, despite some effort?

Christensen replied we find fewer people, but see higher BAC's. Fellers added some extenuating circumstances. More people live downtown so what we see is some who might prime themselves at home before they go to a bar. There's somewhat a delayed effect and they may be in the bar when it hits more. We've seen a dramatic reduction in the number of DUI's and incidents in bars. People with high BAC's go to The Bridge. Think the Lincoln Police looks more at the high BAC group rather than those who might be able to get home. Starting to deal with the people who need help and protective custody rather than focusing resources on people who might be .08 or a little higher.

Hoppe offered followup and stated, as a result of conversations with Christensen, Eskridge, and Fellers I approached the promoter of the group, Jeremiah, to state our concerns and asked, what can we do? Did set him up with a special events team and for an item to make his concerts iconic. When they're filmed or discussed will have a great view. Think the team suggested they look at the block in front of Pershing with a great background shot of the Capitol. It sounds like the direction they're heading.

Camp stated with concerts over the years we closed down streets for different groups. At times the streets aren't near the establishment. Seems like it might be important to have a policy where they just can't say, I'm going to go down to the arena and have an event. There has to be respect for the other businesses which front on the area. If further away, need consideration for downtown residents. Think there should be a common sense policy on closing a street down with respect for all parties.

Christensen thought we had a policy. Our event team takes a look at each event, individually. Camp stated with Bourbon Street they wanted Tower Square. Christensen replied that's because it's new and we've never had a Tower Square. Now we do and they're the first who wanted to use but were told, not

a good idea. Think that will probably stand.

Hoppe added the point well taken. Want to assure you both the ILC and City Events Team take into consideration those items. With Special Events they hear, if doing in front of other businesses they need to be on board. We're not closing off the street if they're not in cooperation. We've had tremendous success, for instance with Zoo Fest and this philosophy as they go in front of other businesses. Think this point is well taken. Plus, the area on Centennial Mall makes sense. Not a heavy traffic flow area, particularly at night. Businesses, office buildings usually vacant at that point. May work out well.

Fellers thought downtown you do want areas where you can't have concerts or for one night only type event. Think Tower Square is a different as you have a public space, not really set up to do the type of event they want to do. Always thought as a public park, and the only area park space, with a lot of constraints around being able to do an event there. To close down and use it for ticket only think that isn't in the spirit of the reason we created the space. Not a lot of open space in downtown Lincoln. But by Pershing, or in front of a location where it's not high traffic or utilized would be much better. We have other spaces which can be utilized which aren't as intrusive to an area. This area is high traffic and was meant to be the public space of downtown.

Gaylor Baird said some of it could be public concerts with Fellers agreeing. He added, full speed ahead on public concerts in Tower Square. It's a space which should be open to everyone.

Camp appreciates Hoppe's comment on having the Capitol in the background. Good PR. If they take the photo and prove it's not out in the country, does promote the City. Hoppe added, to be fair, wasn't Jeremiah, just kind of para phrasing.

## **2. Downtown Lincoln Association - Gaylor Baird, Eskridge**

Eskridge stated they received reports and had approval of a letter to be sent from the DLA on thoughts about changing the theater policy. Received updates and discussions on activities.

Gaylor Baird commented they had their annual meeting, where they gave out Impact Awards to different businesses and people in Lincoln. Well attended.

Raybould added that Gaylor Baird did a great job with the welcome address and really showcased all the amazing events going on downtown. Exciting and a very impressive group of winners. Enjoyed seeing start-ups. Travelfly was Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Some significant re-investment, particularly with downtown residential development. Personally couldn't believe the amount put into the President and Ambassador Apartments for low income housing. A significant investment. Some well know, long-time PR Firms. Swanson Russell's is reinvesting and expanding. Gaylor Baird did a great job with the intro and showcasing the great things going on. Gaylor Baird commented the Travelfly entrepreneur couldn't come as he was out of town. He sent a video with his remarks.

## **3. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Eskridge**

Eskridge stated, a very short meeting with the highlight being an agenda item dealing with some capital improvement issues. Everything positive financially with the arena. Regent Tim Clare, who with the Mayor, has been on the West Haymarket JPA Board since the beginning, with four different Council Members on the Board over the years, commented on how the agenda is much more abbreviated now than in the early JPA days.

#### **4. Problem Resolution Team - Lamm**

Lamm stated they discussed how at seasons change we see less problems with controlling weeds. A lot of compliance, with the team very active in getting out and contacting homeowners, absent landlords, or who lives at the address to rectify the problems reported by neighbors and others. We saw a lot of properties drop off our open list because the situation had been dealt with. One agency had a follow up yet to do. We only had two properties added from the pending list. Now not getting as many problem properties as before, especially around May and June. Hopefully it will be a little slower.

### **VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **1. Monday Meeting Dates calendar for 2017**

Lamm said Council recently passed a resolution declaring the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day but see we have listed on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the third Tuesday in October 2017. Thought we followed the language for the federal holiday and will check. Gaylor Baird commented if Council voted on the second Monday in October, we should. Lamm asked if we're obligated to follow Columbus Day as the federal holiday, if we're obligated to follow when we have our Monday off.

Raybould, and Eskridge, commented, it's a mistake. The second Monday in October is Columbus Day.

Raybould stated this doesn't have to do with our calendar, but how can we be better informed of pre-councils coming? Can we get them on the calendar at least two weeks rather than just springing on us in the Thursday packet? I've scheduled other events which I can't reschedule because we didn't hear of a pre-council ahead of time.

Christensen added, most of the time we have plenty of time, but sometimes we don't because of the situation. Hoppe agreed, adding many times we call as we realize something needs to be in front of Council in a hurry. Your point is well taken and I've mentioned to Directors the need to know about two weeks in advance so people have time to adjust their calendars.

Meyer asked Council how they would like it listed? A page on the individual weekly schedules? Raybould replied they usually don't get the schedule until Thursday before the meeting on Monday.

Gaylor Baird asked Meyer if she usually emails everyone when approved? Meyer replied not at this time but could. Christensen thought when the Chair approves Meyer could send to all Council Members.

Eskridge thought to include on the Directors' Agenda. Would give an opportunity to discuss upcoming pre-councils. The pre-council calendar previously sent to Council discussed. Decided it would be great to have the calendar.

Council briefly discussed the meeting this Thursday. Hoppe added he wants to make clear this was sent as a discussion, as much of a briefing. Want to make sure noone is under any illusions about what is going to happen.

Lamm asked if there's a month we go without scheduling a pre-council? Or, would it be possible to schedule one week every month for a pre-council, which we would list in our schedules? Fellers replied

it would make it difficult because inevitably someone will call requesting a pre-council which just came up and needs attention. Having been the Chair know sometimes they happen very quick, some can be two months in advance, then times we're trying to bump people on the schedule for two or three months because of a time sensitive issue. A mixed bag. The easiest way would be an email notification of a pre-council and maybe what the pre-council schedule looks like in the packets.

Christensen added Council can request pre-councils. Camp commented as a historical perspective Council would start approximately at 10 a.m. with Directors, and then have pre-councils. Sometimes we would have two and three in a day as we didn't have our meeting until 1 or 1:30 p.m. We would brown bag here for lunch. Some wanted to wait until afternoon which makes sense as before would take away from jobs.

Fellers commented no perfect way to do. Raybould noted she liked Lamm's idea of having the second or third Monday for pre-council, then we know before. Christensen added it doesn't always fit. Gaylor Baird said we have pre-councils scheduled, both Mondays in November. Fellers noted there were months last spring where we had three pre-councils a month but think in the summer we slacked off as people were gone, or budget time. Gaylor Baird stated she's started assuming there will be a pre-council and try to not book that time. Christensen wouldn't mind having a pre-council weekly except the last Monday of the month. Gaylor Baird added for departments it's best to expect they want to talk to all Council Members and a pre-council is having all of us in the room.

Gaylor Baird stated if everyone in agreement will have email, the pre-council calendar, list on the Directors' meeting.

Camp asked if appointments could be sent by Outlook Calendar? Gaylor Baird thought a good idea.

## **2. Meyer Retirement**

Meyer stated she didn't send Personnel the information on time and they couldn't have someone in this office by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Will also need training time. Now decided to retire in March to have time to train. Meyer added the job does need to be reclassified according to the duties involved. Discussed a few duties involved. Possibly Council Members could send an email to the Chair, Vice Chair or me with extra duties you think are performed. Recommend the Chair and Vice Chair talk to Personnel.

Raybould asked what duties are listed in the job description. Kind of information central. Meyer thought besides the ordinary duties there are other actions or obligations which need to be done. Raybould gave an example of extra work she saw performed.

Christensen commented we need to reclassify. Raybould asked if there is a job description to look at? Meyer responded she could send. Camp stated possibly send and list what you think needs to be considered. Discussion followed.

Hoppe added should do soon, as I've been through the process, also coming up on the holidays. Four months seem like a long time but it isn't. Meyer thought to complete by next week.

## **VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE**

1. InterLinc correspondence from Curtis Mann regarding Lincoln's crosswalks and rules for drivers.
2. Lincoln Electric System 2017 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget and 2017 Rate Schedule Request.

**X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Baird adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

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