DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents February Award of Excellence (See Release)
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor's Committee for International Friendship to Host Multinational Group (See Release)
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor to Award Grants to Nine Neighborhood and Community Groups (See Release)
4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: New N. S. A. A. Headquarters Planned for Haymarket Park. (See Release)
5. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng and Nebraska School Activities Association News Conference on Thursday, March 9, 2006 (See Advisory)
6. Washington Report, March 3, 2006 (See Attachment)

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE

1. Letter from Jane Tillman, RE: BKD Management Letter (See Letter)
2. Report from Jane Tillman RE: 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (See Attachment)
3. Material from Don Herz RE: Street Light Financing (City of Lincoln, Certificates of Participation, Series 2006) (See Material)

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. Material from Steve Hubba RE:Journal Star City Expenditures and Journal Star Report. (See Material)

HEALTH

1. News Release sent by Elaine Severe RE: Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Providing Special HIV/STD Clinic Tonight. (See Release)

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Memo from Lynn Johnson RE: Resolution 06R-34, Agreement between the City and the Nebraska Department of Roads Associated with the Linear Park on the North Side of the South Beltway. (See Memo)

PLANNING

1. Memo from Marvin Krout RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 05010- 40th and Rokeby Road Notification from Planning Department (See Attachment)
2. Letter from Brian Will to Nichole Pecka RE: Rolling Hills Ridge 1st Addition Final - FPPL#05133, Generally Located at South 21st and Ridgeline Drive. (See Letter)

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

1. Special Permit No. 06006 (Off sale alcohol - North 33rd and Superior Street) Resolution No. PC-00981.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

1. Response email from Scott Opfer to Ken Svoboda RE: Trucks legally parking along S. 26th Street and E Street. (See email)
2. Letter from Randy Hopkins to Ron Shelley, 930 Old Cheney Road RE: Old Cheney Road from Salt Valley View to the Railroad Tracks - Parking. (See Letter)
3. Letter from Randy Hopkins to John Zimmer IV, 920 Old Cheney Road; Paul & Kathy Arndt; Joannie Miller; Jack Loos and Scott Loos RE: Old Cheney Road from Salt Valley View to the Railroad Tracks - Parking. (See Letter)
4. Letter from John Callen to City Council Members RE: Draft Technical Information for Salt Creek Floodplain Mapping Update. (See Letter)

STARTRAN

1. Memo from Larry Worth RE:Summary of StarTran Town Hall Meeting of 02/25/06 (See Memo)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

KEN SVOBODA

1. Letter to Mayor Seng RE: Urging Kennel Contract Request for Proposal Process to Begin. (See Letter)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Email from Keith Dubas - RE: Theater Policy (See Email)

2. Email from Latch's, Inc. with Attached Purchasing Alliance Contract No. 42595 Recommendation from Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent. (See Email and Attachment)

3. Email from Stephanie Dohner RE: Council Feedback on Drug Court Graduations. (See Email)

4. Email from Barbara Haith RE: Multiplex Theaters. Theater Competition Healthy for City and Opposed to City Supported Monopoly. (See Email)

5. Email from Jamie Ivey RE: Stop light at 27th and Wildcat Drive.(See Email)

6. Email from Barbara Loos RE: Construction at 48th and "O" Streets. During Construction Intersection Dangerous. (See Email)

7. Email from Brad Loos RE: 48th and "O" Street Construction. Safety Concerns for Pedestrians and Drivers. (See Email)

8. Email from Mitchell Cohn RE: Disagree with Douglas Theater Policy. (See Email)

9. Email from Martell Hergenrader RE: Left Hand Turn on N. 27th Street from Fletcher to I-80. (See Email)

10. Email from Kim Gibson RE: Oppose Right Turn Only Medians at 27th and Wildcat Drive. (See Email)

11. Letter from Jeffrey Tangeman, President, Everett Neighborhood Association, to Stuart A. Marx RE: Opposition to Ray's Luv Shop, 1415 South Street. (See Letter)

12. Media Release from Community Health Endowment of Lincoln RE: Community Health Endowment Seeks Applicants for Innovative Projects to Combat Methamphetamine. (See Release)

13. E-mail, Note and Letter, from Fred Freytag RE: "O" Street Widening Project at 46th Street. (See Email)

14. Newspaper Article sent from Keith L. Hatfield RE: Port Richey Water Impact Fee to Increase After 16 Years. (See Article)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 6, 2006
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MAYOR PRESENTS FEBRUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for February to Toan Tran of the Lincoln Police Department. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Tran has been an LPD Public Service Officer since 1997. He was nominated in the category of customer relations by his supervisor, Sgt. Michael Siefkes, for his willingness to help anyone with a problem. Siefkes says that in addition to his job, Tran often volunteers to spend his own time helping members of the Asian community with issues such as tax preparation, immigration, and medical translating.

Tran also reaches out to the community through his weekend radio show on KZUM, providing important police-related information. Within the Police Department, Tran pioneered a method of interpreting police reports and citations by creating a mirror image translation which helps the Asian public understand the documents.

In his nomination, Sgt. Siefkes writes that Tran's work has always exceeded expectations. "He is a community liaison and is a stellar representative of the City of Lincoln and the Police Department. His innovative idea has vastly reduced confusion for both citizens and police officers."

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are productivity, loss prevention, safety and valor. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 7, 2006
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MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP TO HOST MULTINATIONAL GROUP

The Mayor's Committee for International Friendship (MCIF) has announced that a multinational group will visit Lincoln March 8 through 10 to study international trade and U.S. foreign policy challenges. The five participants are from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Included in their schedule are meetings with Mayor Coleen Seng; a group of local farmers; Dale Johnson of KFOR Radio, who covered the Governor's trade Mission to Cuba; staff in the office of U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel, who will discuss constituent concerns; professors and students in political science and international relations at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln; and Ron Moravec, Chief Deputy in the Nebraska Secretary of State's office. The group also is visiting Camp Ashland, the National Guard facility near Ashland.

Participants are:

- Ms. Louise With, Denmark, Central and Southeast Europe Correspondent, *Jyllands-Post*, a national daily newspaper
- Mr. Martti Sakari Setala, Finland, Research Assistant, Unifin Ltd youth network, also a freelance journalist
- Ms. Silke Kersting, Germany, Correspondent for *Handelsblatt*, a national daily business newspaper
- Ms. Lucia Goracci, Italy, Foreign Affairs Correspondent, TG-3, Italian state television Channel Three News)
- Ms. Lissa Helen Marie Cook, United Kingdom, Senior Broadcast Journalist, "The World at One," BBC Radio 4

The MCIF is a volunteer organization that hosts visitors from around the world. The committee sets up visits with professional counterparts and plans cultural exchanges and learning experiences to promote international understanding among the visitors and citizens in the Lincoln area. Participants are established or potential foreign leaders in government, politics, media, education, science, labor relations and other key fields. They are selected by American embassies overseas to visit the U.S. to experience this country firsthand.

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MAYOR TO AWARD GRANTS TO NINE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Lincoln Mayor Coleen J. Seng and the City Parks and Recreation Department will award grants from the Community Action Program (CAP) to nine neighborhood associations and community organizations March 9. The presentations will be made during the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meeting, which begins at 4:30 p.m. in Room 113 at the County-City Building.

"It is the hard work of volunteers that really makes this grants program a success," said Mayor Seng. "With their investment of time and energy, our limited City resources can be stretched to make more improvements in our great parks system." Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said more than $81,000 in project requests were submitted for the $45,000 available through the CAP.

The CAP is funded through City general tax revenues and is approved by the City Council each year as part of the Parks and Recreation Department's Capital Improvements Program. The program typically provides funding for equipment and materials, and volunteers provide labor. Projects must be constructed on publicly owned property or involve programs available to the general public. The criteria for choosing which projects are funded include locations, neighborhood support for the project and consistency with park plans.

The following groups will receive CAP funding for 2006:

- Hartley Neighborhood Association for Peter Pan Park
- Irvingdale Neighborhood Association for Rudge Memorial Park
- Lincoln Boxing Club for Air Park Recreation Center
- Lincoln Rose Society for Antelope Rose Garden
- Near South Neighborhood Association for Maple Lodge Park
- South Salt Creek Community Organization for Cooper Park
- YWCA for Star Art Project throughout community
- Northeast Family Center
- Northwest Lincoln Skateboard Interest Group

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NEW N.S.A.A. HEADQUARTERS PLANNED FOR HAYMARKET PARK

Mayor Coleen Seng announced today the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) will build a new headquarters at Haymarket Park. The new building also will house the Nebraska Coaches Association.

In addition, the NSAA has extended an invitation to the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame Foundation to include the Hall of Fame in the building.

"High school sports and activities are an important Lincoln tradition, and these fine organizations play a key role in making them an exciting part of Nebraska culture," Seng said. "Lincoln is proud to provide a new home where these organizations can continue their statewide mission."

The NSAA's existing 6,000-square-foot building in east Lincoln no longer meets the organization's needs, said NSAA Executive Director Jim Tenopir. The NSAA has been planning for a new location for several years, and has explored opportunities in several Nebraska communities.

The new NSAA headquarters will be built on city-owned land directly north of Haymarket Park. The vacant site is in the area now leased to NEBCO Inc., which owns the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball team, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The City and the current tenants will be approving a new sublease and lease agreement to include the NSAA as a long-term tenant. Construction on the approximately 20,000-square-foot building probably will begin next year.

Haymarket Park is a perfect location close to UNL and state government, Tenopir said. Lincoln also is home to other state educational associations, which is advantageous for the NSAA.

"Lincoln was the NSAA's first choice," Tenopir said. "We are very pleased to be moving to this vibrant downtown area and look forward to a new signature headquarters."

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The Hall of Fame Foundation is a non-profit organization operating for more than 10 years with the idea of preserving the history of high school sports. It makes several awards annually, honoring both individuals and teams. The Hall of Fame has inducted more than 240 athletes, coaches and/or contributors, including some of the great names in Nebraska sports. The Hall of Fame would be a showcase for the history of high school athletics and a repository for all memorabilia associated with Nebraska high school athletics.

The Hall of Fame Foundation has been interested in finding a permanent location for some time, said President Wally McNaught. Coming together with the NSAA and the coaches in a single location at Haymarket Park may be an excellent opportunity, he said.

"We're very pleased to have the NSAA and the Coaches Association join us at Haymarket Park," said Lincoln Saltdogs President Charlie Meyer. "We hope the Hall of Fame also will join us in this new project."

Mayor Seng said she is particularly pleased to bring this project to Haymarket Park in light of the community's plans to explore a new arena and convention center in the West Haymarket area.

"This is a winning combination for the sports community and the City of Lincoln," Seng said.

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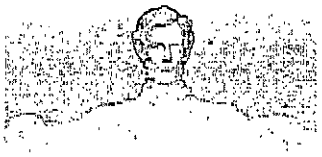

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Mayor Coleen J. Seng will be joined by Nebraska School Activities Association officials for an announcement at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, March 9** in the **Diamond View Lounge at Haymarket Park, 403 Line Drive Circle.**

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SENATE PANEL BEGINS IMMIGRATION DEBATE

IMMIGRATION

Senate panel begins consideration of immigration reform, but consensus may be difficult. The Senate Judiciary Committee began formal consideration of draft legislation to overhaul the nation's immigration laws, and while no votes were taken nor were amendments offered, discussion by committee members revealed deep divides over how to address the issue.

The most controversial item over the course of the Senate debate is expected to be the creation of a "guest worker" program that would allow illegal immigrants currently in the United States to apply for work visas and in some proposals, permanent residency. The Senate draft prepared by Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter (R-PA) would allow immigrants who have been working in the country since January 4, 2004 to remain in the U.S. and bring their families to the country but they would have to pay a fine, pass a background check, and remain employed. The proposal was criticized by some Democrats as creating a permanent underclass who would have no hope of attaining citizenship, while some Republicans proclaimed that the Specter proposal would provide amnesty with a "wink and a nod."

It was reported earlier in the week that Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) would attempt to amend the Specter bill to force local law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration laws, but his comments at the session this week were critical of the federal government and its lack of support for local authorities that detain illegal immigrants. The House immigration bill (HR 4437) approved late last year would withhold federal law enforcement funds from communities with policies that provide "sanctuary" to illegal immigrants.

However, it appears that it will be the guest worker issue that will dominate this debate, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) indicated this week that if no consensus on that matter can be reached, he will urge the passage of a measure that would deal strictly with enforcement issues such as border security. Even that may be difficult to pass in this election year.

Frist has instructed Specter to bring an immigration bill to the Senate floor by March 27, but many Judiciary Committee members expressed doubt that the panel could meet that deadline.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

House panel may consider franchise-only bill. House Energy and Commerce Committee staff from both parties continued negotiating the parameters of comprehensive telecommunications legislation this past week. Though staff have pledged to keep the results of their negotiations confidential, there were widespread reports this week that they remain far apart on many issues and that there is growing support for a proposal that the Committee drop comprehensive legislation and take up a bill addressing the only issue of video franchising.

Lobbyists for Verizon and SBC, which are both eager to enter the video services market but loathe to negotiate franchises with individual municipalities, are reportedly pressing hard for the Committee to consider a franchise only bill. Although Committee Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX) remains publicly committed to bringing comprehensive telecommunications legislation to the House floor this spring, differences among Committee members and a tight election year schedule make that an ambitious goal. Fearing that comprehensive legislation might not be enacted before next

year or even 2008, Verizon, SBC and the other regional bell operating companies have shifted their large lobbying operations to pushing for a franchise-only bill this year.

However, in a sign that local government efforts are paying off, staff are reportedly having a difficult time reaching consensus even on a franchise-only bill. There appears to be fairly broad support on the Committee for a national franchise, but both parties reportedly agree that five percent franchise payments to local governments should continue. In addition, Committee Democrats are reportedly pushing a proposal that would create a "shot clock" situation whereby potential video services providers would have to negotiate with local governments for 90 days before seeking a national franchise. Republicans are reportedly countering with language more favorable to the regional bells that would simply allow potential video services to choose between a local and a national franchise.

Committee Democrats are also reportedly pushing hard for specific build-out requirements to all neighborhoods. Committee Republicans are countering with vaguer anti-redlining language. The Democrats are also pushing for language that would require video service providers to carry public, educational and governmental channels and encountering great resistance from bell company lobbyists.

The wild card in this debate remains the cable industry, which has recently launched a massive advertising and public relations campaign in Washington targeted at Congress but has yet to seriously challenge the regional bell lobbying effort. If they begin to counter the regional bell lobbying and campaign contribution effort, the seemingly unstoppable rush towards national video services franchising could hit a major roadblock.

HUMAN SERVICES

Senate closes in on providing additional funds for LIHEAP. The Senate next week is expected to approve legislation (S 2320) that would provide $1 billion in additional FY 2006 funds to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The legislation would actually shift to FY 2006 an additional $1 billion earmarked for the program in FY 2007.

The increase has been vigorously championed by Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME), who is pushing for additional funds that can reach families during the current winter months. However, her efforts have been met with some resistance, first among Senators from Southern states who believed that Snowe's legislation gives Northern states with cold weather preference over air conditioning needs of warm weather climates, and also among budget hawks who want the additional spending to be offset.

The conservatives placed a hold on Snowe's bill last month, which prevented it from coming to the floor for a vote. In retaliation, Snowe placed a hold on legislation that would increase borrowing authority on federal flood insurance, which southern states hit by Hurricane Katrina are promoting. However, further negotiations resulted in both holds being lifted, and the LIHEAP bill is expected to be voted and passed by the Senate early next week.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Report from Keystone Center reaches no consensus on key provisions of ESA rewrite. The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee received a letter from the Denver-based Keystone Center this week indicating that a forthcoming report on Endangered Species Act (ESA) reform will not address the most controversial provisions of ESA legislation approved last year in the House.

Prior to crafting a bill on ESA reform, Senate EPW Committee leaders decided to ask the non-profit Keystone Center – which mediates environmental disputes -- to examine ways to improve the current law. Senators hoped the report would come to some conclusions on proposals to eliminate the "critical habitat" designation for listed species, as well as a private landowner compensation fund. Those two provisions are included in the House bill and have been the most hotly debated items since its passage.

Senator Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), who with most Senate Democrats opposes the two provisions, had been given responsibility for drafting the Senate bill. However, with no clear direction from the Keystone Center to the contrary, he will be under heavy pressure from his Republican colleagues to include the elimination of critical habitat and the landowner compensation in his bill. In fact, EPW Committee Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK), whose opinions on the matter are more in line with the House bill, has now given Chafee only four weeks to come up with a consensus bill before he wrests control of the process from him.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Department of Health and Human Services: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is soliciting applications for the FY 2006 *Drug Free Communities Support Program*. The program is designed to reduce substance abuse among youth and adults and to promote community collaborations to reduce and prevent substance abuse long-term. The Administration plans to award 120 new grants of up to five years for no more than $100,000 each year. Applications are due April 10, 2006. For more information, see: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants06/RFA/sp_06_003_dfc.aspx.

Department of Health and Human Services: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is accepting applications for the FY 2006 *Development of Comprehensive Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Treatment Systems for Persons Who are Homeless*. There is approximately $9.7 million for 25 awards of up to $400,000 for targeted treatment of serious and emerging substance abuse problems. There is no required match. The deadline to apply is April 6, 2006. For more information, see: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_005_homeless.aspx.

Department of Homeland Security: DHS has published its guidance for the FY 2006 *Assistance to Firefighters Grant* program. The guidance is similar to last year, and EMS organizations will continue to be eligible for up to 2% of the funds. Applications are accepted for either operations and firefighter safety or vehicle acquisition. Regional applications will also be accepted. There is $485 million available, and DHS will accept applications between March 6, 2006 and April 7, 2006. The guidance can be found at: http://www.firegrantsupport.com/docs/2006AFGguidance.pdf.

Department of Justice: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are accepting applications for the *Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth*. The Office intends to award four cooperative agreements of up to $400,000 each over a four-year period to develop and enhance mentoring programs for youth in the juvenile justice system, reentry, and foster care. There is no required match. Applications are due April 17, 2006. For more information, see: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/06mentoringinitiative.pdf.

Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services: The Departments jointly manage the *Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative*. Although the annual guidance is usually published in March, the Departments plan to award FY 2006 grants from the pool of highly qualified but unfunded 2005 applications. Therefore, there will be no competitive application round in 2006.

Environmental Protection Agency: The EPA is accepting applications for the FY 2006 *National Award for Smart Growth Achievement* in five categories: built projects, policies and regulations, small communities, equitable development, and overall excellence in smart growth. Projects showing significant activity between May 2001 and May 2006 are encouraged. Applications are due May 1, 2006, and five winners will be honored in Washington, DC in November. For more information, see: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm.

US Conference of Mayors: The Conference is accepting applications for the 2006 round of the *Dollar Wi$e Capacity Grants*. The grants recognize Mayors who have implemented successful financial literacy campaigns in their cities. Applications are due April 7, 2006. Applicants must have joined the Dollar Wi$e Campaign by March 15, 2006 in order to apply. For more information, see: http://dollarwiseonline.org/capacitygrants06.asp.

The Honorable Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

As part of our audit of the financial statements of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska for the year ended August 31, 2005, we studied and evaluated the City's internal control structure. Because the study and evaluation was only part of the overall audit plan regarding the financial statements, it was not intended to be a complete review of all your accounting procedures and, therefore, would not necessarily disclose all opportunities for improvement. We observed the following matters and offer these comments and suggestions.

Community Development Block Grant Program

The CDBG loan program utilizes federal funding and is thus subject to the provisions of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. The City utilizes a significant portion of the available funding to extend loans to Companies for business start-ups and expansion. The City has a comprehensive process for application and approval of these loans, including a loan committee review. As Companies meet their jobs creation and investment goals, the City has the ability to forgive these loans. Currently, there is not a written policy and procedures for loan forgiveness. We recommend that written policies be developed for the forgiveness process, which would include verification and the results prompting forgiveness and approval by the CDBG loan committee.

New Auditing and Accounting Pronouncements

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 47, *Accounting for Termination Benefits*

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has published Statement No. 47, *Accounting for Termination Benefits,* which establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for termination benefits. The statement defines termination benefits as benefits provided by employers to employees as an inducement to hasten the termination of services or as a result of a voluntary early termination or as a consequence of the involuntary early termination of services.

The Statement establishes measurement and recognition requirements for the various types of termination benefits. The cost of termination benefits should include any fringe benefits related to the termination benefits and any directly resulting changes in the estimated costs of other employee benefits such as compensated absences, if reliably measurable. The Statement addresses measurement for both healthcare-related and non-healthcare-related termination benefits.

In financial statements prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, when the employees accept the offer and the amounts can be estimated, an employer should recognize the liability and expense for voluntary termination benefits. An employer should recognize a liability and expense for involuntary termination benefits, in financial statements prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, when a plan of termination has been approved by those with the authority to commit the employer to the plan, the plan has been communicated to the employees, and the amounts can be estimated. In governmental fund financial statements, which are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, liabilities and expenditures for termination benefits should be recognized to the extent the liabilities are normally expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Disclosure requirements include a description of the termination benefit arrangement – for example, information about the type of benefit provided, the number of employees affected, and the period of time over which benefits are expected to be provided. The cost of termination benefits should be disclosed if that information is not otherwise identifiable from information on the face of the financial statements. In all periods in which termination benefit liabilities are reported, the employer should disclose the significant methods and assumptions used to determine the liabilities. If a termination benefit that otherwise meets the recognition criteria of this standard is not recognized because the expected benefits are not estimable, the employer should disclose that fact.

Statement 47 is effective in the year ending August 31, 2008 for payments under existing defined benefit Other Post Employment Benefit plans and in the year ending August 31, 2006 for all other termination benefits.

The following Auditing and Accounting Pronouncements were presented in a letter dated January 19, 2005.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries*

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has published Statement No. 42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries,* that requires governments to report the effects of capital asset impairment in their financial statements when it occurs. The guidance also enhances comparability of financial statements by requiring all governments to account for insurance recoveries in the same manner.

Statement 42 is effective in the year ending August 31, 2006.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has published Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* to establish standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of *other postemployment benefits* (OPEB) expense and related liabilities (assets), note disclosures, and, if applicable, required supplementary information in the financial report.

Statement 45 is effective in the year ending August 31, 2008.

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We appreciate the opportunity to present these comments and suggestions. This letter does not express an opinion on the City's overall internal control structure; it does, however, include items which we believe merit your consideration. We can discuss these matters further at your convenience and provide implementation assistance for changes or improvements you may require within the constraints of applicable professional standards on independence.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, City Council and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BKD, LLP

December 30, 2005

http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/cafr2005.htm

2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2006
10 YEAR FINANCING OF LIGHT POLES
FINAL INTEREST RATES - 3/8/06

Sources & Uses

Dated 03/22/2006 | Delivered 03/22/2006

Sources Of Funds

Par Amount of Bonds	$3,060,000.00
Reoffering Premium	7,397.05
Total Sources	**$3,067,397.05**

Uses Of Funds

Deposit to Project Construction Fund	3,023,769.55
Costs of Issuance	29,930.00
Total Underwriter's Discount (0.448%)	13,697.50
Total Uses	**$3,067,397.05**

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2006

10 YEAR FINANCING OF LIGHT POLES

FINAL INTEREST RATES - 3/8/06

Pricing Summary

Maturity	Type of Bond	Coupon	Yield	Maturity Value	Price		Dollar Price
03/15/2007	Serial Coupon	3.500%	3.370%	265,000.00	100.123%		265,325.95
03/15/2008	Serial Coupon	3.500%	3.410%	270,000.00	100.170%		270,459.00
03/15/2009	Serial Coupon	3.500%	3.430%	280,000.00	100.196%		280,548.80
03/15/2010	Serial Coupon	3.500%	3.460%	290,000.00	100.146%		290,423.40
03/15/2011	Serial Coupon	3.625%	3.540%	295,000.00	100.384%		296,132.80
03/15/2012	Serial Coupon	3.750%	3.630%	310,000.00	100.541%	c	311,677.10
03/15/2013	Serial Coupon	3.750%	3.710%	320,000.00	100.179%	c	320,572.80
03/15/2014	Serial Coupon	3.875%	3.770%	330,000.00	100.472%	c	331,557.60
03/15/2015	Serial Coupon	3.875%	3.820%	345,000.00	100.246%	c	345,848.70
03/15/2016	Serial Coupon	3.875%	3.880%	355,000.00	99.958%		354,850.90
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$3,060,000.00**	**-**	**-**	**$3,067,397.05**

Bid Information

Par Amount of Bonds	$3,060,000.00
Reoffering Premium or (Discount)	7,397.05
Gross Production	$3,067,397.05
Total Underwriter's Discount (0.448%)	$(13,697.50)
Bid (99.794%)	3,053,699.55
Total Purchase Price	$3,053,699.55
Bond Year Dollars	$17,615.50
Average Life	5.757 Years
Average Coupon	3.7658861%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	3.8016526%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.8014265%

Steve D Hubka/Notes
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Subject Journal Star City expenditures

Per Patte Newman's request, the following amounts have been paid to the Journal Star for the last three fiscal years.
FY 02-03 $254,846.62
FY 03-04 $298,253.17
FY 04-05 $315,161.14

I am also attaching a report that shows a summary by City Department/Division and Fund for the 03-04 fiscal year to give an idea

about what parts of City government spend the most with the Journal Star. Journal Star Report.PDF

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        Amount
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**** 00010/ General
**** 02/ Mayor
**** 0203/ Citizen Information
Division: 0203/Citizen Information
t              421.36

**** 0204/ Women's Commission
Division: 0204/Women's Commission
t            2,087.10

Department: 02/Mayor

**** 03/ Law
**** 03/ *
Division: 03/*
t            1,141.36

Department: 03/Law

**** 04/ Police
**** 0401/ Police Management
Division: 0401/Police Management
t              182.00

**** 0402/ Police Support
Division: 0402/Police Support
t            5,341.74

Department: 04/Police

**** 05/ Fire & Rescue
**** 0501/ Fire Administration
Division: 0501/Fire Administration
t              227.16

**** 0504/ Fire Emergency Servi
Division: 0504/Fire Emergency Servi
t              136.79

Department: 05/Fire & Rescue

**** 06/ Finance
**** 0601/ Finance Administrati
Division: 0601/Finance Administrati
t               16.36

**** 0602/ Accounting
Division: 0602/Accounting
t                7.85

**** 0603/ City Clerk
Division: 0603/City Clerk
t           28,196.69

**** 0604/ Purchasing
Division: 0604/Purchasing
t              346.60

Department: 06/Finance

**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0701/ Public Works Managem
Division: 0701/Public Works Managem
t              365.12
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        Amount
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**** 0702/ Engineering Services
Division: 0702/Engineering Services
t              538.97

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

**** 09/ Parks & Recreat
**** 0901/ Parks & Recr Adminis
Division: 0901/Parks & Recr Adminis
t           42,698.19

**** 0902/ Parks
Division: 0902/Parks
t            1,621.60

**** 0903/ Recreation
Division: 0903/Recreation
t           15,524.53

Department: 09/Parks & Recreat

**** 10/ Personnel
**** 1001/ Personnel
Division: 1001/Personnel
t              167.31

Department: 10/Personnel

**** 11/ Planning
**** 1101/ Planning Administrat
Division: 1101/Planning Administrat
t            6,588.48

Department: 11/Planning

**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t               60.22

**** 1303/ WIA Administration
Division: 1303/WIA Administration
t              159.72

**** 1304/ Housing Rehab & Real
Division: 1304/Housing Rehab & Real
t              709.92

Department: 13/Urban Developme

**** 18/ City Unassigned
**** 1802/ General Expense
Division: 1802/General Expense
t              336.88

**** 1804/ Special Events
Division: 1804/Special Events
t               36.83

Department: 18/City Unassigned

Fund: 00010/General
t          106,912.78
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        Amount
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**** 00030/ Donations
**** 02/ Mayor
**** 0202/ Lincoln Area Agency
Division: 0202/Lincoln Area Agency
t          38,587.94

Department: 02/Mayor

**** 09/ Parks & Recreat
**** 0901/ Parks & Recr Adminis
Division: 0901/Parks & Recr Adminis
t             543.24

Department: 09/Parks & Recreat

**** 14/ Library
**** 1401/ Library Administrati
Division: 1401/Library Administrati
t             488.52

Department: 14/Library

Fund: 00030/Donations
t          39,619.70

**** 00120/ Lincoln City Librari
**** 14/ Library
**** 1401/ Library Administrati
Division: 1401/Library Administrati
t           7,201.74

Department: 14/Library

Fund: 00120/Lincoln City Librari
t           7,201.74

**** 00125/ Lincoln Area Agency
**** 02/ Mayor
**** 0202/ Lincoln Area Agency
Division: 0202/Lincoln Area Agency
t          15,666.96

Department: 02/Mayor

Fund: 00125/Lincoln Area Agency
t          15,666.96

**** 00135/ Lincoln/Lancaster Co
**** 12/ Health
**** 1211/ Director's Office
Division: 1211/Director's Office
t           5,742.33

**** 1212/ Community Health Ser
Division: 1212/Community Health Ser
t           4,680.96

**** 1213/ Environmental Public
Division: 1213/Environmental Public
t           2,751.80

**** 1216/ Dental Health & Nutr
Division: 1216/Dental Health & Nutr
t             143.68
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        Amount
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**** 1218/ Information & Fiscal
Division: 1218/Information & Fiscal
t                30.66

Department: 12/Health

Fund: 00135/Lincoln/Lancaster Co
t            13,349.43

**** 00140/ Animal Control
**** 12/ Health
**** 1217/ Animal Control
Division: 1217/Animal Control
t             6,073.48

Department: 12/Health

Fund: 00140/Animal Control
t             6,073.48

**** 00145/ Title V Clean Air
**** 12/ Health
**** 1213/ Environmental Public
Division: 1213/Environmental Public
t             1,051.43

Department: 12/Health

Fund: 00145/Title V Clean Air
t             1,051.43

**** 00150/ Snow Removal
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0705/ Street Maintenance O
Division: 0705/Street Maintenance O
t               134.18

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00150/Snow Removal
t               134.18

**** 00155/ 911 Communication
**** 06/ Finance
**** 0608/ Communications Cente
Division: 0608/Communications Cente
t               808.04

Department: 06/Finance

Fund: 00155/911 Communication
t               808.04

**** 00165/ Street Construction
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0705/ Street Maintenance O
Division: 0705/Street Maintenance O
t               558.51

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00165/Street Construction
t               558.51
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        Amount
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**** 00180/ Community Devel Bloc
**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t           6,333.91

**** 1304/ Housing Rehab & Real
Division: 1304/Housing Rehab & Real
t              34.69

Department: 13/Urban Developme

Fund: 00180/Community Devel Bloc
t           6,368.60

**** 00185/ Grants In Aid
**** 02/ Mayor
**** 0202/ Lincoln Area Agency
Division: 0202/Lincoln Area Agency
t           2,635.80

**** 0205/ Human Rights Commiss
Division: 0205/Human Rights Commiss
t           4,376.50

Department: 02/Mayor

**** 05/ Fire & Rescue
**** 0502/ Fire Training
Division: 0502/Fire Training
t              46.47

Department: 05/Fire & Rescue

**** 12/ Health
**** 1212/ Community Health Ser
Division: 1212/Community Health Ser
t           7,208.22

**** 1213/ Environmental Public
Division: 1213/Environmental Public
t           1,162.00

**** 1214/ Health Data & Evalua
Division: 1214/Health Data & Evalua
t           3,595.02

**** 1215/ Health Promotion & O
Division: 1215/Health Promotion & O
t           1,104.22

**** 1216/ Dental Health & Nutr
Division: 1216/Dental Health & Nutr
t           2,245.72

Department: 12/Health

**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t              77.56

Department: 13/Urban Developme
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        Amount
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Fund: 00185/Grants In Aid
t          22,451.51

**** 00191/ Workforce Investment
**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1305/ Workforce Investment
Division: 1305/Workforce Investment
t             345.99

Department: 13/Urban Developme

Fund: 00191/Workforce Investment
t             345.99

**** 00200/ Special Assessmt(Rev
**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t             394.64

Department: 13/Urban Developme

Fund: 00200/Special Assessmt(Rev
t             394.64

**** 00220/ Building & Safety
**** 08/ Building & Safe
**** 0801/ Building & Sfty Admi
Division: 0801/Building & Sfty Admi
t             838.38

**** 0802/ Building Services
Division: 0802/Building Services
t           1,255.74

**** 0803/ Inspection & Enforce
Division: 0803/Inspection & Enforce
t           1,166.54

Department: 08/Building & Safe

Fund: 00220/Building & Safety
t           3,260.66

**** 00405/ Street Constr (CIP)
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0716/ Street Construction
Division: 0716/Street Construction
t           1,504.11

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00405/Street Constr (CIP)
t           1,504.11

**** 00406/ Joint Antelope Valle
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0702/ Engineering Services
Division: 0702/Engineering Services
t             152.51

**** 0716/ Street Construction
Division: 0716/Street Construction
t           1,952.67
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Amount

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00406/Joint Antelope Valle
t 2,105.18

**** 00437/ 2002 Storm Sewer Con
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0714/ Storm Sewer
Division: 0714/Storm Sewer
t 142.68

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00437/2002 Storm Sewer Con
t 142.68

**** 00438/ 2003 Storm Sewer Con
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0714/ Storm Sewer
Division: 0714/Storm Sewer
t 81.82

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00438/2003 Storm Sewer Con
t 81.82

**** 00441/ 12th St TIF Constr
**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t 36.00

Department: 13/Urban Developme

Fund: 00441/12th St TIF Constr
t 36.00

**** 00442/ NE Radial TIF Constr
**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t 223.20

Department: 13/Urban Developme

Fund: 00442/NE Radial TIF Constr
t 223.20

**** 00449/ Lincoln Mall Revital
**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t 37.31

Department: 13/Urban Developme

Fund: 00449/Lincoln Mall Revital
t 37.31

**** 00465/ Capital Projects
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0716/ Street Construction

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        Amount
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Division: 0716/Street Construction
t               85.08

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

**** 13/ Urban Developme
**** 1301/ Urban Development Ad
Division: 1301/Urban Development Ad
t              181.31

Department: 13/Urban Developme

Fund: 00465/Capital Projects
t              266.39

**** 00470/ Special Assmts (CIP)
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0701/ Public Works Managem
Division: 0701/Public Works Managem
t               84.43

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00470/Special Assmts (CIP)
t               84.43

**** 00510/ Golf Revenue
**** 09/ Parks & Recreat
**** 0902/ Parks
Division: 0902/Parks
t            5,558.88

Department: 09/Parks & Recreat

Fund: 00510/Golf Revenue
t            5,558.88

**** 00520/ Parking Facilities
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0707/ Parking Facilities
Division: 0707/Parking Facilities
t              886.69

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00520/Parking Facilities
t              886.69

**** 00525/ Parking Facilities C
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0707/ Parking Facilities
Division: 0707/Parking Facilities
t               30.11

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00525/Parking Facilities C
t               30.11

**** 00540/ Sanitary Landfill Re
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0712/ Wastewater Division
Division: 0712/Wastewater Division
t            2,196.86
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Amount

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00540/Sanitary Landfill Re
t 2,196.86

**** 00555/ Wastewater
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0712/ Wastewater Division
Division: 0712/Wastewater Division
t 2,053.57

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00555/Wastewater
t 2,053.57

**** 00560/ Water
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0710/ Water Division
Division: 0710/Water Division
t 4,322.95

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00560/Water
t 4,322.95

**** 00585/ Community Health End
**** 17/ Community Healt
**** 17/ *
Division: 17/*
t 3,098.84

Department: 17/Community Healt

Fund: 00585/Community Health End
t 3,098.84

**** 00590/ StarTran Operating
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0708/ StarTran
Division: 0708/StarTran
t 2,433.52

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00590/StarTran Operating
t 2,433.52

**** 00595/ StarTran Acquisition
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0708/ StarTran
Division: 0708/StarTran
t 75.27

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00595/StarTran Acquisition
t 75.27

**** 00600/ Information Services
**** 06/ Finance
**** 0609/ Information Services

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        Amount
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Division: 0609/Information Services
t               57.60

Department: 06/Finance

Fund: 00600/Information Services
t               57.60

**** 00610/ Engineering Revolvin
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0702/ Engineering Services
Division: 0702/Engineering Services
t            6,130.82

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00610/Engineering Revolvin
t            6,130.82

**** 00630/ Worker's Compensatio
**** 10/ Personnel
**** 1002/ Risk Management
Division: 1002/Risk Management
t              130.00

Department: 10/Personnel

Fund: 00630/Worker's Compensatio
t              130.00

**** 00650/ Fleet Services
**** 07/ Public Works/Ut
**** 0705/ Street Maintenance O
Division: 0705/Street Maintenance O
t              590.75

Department: 07/Public Works/Ut

Fund: 00650/Fleet Services
t              590.75

**** 00655/ Radio Maintenance
**** 06/ Finance
**** 0608/ Communications Cente
Division: 0608/Communications Cente
t               73.30

Department: 06/Finance

Fund: 00655/Radio Maintenance
t               73.30

**** 00660/ Police Garage
**** 04/ Police
**** 0404/ Police Garage
Division: 0404/Police Garage
t               68.06

Department: 04/Police

Fund: 00660/Police Garage
t               68.06

**** 00680/ CIC Revolving
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        Amount
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**** 02/ Mayor
**** 0203/ Citizen Information
Division: 0203/Citizen Information
t          40,044.29

Department: 02/Mayor

Fund: 00680/CIC Revolving
t          40,044.29

**** 00685/ Copy Services
**** 06/ Finance
**** 0604/ Purchasing
Division: 0604/Purchasing
t               67.42

Department: 06/Finance

Fund: 00685/Copy Services
t               67.42

**** 00705/ Police & Fire Pensio
**** 15/ Police & Fire P
**** 1501/ Police & Fire Pensio
Division: 1501/Police & Fire Pensio
t               65.00

Department: 15/Police & Fire P

Fund: 00705/Police & Fire Pensio
t               65.00

**** 00710/ Parks & Rec Special
**** 09/ Parks & Recreat
**** 0901/ Parks & Recr Adminis
Division: 0901/Parks & Recr Adminis
t            1,035.16

Department: 09/Parks & Recreat

Fund: 00710/Parks & Rec Special
t            1,035.16

**** 00715/ Linc/Lanc Seniors Fo
**** 02/ Mayor
**** 0202/ Lincoln Area Agency
Division: 0202/Lincoln Area Agency
t              727.09

Department: 02/Mayor

Fund: 00715/Linc/Lanc Seniors Fo
t              727.09
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CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000
Fax: 441-8323 or 441-6229

www.ci.lincoln.ne.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 9, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shannon Williams, Community Health Educator, 441-6243 or Thurman Hoskins, Jr., Community Health Educator, 441-8060

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDING SPECIAL HIV/STD CLINID TONIGHT!!

This week marks the first National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day to raise awareness of the increasing impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on women and girls. In recognition of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) is encouraging women to attend a special clinic on March 9th, from 5:00 pm. to 7:00 p.m. All women seeking services at the STD Clinic, March 9, will receive their STD/HIV testing, and exam at **no cost**. Preliminary results will be available this evening for these STD and HIV tests. There will also be no cost for the treatment of warts, gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia.

Shannon Williams, HIV/AIDS Community Health Educator, said, "We are very concerned about the AIDS epidemic and the increase in AIDS cases among women. This is a great opportunity for women to attend a special clinic and receive free comprehensive and confidential services".

In our country, women represent a rising share of AIDS cases, increasing from only 8% of new AIDS diagnoses in 1985 to 27% by 2004. The impact of the epidemic on women (especially women of color) is alarming.

Available services include:
* Confidential services
* A physical exam by a clinician who can visually diagnose HPV (warts) and herpes, if present.
* Health education, consultation and referral
* Walk-in: No appointment needed, during the hours of 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday night.
* HIV Testing results in 20-30 minutes, using the OraQuick Rapid Test.
* Laboratory tests including testing for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, bacterial vaginitis, trichomoniasis, yeast and HIV infections.

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Memorandum

March 9, 2006

TO: City Council

FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation

RE: Resolution 06R-34, Agreement between the City and the Nebraska Department of Roads associated with the linear park on the north side of the South Beltway

Cc: Mayor Coleen Seng
Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Watershed Management

The purpose of this memo is to request that proposed Resolution 06R-24 regarding an agreement between the City and the Nebraska Department of Roads associated with the linear park on the north side of the South Beltway be placed on pending until May 15, 2006. We are requesting continuation of the public hearing and action by the City Council on that date.

Previously, we requested that the public hearing be continued until March 13, 2006 to allow an amendment to the agreement specifying that the effective date of the agreement would be after May 9. More recently, the Watershed Management Division has requested that agreement be further amended to include areas of floodplain within the South Beltway corridor protection area. We are now requesting additional time to finalize the language of this amendment to the agreement. The Nebraska Department of Roads is in concurrence with the request that action on the proposed resolution by the City Council be deferred until May 15.

I apologize for the confusion associated with this proposed resolution. Please phone me at 441-8265 if you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: **Marvin Krout, Director of Planning**

SUBJECT: *Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 05010 - 40th & Rokeby Road*

DATE: March 7, 2006

COPIES: City Council (w/o attachment)
Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office (w/o attachment)
Kerry Eagan, County Board
Stephen Henrichsen, Planning (w/o attachment)

Attached for your information is a copy of the Factsheet for Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 05010, which is scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

This proposed amendment is within the regulatory jurisdiction of the City Council and is being routed to you for your information.

If you have questions on this proposed amendment, please feel free to contact me (441-6366) or Stephen Henrichsen (441-6374).

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March 8, 2006

Nichole Pecka
EDC
2200 Fletcher Avenue Ste 102
Lincoln, NE 68521

RE: Rolling Hills Ridge 1st Addition - FPPL#05133
Generally located at South 21st Street and Ridgeline Drive

Dear Nichole,

Rolling Hills Ridge 1st Addition - FPPL#05133, generally located at South 21st Street and Ridgeline Drive was approved by the Planning Director on March 8, 2006. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per **existing** lot and per **new** lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per **new** lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

Brian Will
Planner

xc: Woods Investment Company, 4645 Normal Blvd, Ste 272, Lincoln, NE 68506
City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
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PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : March 2, 2006

RE : **Special Permit No. 06006**
(off-sale alcohol - North 33rd and Superior Streets)
Resolution No. PC-00981

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006:

> Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Carroll, to approve **Special Permit No. 06006,** with conditions, requested by Whitehead Oil Company, for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises at the U-Stop Convenience Store generally located at North 33rd and Superior Streets.
>
> Motion for conditional approval carried 6-0 (Esseks, Sunderman, Carroll, Taylor, Krieser and Carlson voting 'yes'; Strand and Larson absent).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Whitehead Oil Company, 2537 Randolph Street, 68510

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-00981

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06006

WHEREAS, Whitehead Oil Company has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 06006 for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises at the U-Stop Convenience Store generally located at North 33rd and Superior Streets, legally described as:

> The remaining portion of Lot 59 I.T. less that portion now right-of-way, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this permit to sell alcoholic beverages off the premises will not be adversely affected; and

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth are consistent with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Whitehead Oil Company, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises on property

legally described above be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.685 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that operation of said licensed premises be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises as shown on the attached site plan.

2. Before receiving building permits the construction plans must comply with the approved plans.

3. Before commencing the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, all development and construction must conform to the approved plans.

4. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.

5. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall be binding and obligatory upon the Permittee, its successors, and assigns. The building official shall report violations to the City Council which may revoke the special permit or take such other action as may be necessary to gain compliance.

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The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 1st day of March, 2006.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney

Maggie Kellner/Notes
03/02/2006 03:39 PM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
cc
bcc
Subject Fw: 060302-1

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Scott A Opfer/Notes
03/02/2006 03:22 PM

To "Ken Svoboda" <ksvoboda@alltel.net>
cc Randy W Hoskins/Notes@Notes, Karen K Sieckmeyer/Notes@Notes, Maggie Kellner/Notes@Notes, rfigard@ci.lincoln.ne.us, Karl A Fredrickson/Notes@Notes, Ann Harrell/Notes@Notes
Subject Re:

Ken,

We have had past conversations with a David Pauley regarding his concerns for the trucks that are legally parking along S. 26th Street and 'E' Street (the most recent being May of 2005). The major difference between this situation and the one you speak of in the 9th & Pioneers area is the fact that the adjacent property owners along 9th Street and Calvert Street agreed to restrict parking along their properties. In the case of 26th & 'E' Streets, Mr. Pauley wishes us to restrict parking along City property which is bordered by in an industrially zoned area. The zoning makes it completely legal for the parking of these trucks and our feeling is that the people using the area for parking have just as much of a right to park there as Mr. Pauley does to complain about it. When we were dealing with this issue last year, Mr. Pauley's primary reasoning was because of trespassing and vandalism. We contacted LPD to find out if they were indeed experiencing a high frequency of these crimes in this area and they basically told us that there wasn't anything abnormal going on. Mr. Pauley was then contacted and told we were denying his request to restrict parking along the City property, however, we would restrict parking along his property if he so desired. We haven't been contacted back to move forward on prohibiting the parking along his property. Now, if I understand correctly, it sounds like the reasoning has changed to the "advertising" on the trucks. Other than the fact that he doesn't like the parking, I'm not sure what the issue is. The parked trucks don't appear to be harming a thing.

I guess until we're convinced there's a real solid reason for doing so, I can't see us restricting the parking along these pieces of roadway. Let me know if there's anything further you would like us to do.

Thanks,

Scott O.

"Ken Svoboda" <ksvoboda@alltel.net>

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To <sopfer@lincoln.ne.gov>

02/27/2006 08:57 AM

cc <rhoskins@lincoln.ne.gov>

Subject

Scott,
I've been contacted by a few property owners that own businesses along So. 26th St. and south of Randolph. It appears that the same problem that you helped me with on the So. 5th St. near Pioneers Blvd. is happening on So. 26th.

A number of semi trucks use it as overnight and weekend parking and there are several large straight trucks with full advertising on the sides that park there for extended periods. Now that the area has been redeveloped they don't feel that this type of parking should be allowed to continue.

Can you check the area and see if we could put the same overnight and extended parking limitations as we did on So. 5th & Pioneers?

Thanks,
Ken

Maggie Kellner/Notes
03/07/2006 09:21 AM

To Mayor Coleen Seng/Notes@Notes, CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes, Karl A Fredrickson/Notes@Notes, Roger A Figard/Notes@Notes,
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March 3, 2006

Ron Shelley
930 Old Cheney Road
Lincoln, NE 68512

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Sincerely,

Randy Hoskins, P.E.
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Subject Re: Old Cheney Road

We sent the attached response letter, dated Feb 9, 2006, to Mr. Zimmer by mail. This was also sent to the other citizens in the area that responded to the first letter that was sent to the area. In the letter dated 2/9/06, I gave the City's reasoning for prohibiting parking on the north side that still allowed parking on Old Cheney in this area. This letter to Mr. Zimmer responded specifically to many of his questions. On 2/20/06, the post office returned the letter that was sent to Mr. Zimmer as being undeliverable and unable to forward. We filed this letter in the system. In this particular instance, staff checked the Phone Directory, which did not show a listing, and the County Assessor/Register of Deeds records by address which showed a John F. Zimmer IV as residing at 920 Old Cheney and at no other residence in Lancaster Co. We assumed that the post office was correct and the letter was undeliverable for whatever reason.

John Zimmer IV
920 Old Cheney Rd.

Paul and Kathy Arndt
940 Old Cheney Rd.

Joannie Miller
710 Old Cheney Rd.

Jack Loos
5735 Limestone Rd.

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cc <KFredrickson@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Subject Re: Old Cheney Road

Just email him and tell him when it was sent and suggest that if they did not receive it to contact you.
:>)
Thanks Roger!

----- Original Message -----
From: <RFigard@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
To: <RHoskins@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Cc: <newman2003@neb.rr.com>; <KFredrickson@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 4:26 PM
Subject: Fw: Old Cheney Road

> Patte, Randy is sure we answered and sent the same letter to all who live
> down there. He will check for sure. If we did , do we do it again? Roger
> ----- Forwarded by Roger A Figard/Notes on 03/06/2006 04:25 PM -----
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> "Patte Newman"
> <newman2003@neb.r
> r.com> To
> "Zimmer IV, John F. 061"
> 03/06/2006 03:44 <jzimmer@pegler.sysco.com>,
> PM <alee@lincoln.ne.gov>,
> <amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov>,
> <ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov>,
> <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>,
> <reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov>,
> <dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov>,
> <jcook@lincoln.ne.gov>,
> <RFigard@ci.lincoln.ne.us>,
> <kfredrickson@lincoln.ne.gov>
> cc
> <sguenzel@linclaw.com>,
> <paul@thetoolhouse.com>
> Subject
> Re: Old Cheney Road
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> Let's try this again.
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> Karl or Roger: Could you please answer Mr. Zimmer's questions and copy the
> Council. Thanks.
> Patte Newman
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Zimmer IV, John F. 061
> To: Patte Newman ; alee@lincoln.ne.gov ; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov ;
> ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov ; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov ; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov
> ; dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov ; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov
> Cc: sguenzel@linclaw.com ; paul@thetoolhouse.com
> Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 2:15 PM
> Subject: RE: Old Cheney Road
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> Update to the Council and others:
> I still have not received any response to the issues & concerns raised
> in my original email. The no parking signs have been deployed on Old
> Cheney road without any response from the originators of this decision. At
> the very least, the property owners on Old Cheney road deserved a public
> hearing on this matter. This closed door decision from some unnamed
> official, who also doesn’t see the need to answer any citizen questions,
> does not pass the smell test in an open democratic society. I cannot
> believe that any government employee or elected official would go forward
> with an untested un-researched controversial decision without at least
> addressing the concerns and questions of the property owners who are
> victimized by this decision.
> Myself & the other property owners are still looking for answers in the
> event that any of you would like to step up to the plate & show us that
> democracy still lives in the city of Lincoln.
> Thank You
> John F. Zimmer IV
> 402-421-9003
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> From: Patte Newman [mailto:newman2003@neb.rr.com]
> Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2006 10:01 AM
> To: Zimmer IV, John F. 061; alee@lincoln.ne.gov; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov;
> ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov;
> dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov
> Cc: sguenzel@linclaw.com; paul@thetoolhouse.com
> Subject: Re: Old Cheney Road
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> Al,
> I'm assuming you or Karl are answering Mr. Zimmer on this one. Could you
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> Patte Newman
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> ; dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov ; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov
> Cc: sguenzel@linclaw.com ; paul@thetoolhouse.com
> Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 10:19 AM
> Subject: Old Cheney Road
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> Mr. Lee,
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> My name is John F. Zimmer IV. I own the property located at 920 Old Cheney
> Rd in Lincoln Nebraska, Lancaster County. After receiving your letter
> dated Jan 11, 2006, regarding a change prohibiting parking on Old Cheney
> Rd from Salt Valley View to the railroad tracks in which you state as your

> only explanation, “Traffic Operations has identified the need to prohibit
> parking along the street in front of your residence/property in order to
> safely accommodate traffic and improve traffic operations.”, I have a few
> questions and comments.
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> 1. How do you propose that a change in parking will assist in any
> traffic flow down Old Cheney Rd at the current speed limits?
> 2. Is the current parking situation causing any traffic accidents, and
> if so how many accidents, and how many can be attributed to on
> street parking not other issues such as alcohol or excessive speed?
> 3. Should not the speed limit on Old Cheney Rd. be reduced or deemed a
> School Zone in light of the fact that the Christ Place Church is
> holding daycare classes & has school aged children in their building
> during the week that could possibly have to cross the road?
> 4. If the current plan to fix 14th street (image #1 below copied from
> the city planning web site) as pictured below, intends to divert Old
> Cheney traffic to the west bypass via Warlick blvd, and the ultimate
> closing of Old Cheney access to hwy77 in the designation of the
> bypass as a federal Hi-way, how does spending any money on or
> changing any Old Cheney Rd current status, make fiscal sense to
> anyone charged with spending our tax dollars on road projects.
> 5. How are these decisions made? Is there any consideration of your own
> future road plans and of a responsibility to the taxpayers regarding
> reasonable spending?
> 6. As I watch the traffic on old Cheney rd, the only thing I personally
> see causing a backup in traffic is the railroad tracks and train
> delays, which was not referenced in your letter, and can be resolved
> by using existing 4 lane roads diverting traffic down Warlick over
> to 77 just as your own future plan below suggests.
> 7. To prevent traffic backup due to trains (which is the real problem
> with traffic here) will require a bridge over the tracks which I do
> not see in any of the city’s planning sites.
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> others, now face a substantial loss of valuation on their property
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> land for public use and is prohibited by our constitution without
> due process. This decision has the same effect as widening the road
> & must go thru a condemnation process with compensation to the
> property owners affected. The constitution does provide for a jury
> trial to decide this.
> 9. If need be, I shall enlist the assistance of other property owners
> as well as legal advice in the proper resolution of this matter.
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> I have left messages on your voicemail however have not heard back from
> you. I would appreciate a response regarding these concerns & comments.
> I cannot find an email address for the Mayor so I will mail her a copy of
> this correspondence.
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> City planning web site
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> Thank You
> John F. Zimmer IV
> 402-421-9003
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Street Operations
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901 North 6th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-2315
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March 9, 2006

City of Lincoln
Ken R. Svoboda
555 S. 10th Street
Suite 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

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RE: Draft Technical Information for Salt Creek Floodplain Mapping Update

Dear Ken R. Svoboda:

The Salt Creek floodplain mapping update is a joint project of the City of Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD). The floodplain mapping project is being completed to update the Salt Creek floodplain map from south of Saltillo Road to North 98th Street.

This letter is to inform you that the draft technical information for the Salt Creek floodplain mapping study has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for initial technical review. This data is now publicly available from the Watershed Management Division of Public Works and Utilities upon request, and includes draft floodplain mapping as well as supporting data and technical analyses. Please note that the information is still preliminary and is subject to complete review and approval by FEMA. If you would like to request a copy of all or part of this information, please send a written or e-mail request to John Callen at the address on this letterhead or jcallen@lincoln.ne.gov.

In addition to this, supplemental information regarding the mapping project is available on the Watershed Management web site by going to *lincoln.ne.gov*, keyword 'Watershed', and clicking on 'Salt Creek Mapping.' This includes information explaining certain aspects of the project and draft results as well as a draft of ordinance updates that will be required by FEMA to complete the adoption of the updated floodplain mapping.

The hydraulic model for this study is being completed in the unsteady mode of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers HEC-RAS program. Due to this, Watershed Management is offering a one-time briefing on the Salt Creek model to interested parties. This will not be a training session on usage of unsteady HEC-RAS, but rather will be a two hour session during which specifics of using the Salt Creek hydraulic model will be presented and discussed. This session is anticipated to occur in the late April/early May time frame, and will be technical in nature. If you are interested in attending this briefing, please e-mail John Callen at jcallen@lincoln.ne.gov, by April 6, 2006. Additional specifics will be provided by

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e-mail three or more weeks prior to the event. If you are interested in a training session on the unsteady mode of HEC-RAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will hold training sessions June 7-9, 2006, in Chicago, and September 20-22, 2006, in New Orleans. For more information go to www.asce.org.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact John Callen at 441-7018 or jcallen@lincoln.ne.gov, or contact Ben Higgins at 441-7589 or bhiggins@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

John Callen
Associate Engineer
Watershed Management

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Town Hall Attendees, City Council Members, Mayor Coleen Seng

From: Larry Worth - StarTran
Date: March 3, 2006
Subject: Summary of StarTran Town Hall Meeting, 2/25/06

The 2006 StarTran Town Hall Meeting was held 10:30 a.m. - Noon at the Energy Square Building on February 25, 2006. The meeting was conducted again, for the forth consecutive year, in an "open house" format, with five "stations" addressing the following subjects, each manned by StarTran and other appropriate staff...

- Marketing/Promotional Activities
- Special Transportation Services
- Current Services
- Short/Long-Range Actions
- Transportation Development Program/Long Range Transportation Plan

Eighteen persons attended the meeting, and several issues were raised by the attendees. The following are those issues, with staff response to each...

1. ***Bus Shelters need more frequent cleaning - two specific locations were mentioned.***

   The cleanliness of StarTran passenger shelters is of high-priority, and, as such, is an assigned responsibility of a StarTran field supervisor. The supervisor has been advised of the two specific locations, and will particularly monitor the cleanliness of those shelters.

2. ***Night service and service to the south Wal-Mart location.***

   It is acknowledged that extending weekday evening services would provide greater transportation opportunities and convenience for many employees, shoppers, and students. However, assuming one-hour headways and service until 10:00 p.m. for all regular weekday services, the cost of such a service extension is over $700,000/year. This amount is not available in the current StarTran budget. Service hours of future transit services was addressed in the Multi Modal Transportation Study, and acknowledged the need for extension of service hours in the future.

It is also acknowledged that transit services to the 98th & Highway 2 area would afford access to the many commercial facilities in that area. The annual cost of an additional route is approximately $125,000, which is not available in the current StarTran budget. The need to extend transit services to such high-activity areas was also recommended in the Multi Modal Transportation Study.

3. ***Wrapped buses prevent patrons from seeing out as well.***

   While not as "clear" as unwrapped bus windows, the Contra Vision film utilized on wrapped buses does afford passengers to view from within the bus. The StarTran bus advertising program, which includes the several wrapped buses, results in a substantial annual revenue (about $50,000/year) from the advertisers.

4. ***Bench request for West "P" & Capitol Beach Blvd and 27th & Vine Streets.***

   Bus passenger benches are installed at locations where at least twelve boarding passengers are realized each day. Boardings at the two suggested locations will be monitored, with benches installed if warrants are met.

5. ***Increase service on the Gaslight route and revise the schedule in order to enable patrons to utilize over-the-road bus transportation.***

   It is acknowledged that increased service on the #11, Gaslight route would be desirable for citizens proximate to that route. However, funding for such additional service is not available. StarTran staff has checked as to the coordination of transit services with the Burlington Trailways over-the-road bus services, and has found that the daytime schedules of both are generally compatible.

6. ***Heated seats in shelters on "J" Street from 10th to 14th Street do not function.***

   Contacts have been made to the contractor which installed the Lincoln Mall shelters to maintain those shelters with heated seats.

7. ***Put route schedules and maps up at key locations.***

   Combined route/schedule maps are being developed, and are expected to be available for distribution within the next few months.

8. ***The location of medical facilities to outlying areas of Lincoln precludes, in some instances, the utilization of StarTran to access those facilities.***

   It is acknowledged that several outlying medical facilities are not proximate to StarTran services. However, many medical facilities are near StarTran bus routes (i.e., several medical facilities are accessed by the #27, 27th Street Shuttle route). Unfortunately, funds are not available to extend StarTran services to all new medical facilities.

9. ***Increased funding is needed to enable StarTran to extend/improve transit services.***

   StarTran, as a City agency, must abide by the same budget constraints as other City departments. Efforts continue to secure additional funds from other sources, as available.

10. ***Nighttime lighting inadequate at some shelters.***

    StarTran staff acknowledge that some passenger shelters have no street lights proximate to the shelters. A survey of the shelters will be scheduled by StarTran staff to identify such shelters, with lighting plans developed, to include costs.

As in previous years, the above comments and approved responses will be forwarded to those who attended the 2006 Town Hall Meeting and elected officials.

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KEN SVOBODA
City Council Member At Large

7 March, 2006

Mayor Coleen Seng
555 So. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Seng,

I had the opportunity to tour the Nebraska Humane Society(NHS) facility in Omaha this afternoon with Health Department representative Judy Halstead and Mayoral Aide Rick Hoppe. I must say, the facility is impressive and Judy Varner their Executive Director is equally so.

I strongly urge you to begin the Request for Proposal process immediately, as the June 30 2006 deadline ending the Capitol Humane Society(CHS) temporary contract extension is quickly approaching. Knowing the process can be lengthy, we must act as quickly as possible showing good faith towards CHS that the city is working towards a long term solution. An extension of their deadline is obviously inevitable and should be requested immediately.

Mr. Hoppe will brief you of the expectations of NHS. I believe they are a very credible group with a history of efficiency, professionalism and compassion.

Though numerous obstacles will need to be overcome, we should stay the course and explore all options once available and act in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully,

Ken R. Svoboda
Lincoln City Council

Cc: Lincoln City Council
Bruce Dart, Director
LLCHD

"Keith Dubas"
<kwdubas@alltel.net>
03/06/2006 10:39 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Theater Policy

Dear Council Members,

The current policy of a central entertainment district for the City of Lincoln is one of the keystones of the success of the city in maintaining a viable core. Please retain the current policy. This policy does not prohibit other theater companies from locating downtown if they want a multiplex. It is not a monopoly. The ramifications of doing away with the theater policy will undermine the downtown as the central entertainment location in the city.

Thank you,

Keith Dubas AIA
1712 E Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

"Mike Decker"
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03/06/2006 10:49 AM

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cc <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Office Supply Recommendation

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Fax 402-323-7239

www.latschs.com

3/6/06

Dear Mayor Seng and Council Members,

It has been brought to my attention this morning a proposal from Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent for the City of Lincolnis being brought before you regarding an award recommendation for office products and other related supplies to Office Depot Office Services Division for four years plus two 1 year extensions. I am urging you not to pass this recommendation or the very least table this recommendation until it can be looked into more extensively.

Our company had met with Vince about 18 months ago. We were not given any indication this bid or arrangement was coming up. We have tried to keep in contact with him over the past year and he fails to return calls. We have tried to put our company in position to work with the city but it has become extremely difficult.

The only reason I see to sign off on this agreement would be because it is the easy thing to do. You negotiate nothing, let someone else do the work, and you assume this is the best deal you can get. I am attaching the letter I received and I see nothing on here that would preclude us from being able to offer the same type of agreement at the very least. Having said that why wouldn’t you bid this out to your local vendors? If you can at least get the same deal at home wouldn’t that benefit the City of Lincolnand its citizens even more? If a local company was awarded this bid wouldn’t it fit in with the economic development programs? Is Office Depot and all of its employees comply with the Living Wage Law and if so how was that determined? I feel there are more opportunities for the city to look into if they want to invest the time and we

are more than willing to help with that process.

This agreement Vince wants signed dates back to January 1, 2006 and it is now March 6th. I would guess you can sign on to this agreement anytime you want. What is wrong with doing the right thing and opening this business up for others to bid on?

Thank you for this consideration,

Mike Decker

President/COO

Latsch's Inc.

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MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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DATE: February 21, 2006

TO: City Council, Chairperson

FROM: Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent

RE: Award recommendation off the U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance Contract No. 42595 For office products, equipment, supplies and related **- Discount off Catalog Prices**

The US Communities Purchasing Alliance consisting of: The U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties (NACo), Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), National League of Cities, and the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP) has requested bids and awarded contracts for catalog discounts on Office and School Supplies. In the past we have taken advantage of cooperative buying power from this National Program. We request the City Council to consider the attached contract agreement for our office supply needs. U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance has contracted with:

Office Depot Business Services Division

This agreement is a ***non exclusive participation program offered to us at no cost or fees to participate***. We recommend award of the requirements to:

Office Depot Business Services Division

This will be a **non-exclusive award for discounts off the catalog prices and manufacturers list prices** as per the agreement summary, attached, for your review ("Term Contract Agreement" signed by Los Angeles County, CA - lead agency on the contract). *Term is four (4) year agreement with two renewal options of one (1) year each.* The contract began January 2, 2006 and has the potential to continue through January 1, 2012 (if both one year renewals are pursued). A summary of some of the details is listed below:

1. The City will receive a discount of up to 85% off manufactures list price for a core list of high use items (500 items in this category).

2. All other catalog items discounted 10% off the Office Depot public website - up to 80% off list price.

3. If the City is able to reach 40% of orders placed via E-Commerce (on-line), a rebate incentive equal to 0.5% of the total sales volume will be applied.**

4. If the City is able to reach 80% of orders placed via E-Commerce, a rebate incentive equal to 1% of the total sales volume will be applied.

5. The City will receive Annual Rebates based on the 's Annual Volume of Purchases using the following:

5.1	Annual Purchases of	$ 500,000 - $1,000,000	Rebate of 0.5% of Purchases **
5.2	Annual Purchases of	$1,000,000 - $3,500,000	Rebate of 2.0% of Purchases
5.3	Annual Purchases of	$3,500,000 and above	Rebate of 5.0% of Purchases

** NOTE: The City of Lincoln and Lancaster are currently in this bracket - on the previous contract we received a rebate for 0.5% of our combined purchases. We are also very close to the 40% E-Commerce, and would push to educate more of the users on this process to allow us to receive an addition 0.5% rebate (total of 1% between the two incentive programs is possible for this contract).

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To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

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General Council

Name: Stephanie Dohner
Address: 2314 S 10th
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
Dear Council

On Feb 27, I attended a Drug Court graduation and learned that officers in LPD check up on people in the program as extra duty. They are to be commended. For some people, it is the first good contact with law enforcement they have had. The judges,court staff and all the county Alternatives to Incarceration staff involved have this as extra duty too. They are enthusiastic and committed.

If you have not had an opportunity to attend a Drug Court graduation, please do. You will leave hopeful and smiling,
knowing that at least that day, social and financial costs of incarceration have been saved.

Stephanie Dohner

Barbara Haith
<bhaith@alltel.net>
03/06/2006 11:21 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Multiplex Theaters

Dear Council Members:

It is my understanding that there is to be continued discussion today in your meeting on Eiger Corp.'s proposed mutliplex theater at Prairie Lake Shopping Center.

We the citizens of Lincoln have nothing to gain by a local monopoly for movie goers. When we have a local monopoly a single firm or business is the sole provider of a product or service. They get monopoly profits by assuming some or all of the consumer surplus. How can they possibly outcompete themselves with such a scenario? Isn't our country, and I would hope Lincon, about free enterprise and open competition?

I feel theater competition is healthy for our city and, therefore, I am opposed to a City-supported monopoly.

Thank you.

Regards,

Barbara Haith

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Name: Jamie R. Ivey
Address: 3127 n 41 st
City: Lincoln NE 65806

Phone: 402-805-1317
Fax:
Email: j.ivey75@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
This message is in regard to a stop light at 27th and Wildcat Drive. Due to the heavy volume of traffic I see at the corner of the dealership I would like to see and believe a stop light is neccesary. THANK YOU.

Jamie Ivey

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Name: Barbara
Address: Loos
City: 2742 Scott Ave.

Phone: Lincoln, NE 68506
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you concerning the construction at 48th and O Streets that is currently underway. I find this situation unnerving. One thing I know as a blind pedestrian is that it is crucial that I be in control of both when and how I cross intersections. When I can't hear what is happening throughout an intersection, it is hard to determine when to cross. With something as wide as this will be, if there are no islands, tunnels, or bridges, I am only left with two answers to how I'll cross it—either fast or never. I don't like either option.

I became disavowed of the notion that drivers watch out for pedestrians ten years ago when I was hit while walking north across an intersection dressed in red shoes and slacks and a bright blue and white jacket one sunny morning. The driver was going west, so the sun was at his back. I have fully recovered from my physical injuries. I have also become wiser about what to expect from the driving public. I'm not intending to ascribe to all drivers the actions of just one, but as intersections become more complex, drivers have more split-second decisions to make, creating a more unsafe environment for all. Please consider rethinking the completion of this project to include islands, tunnels or bridges. My favorite choice among the options I've heard so far would be an X-shaped overhead bridge. As it is currently being constructed, this intersection both is and will be dangerous for everyone.

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General Council

Name: Brad
Address: Loos
City: 2742 Scott Ave.

Phone: Lincoln, NE 68506
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you with regard to the changes at the 48th and O Street intersection. I believe they will make this intersection much more dangerous for pedestrian traffic, because it will be a much more complex intersection which requires more split-second decision making from drivers and will be a much greater distance for a pedestrian to get across. I think this is especially true in less than ideal conditions, such as rain, snow, sleet, sun glare on wind shields, or nighttime hours; intoxicated, incompetent, or inexperienced drivers; and drivers who are just distracted by children, pets, cell phones, etc.

If this project must happen, I hope that you are giving serious consideration to either a bridge above the street or a tunnel below it, in the interest of safety for pedestrians and drivers alike.

Tammy J Grammer/Notes
03/07/2006 08:02 AM

To "Mitchell Cohn" <mecohn5@hotmail.com>
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Subject Re: douglas theater

Dear Mitchell Cohn: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Tammy J. Grammer
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
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"Mitchell Cohn" <mecohn5@hotmail.com>

"Mitchell Cohn" <mecohn5@hotmail.com>
03/04/2006 07:50 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
Subject douglas theater

Hello to all,

I can appreciate all the consideration given to the theater policy, but I will have to respectively disagree with the decision today.

I realize that it is Patte Newman's opinion that "we can't leave DouglasTheaterhigh and dry", but we have to recognize that DouglasTheatermade their decision from a business standpoint. If they didn't think it would benefit their theater company I am sure they would not have made the deal. Plus they received many benefits already, mostly monetary, in the deal.

DouglasTheateris in a position with the current policy to maintain a monopoly on the theater business in Lincoln. With our current policy, competition is all but eliminated, since there is not any room for another company to come into the downtown area. I believe that the current policy could be in conflict with the Anti-trust laws by eliminating free trade and ability to encourage competition. If we allowed larger then 6 plex theaters outside the downtown area other cinema companies and Douglas would build complexes and fairly compete with each other.

I think we are meeting a crossroads in Lincoln. Are we wanting to compete in the market by offering a progressive metropolitan CITY, or stay with the status quo and lose out on companies like Gallup etc..

Thanks for listening to one concerned citizen.

Mitchell Cohn

311 N 34th St.

Lincoln, NE68503

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City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 402-476-2907
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Email: Nebraska1965@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:
It has come to my attention the city intends to eliminate left hand turns on N 27th street from Fletcher to I-80. This will certainly make it very inconvenient for anyone wanting to access the businesses in this area. It will be especially difficult for travelers leaving I-80 to understand they will have to go to Fletcher before they can access a business on the east side of 27th. A left hand turn light should not delay traffic very much and will make it safe to turn. Please reconsider and keep the turn lanes. Thank you.
Mardell Hergenrader

"Kim Gibson"
<kimg@andersonautogroup.com>
03/07/2006 10:13 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject City installing Right Turn Only medians at 27th and Wildcat

I work at Anderson Ford, and oppose right turn only medians at 27th and Wildcat Drive. A traffic light would be a much better option. This would help congestion between 5 and 6 pm, and people trying to turn left to get to the interstate. A traffic light would make the intersection safer.

Kim Gibson

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P.O. Box 81044, Lincoln, NE 68501

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OFFICE

Mr. Stuart A. Marx
P. O. Box 22761
Lincoln, NE 68542-2761

2-22-2006

Dear Mr. Marx,

I am writing you today to express the Everett Neighborhood Association's displeasure of your rental of the property at 1415 South Street to Ray's Luv Shop, an enterprise that sells "adult" novelties.

We in the Everett Neighborhood Association have supported homeowners through downzoning the single family areas of the neighborhood to preserve the family character of the neighborhood. We support small business in our neighborhood, through our membership in the South Street Civic and Business Association, which was formed to revitalize the South Street business district from 8th to 18th streets.

It is our opinion the Ray's Luv Shop is not an asset to the area. As residents of the area, we expect that the South Street corridor will be redeveloped into an area of small shops where one may bring the family. A business like Ray's only caters to the most primal emotions and attracts a clientele that is less that desirable.

Our association is worried for the safety of the children in the surrounding neighborhood, the local daycare centers and at Saratoga School, we are concerned for the safety of the women of the area because "adult" entertainments debase women and we are worried about the character of the type of person that frequents the establishment and their potentially warped views of women and children.

We realize that Ray's Luv Shop is a legal business and you have the right to rent to anyone who can pay the rent. We in the Everett Neighborhood Association do not like its location or its services. We are of the opinion that Ray's Luv Shop will draw undesirables to the area, increasing the crime in the surrounding neighborhoods. The crime increase will merit an increased police presence to protect the neighborhoods surrounding Ray's. The neighborhoods surrounding 14th and South will gain a reputation that prevents new residents from moving in and causing old residents to move out, creating a hollow shell where once was a thriving neighborhood. In the end it comes down to a few basic questions: would you want to live near an establishment like Ray's? : would you as a parent want your children to walk anywhere near Ray's? and do you think

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P.O. Box 81044, Lincoln, NE 68501

that the established families of the surrounding neighborhoods want an establishment like Ray's near their homes?

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey Tangeman
President, Everett Neighborhood Association

Cc: Chief of Police Tom Cassidy –Lincoln Police Department
Lincoln City Council ✓
The Mayor's office – Mayor Seng, Lin Quenser
County Board of Commissioners (Att. Ray Stevens)

Media Release

To: Interested Persons/Agencies

From: Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln

Date: March 7, 2006

Subject: Funding Opportunity

Community Health Endowment Seeks Applicants For Innovative Projects to Combat Methamphetamine

The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) is pleased to announce that applications are now available for a new initiative, ***"Preventing and Combating Methamphetamine Use in Lincoln."*** The purpose of this project is to fund collaborative and strategic planning efforts that engage the community in developing solutions to this public health issue.

CHE is seeking proposals that provide a clear and concrete plan for:

- gauging community interest, awareness, and knowledge regarding the impact of methamphetamine in Lincoln;
- developing community-based solutions;
- energizing grassroots organizations to take action; and/or
- identifying existing gaps in prevention, treatment, and/or enforcement.

CHE has set aside $75,000 to fund one or more proposals. Applicants should be reminded that these funds are limited to proposals for planning efforts. Therefore, CHE funds are **not** available for implementation of specific, methamphetamine-related programs at this time. CHE intends that the strategies identified through the planning efforts will guide future decisions of community, state, and national funders.

P.O.Box 81309 Lincoln, NE 68501 www.CHELincoln.org ✆ 402.436.5516 Fax 402.436.4128

Funding applications for "***Preventing and Combating Methamphetamine Use in Lincoln***" are available by contacting the CHE office at 436-5516, or by visiting the website www.chelincoln.org.

The deadline to submit a proposal is May 5, 2006, 5:00 pm. Funds are available for costs related to developing a planning strategy, including human resources, public input processes, data collection, meeting costs, and miscellaneous supplies.

For more information and application materials, contact CHE at 436-5516 or visit www.chelincoln.org.

Fred Freytag
<fred@witherbeena.org>
03/08/2006 11:44 AM

To "Wynn S. Hjermstad" <whjermstad@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, Urban Development <urbandev@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, kfredrickson@lincoln.ne.gov, AHarrell@ci.lincoln.ne.us,
cc City Council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, Annette McRoy <amcroy@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, Jon Camp <jcamp@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, Jonathan Cook
bcc
Subject RE: "O" Street Widening Project at 46th Street

To: Urban Development, Public Works Department, Planning Department, Parks Department, City of Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68508

Cc: Mayors Office, Council Members, WNA Board,

RE: "O" Street Widening Project at 46th Street

On behalf of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA), I am sending the attached letter to express the Association's concern with planned development in the area immediately south of 46th & O Streets.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted

--
Fred Freytag
President WNA
530 So 38th (10)
435-2465

Visit us at http://www.WitherbeeNA.org

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Witherbee Neighborhood Association

Fred Freytag - President
530 So 38th
Lincoln, NE 68510

March 6. 2006

Public Works Department, Urban Development, Planning Department, Parks Department,
City of Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: "O" Street Widening Project at 46th Street

On behalf of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA), I am writing this letter to express the Association's concern with planned development in the area immediately south of 46th & O Streets.

It came to our attention that the City of Lincoln has changed the plan for the re-design of the "M-street extension", the one-way street on the west side of the park/green space at 46th & O Street, without an opportunity for public input.

WNA, at its monthly meeting on March 2, 2006, voted to contact the City of Lincoln to express our concern based on the following facts:

- The proposed change in street configuration was not made public during numerous meetings and presentations that the City has held regarding the widening of O Street between 44th and 52nd Streets. This change only became public at the Open House held by the City on February 21, 2006, at the Villager Motel.
- The area affected by this street configuration change is one of the few remaining green spaces in this part of the city, and is located in the heart of our neighborhood. This green space is of great importance to our neighborhood for the health and well-being benefits it offers our residents.
- WNA objects to the taking of any park land in central Lincoln to include any part of the space at 46th & O Street.
- It has been the desire of WNA to preserve any and all existing park and green spaces located within the neighborhood boundaries, and to a larger extent, all such spaces located within the city limits.
- Conflicting information coming from the different City Departments involved in the project has kept the residents from knowing with certainty what exactly the City intends to do at this location.

For the above reasons, WNA respectfully requests that plans for the 'M-street extension' and '46th & O green space" re-design be temporarily suspended until the issue is clarified to WNA's satisfaction. WNA requests that an informational meeting be held to explain the plans, and to allow citizens to ask questions regarding the project.

WNA will appreciate your serious consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Witherbee Neighborhood Association

Fred Freytag - President
530 So 38th
Lincoln, NE 68510

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Freytag

President

Cc: (Mayor and council reps)

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Port Richey water impact fee to increase after 16 years

■ The fee, which hasn't risen since '90, goes from $225 to $1,300 in the city and from $300 to $1,625 outside the city.

By CAMILLE SPENCER
Times Staff Writer

PORT RICHEY — The city's water impact fee is going up more than 400 percent.

The Port Richey City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to raise its water impact fee ordinance for developers. The fee, which hasn't been increased since 1990, will jump from $225 per new development inside the city to $1,300. Outside the city, the fee will increase from $300 to $1,625. The city's water, wastewater and stormwater impact fees and stormwater utility fee pay for runoff and water use by residents and developers.

The city's wastewater impact fees were unanimously approved at its Feb. 14 council meeting, but were amended at Tuesday night's meeting. The fee of $1,500 per new development inside the city and $1,800 outside the city was amended to $1,600 inside the city and $1,920 outside the city.

Hartman Consulting Inc. recommended that the city's stormwater impact fee be $810 per new development and the stormwater utility fee be $3 per month for each household in the city, but council members have yet to adopt ordinances addressing those fees. Developments in the unincorporated part of Pasco County that's outside the city pay 25 percent more in fees.

Also at Tuesday night's meeting, council members discussed plans for money from two grants. Seven medians along U.S. 19, from the Pithlachascotee River to Ridge Road, will get makeovers using a $150,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation. Landscape designer and planner Margaret Moore of New Port Richey, who will design plans for the medians, discussed palm trees or shrubs as options for the project.

A second grant for $6,621 from the Office of Criminal Justice will be used to place cameras at Waterfront, Oelsner and Brasher parks. The number of cameras has yet to be determined, but they will be monitored by police dispatchers.

Camille C. Spencer can be reached in west Pasco at 869-6229 or toll-free at 1-800-333-7505, ext. 6229. Her e-mail address is cspencer@sptimes.com.

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ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of March 11 through 17, 2006-Schedule subject to change -(See Release)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng To Receive Girl Scouting's Highest Adult Award Saturday -(See Release)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Set On Stormwater Improvements - (See Release)

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Invited To Meeting On Southwest Wastewater Facility -(See Release)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Maribeth Milner - RE: I support the current Neighborhood Center Plan -(See E-Mail)

2. E-Mail from Fay Welsch - RE: Please DENY the Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams area -(See E-Mail)

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG lincoln.ne.gov

Date: March 10, 2006
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of March 11 through March 17, 2006
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, March 11
- Girl Scout Annual Meeting - meeting begins at 9 a.m., Mayor to receive Girl Scouts' highest adult award at 11 a.m. ceremony, Cornhusker Marriott, Grand Ballroom, 333 South 13th Street

Sunday, March 12
- Lincoln Irish Dancers' ninth annual spring Ceili - 6:30 p.m., Auld Recreation Center, 3140 Sumner

Monday, March 13
- Community Blood Bank, blood donation - 7:30 a.m., Community Blood Bank, 84th and "O" streets
- Girl Scout Troop 320, proclamation - 9 a.m., Eastridge Elementary gymnasium, 6245 "L" Street
- Mayor's Annual Award of Excellence presentation - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, March 14
- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 3:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Executive Reception - 4:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce, 1135 "M" Street

Wednesday, March 15
- KFOR - 12:30 p.m., 800 Cornhusker Highway
- Southwest Wastewater Treatment Facility public meeting - 5 p.m., Lincoln Southwest High School, 7001 South 14th Street

Thursday, March 16
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- Leadership Lincoln Executive Series, remarks - 6 p.m., State Capitol cafeteria

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 10, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Jenny Cardwell, Girl Scouts, 476-7539

MAYOR SENG TO RECEIVE GIRL SCOUTING'S HIGHEST ADULT AWARD SATURDAY

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will receive the Girl Scouts' highest honor, the "Thanks Badge II for Continuing Service," at the annual meeting of the Homestead Council of Girl Scouts Saturday, March 11 in Lincoln. The badge is the highest national award that an adult may receive in Girl Scouting.

"Girl Scouting has been developing self confidence and leadership skills in girls for more than nine decades," said Mayor Seng. "It is important for girls to build their strength, courage and character, and Girl Scouting provides them with those opportunities. It is a great honor to receive this award from an organization that has already enhanced my life in so many ways."

The Mayor will receive the award as part of Saturday's 11 a.m. adult awards ceremony in the Grand Ballroom at the Cornhusker Marriott, 333 South 13th Street.

Jenny Cardwell of the Homestead Council of Girl Scouts said the award is presented to an adult staff member or volunteer who "continues to provide distinguished service that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement."

Mayor Seng began her involvement in Girl Scouting as a Brownie in 1942. She is a past president of the Homestead Girl Scout Council and continues to be involved in Girl Scout fund-raising activities. She was employed by the Girl Scouts for several years both in Saginaw, Michigan and Lincoln.

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MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 10, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Curtis Weber, Engineering Services, 441-7563
Reggi Carlson, The Schemmer Associates, 488-2500

OPEN HOUSE SET ON STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

The public is invited to an open house meeting Tuesday, March 14 on a stormwater drainage improvement project along "M" and "N" streets between 34th and 38th streets. The meeting is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Education Center, 510 South 33rd Street.

The project, which will reduce the potential for flooding in the area, is one of the stormwater drainage improvement projects funded through the City bond issue passed in May 2005. At the open house, participants will hear about current potential flooding risks and the proposed plans for improvements. The construction project is expected to begin this summer.

Representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department and The Schemmer Associates will be available to explain the proposed project, answer questions and take comments.

For more information on the open house or the project, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (click on City construction projects, then public meetings - 35th and "N" Stormwater Bond Project Open House). You also may call Curt Weber at the City Public Works and Utilities Department at 441-7563 or Reggi Carlson at The Schemmer Associates at 488-2500.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Wastewater and Solid Waste, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521 441-7961, fax 441-8735

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 10, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Brian Kramer, Supt. of Wastewater Collection, 441-7987

PUBLIC INVITED TO MEETING ON SOUTHWEST WASTEWATER FACILITY

The public is invited to a meeting Wednesday, March 15 on four possible locations for a new wastewater facility in southwest Lincoln to accommodate the long-term growth of the City. The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lincoln Southwest High School, 7001 South 14th Street, and presentations will begin at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. Those attending are asked to park and enter on the south side of the school.

This is the second public meeting on the project. The first gave an overview of the project, and the second meeting will give the public an opportunity to comment on and ask questions about the site selection process.

For more information on the meeting or the project, see the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: swwf) or call Brian Kramer at 441-7987 or the Wastewater Division at 441-7961.

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Tammy J Grammer/Notes
03/13/2006 08:13 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
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Subject Fw: I support the CURRENT Neighborhood Center Plan and apparently have a more conservative position on this maneuvering than most of the "conservatives" on the City Council

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 03/13/2006 08:16 AM -----

Maribeth Milner
<mmilner@inebraska.com>
03/13/2006 08:18 AM

To mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
cc council@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject I support the CURRENT Neighborhood Center Plan and apparently have a more conservative position on this maneuvering than most of the "conservatives" on the City Council

Dear staffer,

I support the current Neighborhood Center concept of providing a wide variety of preferably local services to local Lincoln communities. We're already seen the beginning of the pending energy crisis that will challenge city managers the world over - and it only makes sense to plan for that eventuality now - not later. The Neighborhood Center concept is more energy conservative than super centers. However, the proposed footage requirements for a "hypothetical" building is designed to break the Neighborhood Concept and I urge the Mayor to oppose those changes.

I'm also a fiscal conservative who sees a national debt of $8.2 trillion and growing - with no signs of abatement. You and I are each personally responsible for approximately $28,000 of that debt - and that's without the interest. So, here are some questions / points of consideration that I'd like addressed **before** a decision to abort the Neighborhood Center concept is made...

-What are the exact tax payer funded costs associated with this project - with and without impact fees (since the Supreme Court has yet to decide on the status of impact fees)? If you don't know, then I urge you to require a full impact assessment (environmental, economic, transportation infrastructure, etc.). If a developer can challenge the Neighborhood Center concept, then we can require such a study - regardless of whether that requirement currently exists on the books or not! Bending the rules is a two way street. [I can already hear at least one member of the Council crying foul over requiring such an assessment That kind of political posturing is NOT constructive NOR appreciated. Disagree or agree, but please stick to constructive comments.]

-Is this the wisest use of tax payer dollars or will another project provide more critical services for the community? If we haven't identified construction priorities (like getting grocery stores to the NE and NW parts of the city), then please do so before committing further tax payer money.

-If we don't yet know whether impact fees will withstand a Supreme Court challenge, it's unwise to indirectly commit tax payer money to this hypothetical project. Please resist the temptation.

-Is there a way to reduce those tax payer costs - by siting the hypothetical construction to a better constructed intersection than Adams Street?

-If Adams needs to be enlarged, have the Adams street residents been given a chance to provide input concerning those changes?

-My understanding is that new housing is sitting vacant. Why are we even considering building more housing at this time?

-Will this plan provide the neighborhood grocery store that this area so desperately needs?

Sincerely,

Maribeth

Maribeth Milner
5151 Vine #608
Lincoln, NE 68504

If you want peace, work for justice.
Pope Paul VI

Tammy J Grammer/Notes
03/13/2006 09:19 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
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Subject Fw: Walmart

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 03/13/2006 09:22 AM -----

Tammy J Grammer/Notes
03/13/2006 09:18 AM

To "Fay Welsch" <fay.welsch.axqw@statefarm.com>
cc
Subject Re: Walmart

Dear Fay Welsch: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Tammy J. Grammer
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03/13/2006 09:17 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Walmart

To All City Council Members:

Please DENY the Walmart at 84th & Adams area.

It will cause increased congestion on the ONLY nice 4 lane north/south Arterial that extends across the city from one side to the other.

2 Walmarts in Lincoln is enough. I am concerned about other businesses Losing their customer base to a 3rd Walmart. Lincoln will be saturated with Walmart if a 3rd store is allowed. I believe in competition among businesses, But not a dominance of the market for one business (namely Walmart).

It does not create greater economic wealth for the city, it just draws from the pool of existing business that is spread among many Lincoln businesses.

I do not think the size of Walmart will matter in the end, it will have a negative impact On the quality of life in that area, it will cause such high traffic flow no matter How small or big it is, it will be a magnet for congested traffic.

Please put this matter to rest with you denial of Walmart. Let Waverly or some other Community deal with the infrastructure burden it will surely place on Lincoln if it is Built in Lincoln. It is not just an 84th & Adams issue -- I truly do not think Lincoln needs another Walmart anywhere in the City.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Fay Welsch
1921 E. Bermuda Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68506