

**DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 10, 2015**  
**555 SO. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BILL LUXFORD STUDIO**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Directors' and Organizational meeting minutes of August 3, 2015.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS OF MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to volunteer at Union Plaza.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public pool season ends on Sunday. Star City Shores open for two more weeks.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Thursday, August 6, 2015, 10:00 a.m., 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 303, to announce issues he wants to address over the next year.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor outline goals for coming year.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Milestone reached for biosolid distribution.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Revised Action by the Planning Commission, August 5, 2015.
2. Planning Commission Final Action, August 5, 2015.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from July 28, 2015 through August 3, 2015.

**WEED AUTHORITY**

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement newsletter, August, 2015.

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

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **Lincoln City Council/Omaha City Council Joint Meeting Agenda Topics**

**VIII. CITY COUNCIL**

**JON CAMP**

1. Request to Steve Hubka, Finance Director, from Councilman Camp for information on PC Sports.

**JANE RAYBOULD**

1. Councilperson Raybould writing Jarad Falk at Time Warner regarding a constituent complaint.  
(Also sent to the Telecommunications Advisory Board)

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Correspondence from Todd Benson regarding the denial of his sewer damage claim. (Sent to Attorney Marcee Brownlee)
2. JoAnn Murphy writing with suggestions for motorcyclists and bicyclists.

**X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 5, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Janet Ball, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7847

Chris Myers, Parks Operations Coordinator, 402-441-6051

## **PUBLIC INVITED TO VOLUNTEER AT UNION PLAZA**

The public is invited to participate in a Union Plaza work day from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, August 15. The group will meet at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 250 N. 21st St., for training. The event kicks off the Parks and Recreation Department's new program for volunteers, who will meet one Saturday a month at a different park location.

To register, send an email to [ParksVolunteers@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ParksVolunteers@lincoln.ne.gov). New volunteers are asked to fill out a form and bring it to the event on August 15 or submit it with their registration. The form is available at [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov) (click on "volunteer," then download application from list on the right).

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 5, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Holly Lewis, Recreation Coordinator, 402-441-4902

## **PUBLIC POOL SEASON ENDS ON SUNDAY**

*Star City Shores open for two more weeks*

Lincoln's public swimming pools, with the exception of Star City Shores, will close for the season at 6 p.m. Sunday, August 9. Star City Shores, 4375 S. 33rd St., will remain open through Sunday, August 23 with extended hours:

- Monday, August 10 - 12:30 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 11 - 12:30 to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 12 through Friday, August 14 - 3:30 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 15 through Sunday, August 16 - 12:30 to 7 p.m.
- Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21 - 3:30 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 22 - 12:30 to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, August 23 - 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Star City Shores will host Dog Splash from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on August 23. Tickets are \$10 per dog and will go on sale at 6 p.m. at the front gates. Each dog may be accompanied by up to two adults and one child at least eight years of age. The event features an area for small dogs as well as retrieval activities in the lap lanes. When dogs are not in the water, they must be on a leash. Dog Splash is sponsored by the Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club. For more information about Dog Splash, visit [glcddogs.org](http://glcddogs.org) or contact Janet Ball at 402-416-5540.

For more information on City pools visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: pools).

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

**DATE:** August 5, 2015

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

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce the issues he wants to address over the next year at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, August 6 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 6, 2015

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

**MAYOR OUTLINES GOALS FOR COMING YEAR**

Mayor Chris Beutler today focused on the economy, transportation infrastructure, government efficiency and accountability, public safety and the environment as he outlined his Administration's goals for the next year. He said his proposals to keep Lincoln's economy strong and growing include a plan to make high-speed Internet available to every home.

"High-speed Internet is essential to attracting new investment, creating new jobs and giving children in every household in Lincoln access to a better education," Beutler said. "The effort will transform the City, making us even more competitive for the 21st century businesses and workers we need to succeed."

Beutler said the City will continue to work with partners on several major development projects, including the \$50 million investment recently announced for east downtown; a new concept for Scheels at SouthPointe Pavilions; and the Victory Park plan to provide housing for veterans and older adults at the Veterans Administration campus. He said the project will help make the case to the federal government that the new Veterans Clinic should be built on the VA Campus, and he said he will demand that the project preserve and enhance services to veterans.

"I will also work closely with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce to implement the strategic recommendations for future economic growth as outlined by Angelou Economics," he said. "Angelou's roadmap for developing a world-class workforce, attracting talent and building infrastructure will further strengthen Lincoln's position as a globally competitive city."

Beutler said the most critical pieces of Lincoln's future roads network – the South Beltway and a new interchange at 33rd, Adams and Cornhusker – cannot be accomplished by the City alone. "The Lancaster County Board will play a significant role in the future of these critical projects," he said. "I am working closely with the Board to ensure adequate funding is available through the Railroad Transportation Safety District, a joint City-County body. I believe a compromise solution exists that will allow the County Board to deal with its budget challenges while still preserving the funding we need to move forward on two street projects that are critical to our future."

Beutler said transportation infrastructure improvements must include sidewalk maintenance and trail development. The protected bikeway on "N" Street is scheduled for completion this fall, and a federal grant will help start a bike-sharing program. "These are relatively inexpensive projects that reduce pressure for far more expensive street construction projects," he said. "They must be part of a comprehensive transportation solution."

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We cannot afford to fall behind on sustainability efforts, Beutler said, and it's time to address Lincoln's low recycling rate. "Only 22 percent of recyclable materials are diverted from our landfill, an unacceptable level of waste that places pressure to spend millions expanding the landfill earlier than necessary," he said. "Lincoln residents pay considerably more than other Nebraskans for waste hauling and recycling services. A low rate of recycling combined with higher consumer costs suggest that action needs to be taken." Beutler said it is time for a public discussion of a committee's recommendations to improve the waste diversion system, which could include a permanent hazardous waste collection facility.

A new performance management initiative and reorganization efforts are two of the ways Beutler said his Administration will make government work smarter, build trust with residents and increase transparency. "Our Taking Charge initiative has brought thousands of residents to the decision-making table and more clearly expressed the City's General Fund challenges," he said. "Now, we are working to extend the initiative to Lincoln's street construction budget, so residents have a fuller understanding of our transportation priorities and easy access to the information that allows them to participate in developing solutions."

Since becoming Mayor in 2007, Beutler said he has reduced the City workforce by about 5 percent without significantly reducing service to the public. He said that success gives him confidence that his Administration can solve current budget challenges, including the Police and Fire Pension fund and financial trends in the City golf program.

In April, voters approved a fire station relocation plan and the replacement of the 911 communications system, but the Mayor said public safety challenges remain. He said he will focus on updating Lincoln's fire apparatus, increasing the number of firefighters and looking for opportunities to improve police protection. Beutler said the City can also strengthen public safety by working to stabilize funding for the Community Learning Centers (CLCs) and expand programming. "Public safety is broader than police, fire and 911," he said. "Our community's safety is greatly enhanced when we invest in our children's future. Our partnership with the Lincoln Public Schools in CLCs is paying big dividends by keeping kids out of trouble and involved in positive activities."

Beutler said the issues presented today are not the only ones the City will tackle in the coming year. "My colleagues on the City Council have ideas they want to explore with the community," he said. "The people of Lincoln themselves continue to articulate new ideas as well. I will work closely with both groups to develop community consensus and guide us to even brighter tomorrow."

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Wastewater Division, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7043

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 6, 2015

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

Steve Crisler, City Wastewater Supt., 402-441-7966

Karen Wobig, Ne. Extension in Lancaster County, 402-441-7180

**MILESTONE REACHED FOR BIOSOLID DISTRIBUTION**

The City of Lincoln recently distributed the one-millionth cubic yard of biosolid material in Lancaster County as part of the biosolids land application program. The nutrient-rich organic material is produced from the treatment of domestic wastewater at the Theresa Street wastewater treatment plant. Farmers apply the biosolids on farm ground as a substitute for commercial fertilizer.

The City began the program in 1992 after egg-shaped anaerobic digesters were installed at the Theresa Street facility to process biosolids for land application. The material was previously buried in the Bluff Road Landfill. The biosolids meet strict federal quality standards before they are delivered to area farmer's fields.

"By anaerobically digesting the biosolids, the City reduces pathogens, minimizes odors and produces an agricultural product that stimulates plant growth and increases crop yield," said Steve Crisler, Superintendent of the Wastewater Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department. "This enables the City to manage the material and benefits farmers in an economical and environmentally-sound way. This public-private partnership is a 'win-win' for everyone involved."

Crisler said the City also benefits by avoiding landfill disposal costs, currently at \$25 per ton, and by extending the life of the Bluff Road Landfill. The cost to transport the material to farm properties within 15 miles of the treatment facility is less than \$7 per ton.

The City contracts with Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County to work with farmers to conduct soil tests and insure that the biosolids are applied properly. UNL Extension has worked with 45 farmers over the last 23 years to apply biosolids on 24,160 acres. "When the program started in 1992, the City paid farmers a small fee to apply the biosolids," said Karen Wobig, Extension Educator. "But now, farmers see the benefits of utilizing biosolids and are paying the City a nominal amount."

Dave Smith, Biosolids Coordinator for Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, said that biosolids are a good source of nitrogen fertilizer, are high in organic matter and provide valuable nutrients such as phosphorus and potassium. "We estimate that farmers receiving the biosolids see a nutrient value equal to \$400 per acre," Smith said. "There is a strong demand for biosolids from area farmers, who are now paying the City as much as one dollar per cubic yard for the biosolids delivered to their fields."

More information on the City's wastewater operations is available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: wastewater).

**\*\*REVISED ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, immediately following the regular meeting, in Room 112 of the County-City Building, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to discuss Commercial Wind Energy.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission scheduled for August 19, 2015 will convene at 5:30 P.M. in order to accommodate anticipated increased demand for public comment on the proposed commercial wind energy text amendment.

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

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

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015**

**[Commissioners Lust and Beecham absent]**

Election of Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair - Delay until September 2, 2015.  
**\*\*APPROVED: 7-0; (Lust and Beecham absent)\*\***

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 22, 2015. **\*\*APPROVED: 7-0; (Lust and Beecham absent)\*\***

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

**[Commissioner Scheer having declared a conflict of interest on Special Permit No. 15041, left the chambers during the Consent Agenda action and, therefore, did not vote on any of the Consent Agenda items]**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:**

Page 01 1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 15008, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, an application to declare property as surplus, generally located on North 14th and North 15th Streets between Claremont Street and Court Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**  
**Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, [pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan: 6-0 (Scheer, Lust and Beecham absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2015, 3:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL PERMITS:**

Page 09 1.2 Special Permit No. 15041, to allow for an early childhood care facility, including a waiver to the conversion plan, on property generally located at 8120 O Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, [pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set for in the staff report dated July 24, 2015: 6-0 (Scheer declared conflict of interest; Lust and Beecham absent).**

Page 19 1.3 Special Permit No. 15042, to allow for a 60-foot tall temporary wireless facility with waivers to collocation and screening, on property generally located at 905 North 9th Street. **\*\*FINAL ACTION\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 22, 2015: 6-0 (Scheer, Lust and Beecham absent). Resolution No. PC-01467**

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

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT:**

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- 4.1 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 15002, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, by changing the commercial center designation from O Mixed Use Office Center to N Neighborhood Center for a mixed-use development, on property generally located in the northwest corner of South 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 402-441-6373, [bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 7-0 (Lust and Beecham absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2015, 3:00 p.m.**

## **CHANGE OF ZONE:**

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- 4.2 Change of Zone No. 15021, Victory Park Planned Unit Development, change of zone from P (Public Use District) to B-2 Planned Unit Development, O-3 Planned Unit Development, and R-4 Planned Unit Development, on property generally located at the Veterans Administration Campus, 600 South 70th Street, for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes waivers to Title 26 and Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code with modifications to the Zoning Ordinance, to design and construct a mixed-use development providing housing, medical offices and services, commercial and accessory services.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, [ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 24, 2015, with amended conditions as offered by the applicant: 7-0 (Lust and Beecham absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2015, 3:00 p.m.**

**5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

Page 71 5.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 15010, to review the proposed “VA Campus Redevelopment Plan” as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and the State of Nebraska’s Community Development Plan, generally located at 600 South 70<sup>th</sup> Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**  
**Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, [ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan: 7-0; (Lust and Beecham absent). Public hearing before the City Council is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2015, 3:00 p.m.**

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

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**Adjournment** 1:50 p.m.

**PENDING LIST:** None

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**SPECIAL NOTE: The August 19, 2015, Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live at 5:30 p.m., and will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.**

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

**ACCOMMODATION NOTICE**

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.

## PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

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

**FROM :** Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

**DATE :** August 6, 2015

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: August 5, 2015

Please be advised that on August 5, 2015, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. PC-01467**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 15042, to allow for a 60-foot tall temporary wireless facility with waivers to collocation and screening, on property legally described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 6, North Lincoln, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 23-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 905 North 9th Street.

The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. SP15042). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.

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# *Memorandum*

**Date:** ♦ August 4, 2015  
**To:** ♦ City Clerk  
**From:** ♦ Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.  
**Re:** ♦ Administrative Approvals  
**cc:** ♦ Mayor Chris Beutler  
Planning Commission  
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from July 28, 2015 through August 3, 2015:

**Administrative Amendment No. 15043** to Final Plat 14093, Village Meadows 10<sup>th</sup> Addition, approved by the Acting Planning Director on July 30, 2015, requested by Olsson Associates, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor for the corrected final plat for Village Meadows 10<sup>th</sup> Addition, generally located at S. 63<sup>rd</sup> and Yankee Hill Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15054** to Final Plat 15007, Grandview Estates 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, approved by the Acting Planning Director on July 31, 2015, requested by Civil Design Group, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor for the corrected final plat for Grandview Estates 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, generally located at S. 70<sup>th</sup> and Rokeby Road.

# Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

## Purple Loosestrife Success

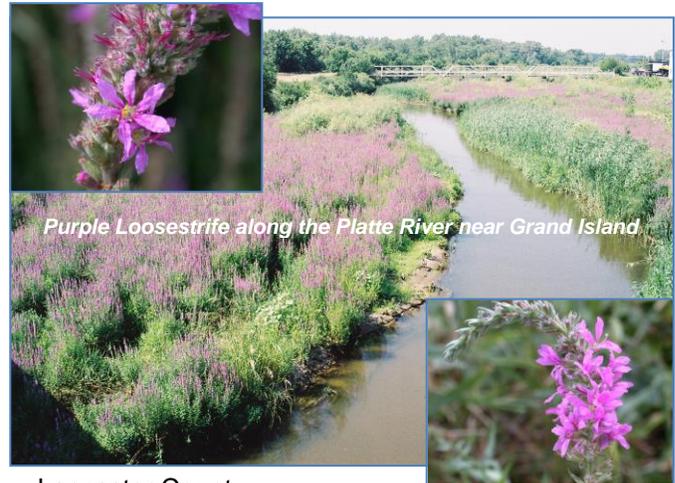
### AUGUST 2015:

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*"It is extremely important to recognize plants that pose a serious threat to Nebraska and work to bring the infestations down to a manageable level"*

### Flower Garden to Noxious Weed

[Purple loosestrife](#) was the first escaped ornamental and the first aquatic plant added to the State's noxious weed list. Added in 2001, it has become one of the best success stories we have to tell in Lancaster County. EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) has paid off with this plant. EDRR is the process we use to identify a problem early and then work to educate the public on its potential threat. It is extremely important to recognize plants that pose a serious threat to Nebraska and work to bring the infestations down to a manageable level before it becomes so widespread we can never catch up. In 2001



Lancaster County reported 490 locations; so far in 2015 our inspectors have confirmed only 20 locations.

While we have been successful in the eastern part of the state, we continue to find new infestations that need to be controlled.

Purple loosestrife does have a distinctive flower

and plant structure, however, we do want to caution that there are similar purple flowered plants in our landscapes that are OK, we don't want anyone to be confused and dig up the wrong plant. More information can be found on our [website](#) or contact our office for positive identification.

## Welcome Amanda Stevens – Account Clerk III

Please join us in welcoming Amanda Stevens to the Weed Control office. Amanda comes to our office after working at Register of Deeds as a Land Records Technician, for 1 1/2 years. Her previous work experience in the private sector and with Lancaster County will be a tremendous asset in working with the citizens in Lancaster County. Amanda lives in Elmwood with her husband Todd where they family raise dogs. We look forward to working with Amanda; her experience will be a great addition to our staff.

## Inspection Activity Report

As of June 31, 2015, the Weed Control staff has completed 7,564 inspections on 4,154 properties. Weed abatement within the City of Lincoln accounted for 5,146 inspections on 2,486 properties while noxious weeds accounted for 2,418 inspections on 1,668 properties.

We've received 1,147 complaints from the public wanting help getting neighboring properties controlled. In order to gain compliance we've sent 1,976 letters and 1,152 legal notices requiring control. A total of 167 enforcements have been completed by our contractors, totaling \$22,975 in control cost.



**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES  
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

[PlayCleanGo.org](http://PlayCleanGo.org)

Lancaster County Weed Control  
 444 Cherrycreek Rd. Bldg B  
 Lincoln, NE. 68528

Phone: 402.441.7817  
 Fax: 402.441.8616  
 E-mail:  
[weeds@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:weeds@lancaster.ne.gov)



We're on the Web!

[www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds)

Good Neighbors –  
 Control Invasive Weeds !!!

# Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

*It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.*

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation.

The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.



<p><b>Musk Thistle</b>                  Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers                  Mature seedhead</p>	<p><b>Canada Thistle</b>                  Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p><b>Plumeless Thistle</b>                  Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p>Purple flowers</p>
<p><b>Phragmites</b>                  Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p>Young seedhead                  Mature seedhead</p>	<p><b>Leafy Spurge</b>                  Height 3–2.6 ft</p> <p>Large yellow leaves (bracts)                  Stem leaves have milky sap</p>	<p><b>Sericea Lespedeza</b>                  Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p>White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p><b>Japanese Knotweed</b>                  Height 3–10 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p><b>Giant Knotweed</b>                  Height 6–13 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p><b>Purple Loosestrife</b>                  Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p>Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p><b>Saltcedar</b>                  Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p>Pink to white flowers</p>	<p><b>Spotted Knapweed</b>                  Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p><b>Diffuse Knapweed</b>                  Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>White/purplish flowers</p>
<p><b>Lancaster County's Noxious Weeds</b>                  Newly Added</p>	<p><b>Cutleaf Teasel</b>                  Height 4–8 ft</p> <p>White flowers</p>	<p><b>Common Teasel</b>                  Height 3–6 ft</p> <p>Lavender to white flowers</p>

Good neighbors control noxious weeds — If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association ([www.neweed.org](http://www.neweed.org)), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**Subject:** PC Sports Information

**From:** Jon Camp  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2015 10:54 AM  
**To:** Steve D. Hubka  
**Subject:** PC Sports Information

Steve:

Please provide a listing of projects that PC Sports has been involved with and the compensation paid to PC Sports by the City. . .by project if available. . .plus total paid since first engaging PC Sports.

Also explain the contractual arrangements with PC Sports and necessary approvals that need to be given by City officials and/or the City Council.

Which City Departments is PC Sports working with?

- Urban Development?
- Public Works?
- Parks and Rec?
- MSC/Experian Building?
- Others, please

What are the ongoing arrangements with PC Sports? Compensation?

Can you also provide a summary of the compensation paid to PC Sports for the Pinnacle Bank Arena and other West Haymarket JPA projects?

Thank you.

Jon

**JON A. CAMP**  
**Lincoln City Council**  
**200 Haymarket Square**  
**808 P Street**  
**P.O. Box 82307**  
**Lincoln, NE 68501-2307**

Office: 402.474.1838/402.474.1812  
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**Email:** [joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com](mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com)

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**Subject:** Request

**From:** Jane Raybould  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:07 AM  
**To:** Falk, Jarad  
**Subject:** Request

Jarad,

I enjoyed meeting with you a few weeks back. How should I handle complaints from my constituents about Time Warner service? Recently, an elderly gentleman called with concerns about watching Chanel 4 saying that the station is broadcasting with sound delays and very poor transmission. He is also concerned with the break-up of the transmission and picture. He has 2 TVs that are probably 10 years old but both have the appropriate converter boxes. He has called to complain about this several weeks ago and the response has been that we are working on it. He called just 3 days ago about the same concern and Time Warner gave the same response. He is frustrated. This gentleman recently had a stroke and has difficulty writing otherwise he wanted to issue a formal written complaint.

Thank you.

Jane  
(402) 430-6561

Ngoc-Thanh & Todd Benson  
1801 N. 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68504

8/03/2015

Re: Denial of Claim

Dear Marcee A. Brownlee

This is my last attempt at trying to settle this in a way that benefits both parties and allows for both parties to move forward.

In the letter you sent of 07/24/2015 you denied my claim for funds in the amount of \$5,000 from the Temporary Sanitary Sewer Disaster Recovery Assistance Program. The letter you sent stated that after a review of my application that I was no longer was eligible due to the fact that I had received \$10,000 in payment under my insurance policy. I am not disputing the fact I have insurance or that I received compensation. I am disputing that I am ineligible.

In your letter you state that the purpose of the program is to ensure that persons affected by sanitary sewer in their homes have at least \$5,000 available to them to remove the water and any contaminated items. So if I follow your grasp of the situation, if I have \$4,000 available to me via credit cards and a \$1000 flood policy would that have disqualified me as well? The fact that I could have sold my car for \$5,000 dollars that would have disqualified me? So if I sold my soul to the devil for \$5,000 dollars would that have disqualified me? You see what I'm getting at?

I don't understand why I should be punished for having insurance. The costs of the sewage clean-up and demolition of contaminated areas far exceeds the \$5,000 dollars the city was offering but, I demonstrated that I would be willing to accept it just so I could move forward with my life. In my original claim of \$16,898.91 I stated I received \$10,000 from my insurance company to help mitigate the damages and clean up the sewage that backed-up into my house as a result of the City of Lincoln's failure to keep drainage water and sewage from becoming one item and back flowing into my house. I have since had a backflow regulator installed as I do not wish to be at the mercy of the City of Lincoln's poor water management systems.

If I was a litigious man I could just hand this situation over to my insurance company claiming the City of Lincoln at fault and they could seek restitution to the \$10,000 they paid me plus court costs and lawyer fees. Also being a disabled veteran and having nerve damage in both my legs and back from service to my country will be unable to restore my basement back to the way it was by myself. I will have costs that will exceed the \$16,898.91 initial estimate that I sent to the city of Lincoln. This being stated I would have to seek an attorney in an effort to recoup all expenses that have resulted from this event.

Now being the reasonable person that I am, I am giving the City of Lincoln one last chance to resolve this situation in a civil manner and review their last decision and find that the \$5,000 requested is very reasonable.

Sincerely,

Todd Benson

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** JoAnn Murphy <jm15300@neb.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:05 PM  
**To:** Cyndi Lamm; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers; Carl B. Eskridge; Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Suggestion -- cyclist accidents

Council members — please consider the following

I would like to suggest that all motorcyclists and bicyclists be required to wear florescent yellow, orange, or green vests similar to road construction workers OR attach a flag pole with those same brightly colored flags to their bikes to make them easier to see. There are far too many serious accidents. Also, please STOP the support of roundabouts — they require multi tasking just to enter. Saving the city \$ by causing so much frustration is a poor trade-off. Of course there's less traffic because folks are finding other routes to take, but often not as convenient as the old route. What a shame! Traffic lights do a wonderful job without the hassle. . JoAnn Murphy

# **DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA**

## **ADDENDUM**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015**

### **I. CITY CLERK**

### **II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Uhlarik to manage Cleaner Greener Lincoln.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Annual transfer ordinance includes Parks and Recreation projects.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Drainage improvement project to close section of Old Cheney.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of August 8, 2015 through August 14, 2015.

### **III. DIRECTORS**

#### **CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

1. Memorandum from Citizen Police Advisory Board Chair stating no corrective action on listed complaints.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING**

1. ADVISORY. 27<sup>th</sup> Street Pavement and Joint Repair. Various Locations from Highway 2 to I-80. Project # 540033.

### **IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

#### **JON CAMP**

1. Correspondence from David Miller stating reasons why he is against the proposed sale of the Highlands Golf Course.

#### **JANE RAYBOULD**

1. Reply from Jarad Falk, Director of Government Relations, Time Warner Cable, replying to Councilwoman Raybould on a constituent complaint.  
(Refer to Directors'/Organizational Meeting agenda, 08.10.15, Councilwoman Jane Raybould)

### **V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 7, 2015

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

**UHLARIK TO MANAGE CLEANER GREENER LINCOLN**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced a change in management for the City's Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative. Milo Mumgaard, who has managed the program since it was created in April 2009, has accepted a position as Executive Director of Legal Aid of Nebraska. The new manager is Frank Uhlarik, who has been the Environmental Compliance Administrator for the City Public Works and Utilities Department since December of 2012.

"Cleaner Greener Lincoln has created an environment that supports our commitment to make Lincoln one of the most sustainable cities in the nation," said Mayor Beutler. "The initiative has fostered public-private partnerships, investment, jobs and economic growth while lowering our environmental impact. I look forward to our building on these accomplishments."

Beutler said Cleaner Greener Lincoln accomplishments include millions of dollars in energy cost savings for the City, homeowners and businesses; new solar, wind and landfill gas energy installations; greater public awareness of sustainability issues; and the development of new efficient transportation options, including a "greener" fleet of City vehicles.

Uhlarik has 29 years of experience in environmental management and was the Environmental Project Manager for Alfred Benesch Company before joining the City. In that job, he oversaw the environmental investigation and cleanup of the West Haymarket redevelopment area. The Omaha native has a bachelor's degree in geological engineering from the Colorado School of the Mines.

"One of my current focus areas has been to develop an Environmental and Risk Management System (ERMS) within Public Works and Utilities, and I plan to apply the principals and structure of ERMS to Cleaner, Greener Lincoln," Uhlarik said. "I'm excited to take a more active role in sustainability issues and move this important initiative forward."

More information on Cleaner Greener Lincoln is available at [green.lincoln.ne.gov](http://green.lincoln.ne.gov).

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 7, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, 402-441-8265

**ANNUAL TRANSFER ORDINANCE**  
**INCLUDES PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS**

This year's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) transfer ordinance includes adjusted funding for the "N" Street protected bikeway, the Woods Tennis Center renovation and a new greenhouse. The City Council will consider the ordinance on first reading at its meeting Monday, August 10, and the public hearing will be Monday, August 17. The ordinance, which is introduced at the end of every fiscal year, is necessary to close out some capital construction projects and to adjust funding among others.

The ordinance includes transferring \$510,000 in keno funds from the renovation of Nebraska's Centennial Mall to two other projects. The funding for Centennial Mall will be replaced with the same amount in leftover tax-increment financing (TIF) funding from the TIF district that previously funded renovation of Lincoln Mall.

Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said the ordinance includes redirecting \$150,000 of the keno funds to the "N" Street bikeway project, but that transfer does not represent an increase in the bikeway project costs.

"When the bikeway project was included in the CIP approved by the City Council in 2012, the project's funding sources were not all identified at that point," Johnson said. "A package of funding sources, including \$340,000 in private donations, are being used to fund construction and endowment of this new downtown amenity. The "N" Street bikeway will fill a critical gap in our trails system and provides a safe, convenient route for bikers to traverse the City."

The other \$360,000 in keno funds would be transferred to the Woods Tennis Center renovation project. The Tennis Center is a public-private partnership with the Friends of Woods Tennis organization. A private campaign has raised \$4.1 million of the \$5.6 million needed to replace the aging bubbles that cover six tennis courts with a permanent indoor facility. The additional amount brings the City's commitment to \$460,000, about eight percent of the cost.

"Over 900 kids are engaged in learning and playing tennis each summer at Woods and other public courts throughout the community, and the tennis program continues to grow," said Johnson. "A renovated facility will enhance recreational opportunities for the entire community and provide opportunities to attract regional tennis tournaments that will generate additional tourism spending in our community."

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**Annual Transfer Ordinance**

**August 7, 2015**  
**Page Two**

The ordinance also calls for moving another \$140,000 in keno funds to build a new greenhouse to support the annual floral display in the Sunken Gardens. The funds would be moved from a project to develop an irrigation well and install an irrigation system in play fields. The irrigation project would be deferred to a future year.

Johnson said tropical plants for the Sunken Gardens were formerly stored in a private greenhouse during the winter, but it was damaged by flooding earlier this year and is no longer available. He said a search for space in other private and public greenhouses was not successful.

“The greenhouse is needed to maintain the unique and beloved character of the Sunken Gardens,” Johnson said. “Our only other alternatives would be to purchase tropical plants at a higher cost or to stop including tropical plants at the garden.” Funding for the project also includes \$30,000 in grants.

The City Council meetings August 10 and 17 begin at 3 p.m. at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. More information on Parks and Recreation facilities and programs is available at [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov).

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Watershed Management Division, 555 S. 10th St., Suite 203, Lincoln, NE 68508

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 7, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jared Nelson, Watershed Management, 402-441-4955  
Steve Irons, Alfred Benesch & Company, 402-310-7459  
Charlie Heng, K2 Construction, 402-416-6748

**DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**TO CLOSE SECTION OF OLD CHENEY**

Construction will begin next week on a drainage improvement project in the area of Old Cheney Road and 7th Street. During construction, Old Cheney will be closed to through traffic from Hunts Drive to Limestone Road, and access will be maintained solely to businesses and residences. Traffic from Hunts Drive will be directed west to Highway 77, and traffic from Limestone Road will be directed east to Warlick Boulevard.

The project will reduce flooding along Old Cheney by improving channel capacity and establishing grade control structures to prevent erosion. The drainage structure at 701 Old Cheney Road will also be replaced with a larger reinforced concrete box culvert. Construction is expected to be completed by spring 2016.

The project is being funded through the stormwater bond issue approved by voters in 2013. K2 Construction is the contractor, and Alfred Benesch & Company is the project consultant.

For more information about the project, contact one of the following:

- Jared Nelson, Public Works and Utilities Department, 402-441-4955, [jlnelson@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:jlnelson@lincoln.ne.gov),
- Charlie Heng, K2 Construction, 402-416-6748, [cheng@K2construction.biz](mailto:cheng@K2construction.biz)
- Steve Irons, Alfred Benesch & Company, 402-310-7459, [sirons@benesch.com](mailto:sirons@benesch.com)

More information on City construction projects is available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: projects).

Date: August 7, 2015

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

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of August 8 through 14, 2015**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Saturday, August 8

- Nebraska-Iowa District Kiwanis Convention, remarks and proclamation - 8 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St.
- Zoobilee, celebration of Lincoln Children's Zoo 50th anniversary, remarks - 1:45 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Arena, 400 Pinnacle Arena Dr.

Monday, August 10

- Ribbon-cutting for The Career Academy, remarks - 8:15 a.m., Southeast Community College, 8800 "O" St.
- Mayor's Award of Excellence presentation, remarks - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Thursday, August 13

- Chamber of Commerce Federal Legislative Summit - 8 a.m., Strategic Air and Space Museum, 28210 W. Park Hwy., Ashland, NE

Friday, August 14

- Martha Sorenson celebration hosted by Karen Community and Center for People in Need, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27th St., #1



**MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER**

555 South 10th Street Suite 301 Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-7511

[lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler  
✓ City Council  
Chief James Peschong  
Public Safety Director Tom Casady

FROM: Scott Hatfield  
Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Chair

DATE: August 5, 2015

RE: Complaints, #05-14, 06-14 and 01-15

On July 29, 2015, the full Citizen Police Advisory Board met and after considering Complaints #05-14, 06-14 and 01-15, and all relevant reports, determined that no corrective action on the part of the Mayor and/or the police department was warranted in any of the above mentioned cases.

The complainants were advised accordingly.

August 7, 2015

**27<sup>th</sup> St. Pavement and Joint Repair**  
**Various Locations from Hwy 2 to I-80**  
**Project # 540033**

The City of Lincoln, in partnership with TCW Construction and Alfred Benesch & Company, plan to begin construction the week of **August 31, 2015** on a concrete pavement repair and asphalt overlay project along 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Fletcher Avenue and Wildcat Drive, weather permitting. Concrete pavement repair work is expected to be complete by November with the asphalt overlay being completed by mid-May of 2016.

This pavement preservation project will help maintain and improve the driving surface of the existing roadway. Improvements are needed based upon overall conditions, visual inspections and pedestrian curb ramps that do not meet current Federal and local standards.

Work will be completed under lane closures. A minimum of one lane will be open to northbound and southbound traffic at all times. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained and any access restrictions will be coordinated with the property owner. Properties with multiple entrances will have one entrance open at all times, unless otherwise agreed to by the property owner. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. Pedestrian access to businesses, residences, and trails will be maintained throughout the duration of the project. Alternate pedestrian routes and or detours will be provided during the reconstruction of curb ramps. All lanes will be open to traffic during the winter months.

Information on the 27<sup>th</sup> St. Pavement Repair Project is available on the City's website at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: 27<sup>th</sup>). If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

James Puls, Construction Project Manager  
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services  
Phone: 402-525-5641  
Email: [jpuls@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:jpuls@lincoln.ne.gov)

Rich Bishop, Project Inspector  
Alfred Benesch & Company  
Phone: 402-580-7237  
Email: [rbishop@benesch.com](mailto:rbishop@benesch.com)

Steve Ragoss  
TCW Construction  
Phone: 402-430-3431  
Email: [sragoss@tcwconstruction.com](mailto:sragoss@tcwconstruction.com)

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** dmiller59@neb.rr.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 10:36 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Cc:** Carl B. Eskridge; joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com  
**Subject:** Proposed Sale of Highlands Golf Course

**Importance:** High

August 9, 2015

Dear Member Camp,

I'm writing to you to voice my strong disappointment and disapproval of Mayor Beutler's plans to sell the Highlands golf course to a local developer. I can't urge you enough to persuade Mayor Beutler and his administration to drop this initiative.

In 1990-91, the Highlands GC was built and financed through a bond-issue at a cost of nearly \$7.5 million and its debt service was retired solely through the loyal patronage of Lincoln area golfers for 20 years – and it was done without any general fund support. The Lincoln golf patrons feel betrayed by the Beutler administration for this arrogant decision to accommodate a developer's request and, as a possible means, to "clean up self-inflicted municipal debt" by using proceeds from the sale of the Highlands GC.

Additionally, the Lincoln golf community has several concerns on the leadership of municipal golf program, as administered by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. Recently, on March 19, 2015, and before members of the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee, director Lynn Johnson and city finance director, Steve Hubka, both remarked of their own "negligence" with managing the golf enterprise fund by having a cash surplus of \$1.2 million in FY2001, to a cash deficit of \$827,562 by FY2013. In a span of a decade, the golf division had an operating loss exceeding \$2.0 million. Simply, the City of Lincoln has breached the municipal code governing the uses of the Golf Enterprise Fund, Section 12.24.030, and Golf Fees Placed in Golf Fund (Ord. 8468 § 1; July 13, 1964) – by passing non-golf expenses to it.

In closing, after a career of over 30 years of public service, I truly regret to "call-out" our elected public official(s) and their administrators who I had admired; but this decision – proposed sale of Highlands GC -- is wrong and unjust. I encourage you to stand with the greater Lincoln golf community, and urge you to prevent the sale of Highlands GC to a local developer.

Sincerely,

David Miller  
402.580.7934 (c)

Cc: Carl Eskridge, Member NW District 4

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**Subject:** Meeting Request

**From:** Falk, Jarad [<mailto:jarad.falk@twcable.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 9:36 AM  
**To:** Jane Raybould  
**Cc:** Mary M. Meyer; Jones, Lannette  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request

Councilwoman,

Sorry I was on vacation last week, and it was more hectic than I expected. I apologize for delay in getting back with you.

Please send complaints to me at this address, and cc my assistant Lannette Jones at [lannette.jones@twcable.com](mailto:lannette.jones@twcable.com) When sending a complaint, please provide as many details as you have, but more importantly please include the complainant's name, address and phone number.

Do you happen to have this information for the gentleman described below?

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Jarad Falk  
Director of Government Relations  
Time Warner Cable  
6550 Winchester Avenue - Kansas City, MO 64133  
(816) 222-5391 office  
(816) 886-8618 mobile



**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 10, 2015**

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

**Others Present:** Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Judy Halstead, Health Department Director; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; and Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Chair Fellers opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Directors' and Organizational meeting minutes of August 3, 2015.  
With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

No adjustments.

**III. CITY CLERK**

Meier, in review of the agenda stated, Item 1 introduced by Gaylor Baird, Items 4 through Item 13 introduced by Lamm. Under Public Hearing Resolutions will call Items 19, 20 and 21 together. Under Public Hearing Ordinances, Second Reading, will call Items 24 and 25 together.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS OF MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to volunteer at Union Plaza.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public pool season ends on Sunday. Star City Shores open for two more weeks.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Thursday, August 6, 2015, 10:00 a.m., 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 303, to announce issues he wants to address over the next year.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor outline goals for coming year.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Milestone reached for biosolid distribution.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**Health Department - Judy Halstead, Director**

Halstead stated Animal Control averages between 900 and 1,000 calls for assistance on bats. We do for residential properties. Today want to let you know there are frequent flyers among bats. Looked over our data and there are a handful, keep in mind there are over 100,000 households in Lincoln and Lancaster County, and only talking about a handful. These properties over the last year have had a number of calls to Animal Control to get bats out. The department is happy to provide this tax payer service. If there is contact we obviously try to get the bat, and have it tested at Kansas State. The resident receives a card from the Health Department letting them know the results of the bat's rabies test. We follow through and if there is a potential for human exposure, where a person came in contact with a bat who then flew off, the Communicable Disease Section would work with you.

Halstead added, Lancaster County primarily only has bats and skunks which we worry about for rabies. Doesn't mean other animals can't get rabies, but these are two wildlife animals we're concerned about.

Halstead continued, some properties, one in particular, has had 15 calls to Animal Control for a total of 24 bats over the last year. This is the worst offender of six properties. We will institute sending a letter to these owners letting them know after 3 calls in one year, or after we remove 5 or more bats from the property, there clearly is an infestation and they need to take care of the problem.

If there are individuals who have limited means we try to work with them, but again, virtually all of these properties are landlord/tenant issues. Not owner occupied.

Halstead stated wanted Council to know we'll send letters to the property owners letting them know this is like other animals, etc., it becomes an owner responsibility to handle. We've had a few problem properties. It costs \$106 per bat, after the Animal Control time and testing which we pay as taxpayers to remove these bats, making sure they don't have rabies.

Not coming forward with an ordinance, or making a large deal out of this, but will handle these property owners. Wanted everyone to know in case a constituent calls with a bat problem and Animal Control isn't coming anymore. May be a signal of a frequent flyer. Only six properties with this problem.

Raybould asked when the landlord gets a notice their property has a bat infestation, do you have a list of recommendations they could follow? Halstead replied a licensed exterminator is the best option. We always advise the property owner what they need to do. Closing a hole, installing a screen, taking shutters down or items on their building. Example, we have a retractable awning and learned to close by sundown otherwise it is a place for bats. Animal Control, when they go to these properties 14/15 times, have advised them what to do. It's whether or not they follow through. Again, the best thing is an exterminator.

Camp asked about the Lincoln bat population. Halstead answered this is our busiest time, August going into October, as the weather gets cooler see bats who try to get in. Bats actually do a wonderful job of taking care of many insects/critters who can be problems. Do not want to get rid of, as they definitely have advantages. Obviously we don't want humans to have contact. As mentioned, if a person was bit or there is a risk you were bit, sleeping in an enclosed room for example. If not sure we would take those bats and ship to K-State for testing with a response back. When we do 900 tests and it costs over \$100 per bat it's expensive and which we do pay for.

Camp asked how many of the bats have been rabid? Halstead replied very few. Typically have a handful, probably less than 10 every year, reporting rabies in Lancaster County.

Raybould noticed racoons not mentioned as being on the list. Halstead replied racoons are usually not a wildlife which typically carry rabies. By and large they like to get away from humans. Racoons are a nocturnal animal and scurry away if they see you. Racoons live in various places in the City and County and we encourage citizens to stay away from all wildlife. Any questions call Animal Control.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Revised Action by the Planning Commission, August 5, 2015.

2. Planning Commission Final Action, August 5, 2015.

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from July 28, 2015 through August 3, 2015.

### **WEED AUTHORITY**

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement newsletter, August, 2015.

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

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **1. Lincoln City Council/Omaha City Council Joint Meeting Agenda Topics**

Hoppe said as a suggestion, it seems as if both communities will face the Emerald Ash Borer, and may be a jointly interesting topic. Christensen commented there is a group now preparing a presentation for the City on the Emerald Ash Borer. Fellers added would fit in as Mayor Stothert just announced they are fully prepared. He would like to hear more. Hoppe will put on the prospect list.

Camp stated the CIR legislation, discussed a couple of years ago but problematic. Omaha having a little more challenge with their police department and pension plans. Would like an update. Hoppe replied he sent an email to Jack Cheloha, Aide to the Omaha City Council, with the topics the Lincoln Council wished to discuss under the 2000 State Legislation was CIR, DUI Court, and whether we need to clarify the statutes. He has the information.

## **VIII. CITY COUNCIL**

### **JON CAMP**

1. Request to Steve Hubka, Finance Director, from Councilman Camp for information on PC Sports.

### **JANE RAYBOULD**

1. Councilperson Raybould writing Jarad Falk at Time Warner regarding a constituent complaint.  
(Also sent to the Telecommunications Advisory Board)

### **CYNDI LAMM**

Lamm would like to propose Council changes to the policy for appointments and reappointments, and listing everything on the consent agenda. Constituents said they are kind of confused regarding us voting on everything at once. For transparency and with new appointments often times it is 1 sheet of their application information. She would propose Council keep reappointments on the consent agenda but treat new appointments similar to what we do with manager applications, etc., or First Reading Resolutions, note them, with a hearing the following week to vote. Think we can do without any kind of ordinance or resolution. Christensen asked if this is under the rules, which we recently adopted? Fellers asked the City Attorney if this fall under our rules, or would we be able to change how we do consent agenda items?

Kirkpatrick stated he thinks it's within the rules you can change, without changing the code. Raybould

asked if Lamm would like the person up for a new appointment to come and be present? Lamm answered yes, as we do for our liquor licenses, think it would be great for appointees to come.

Eskridge is generally favorable to the idea just not sure about the practicality. He asked Pearce, how many people are we talking about? Pearce stated going back to 2014 for appointments which came to the Council, as the Mayor appoints some by EO and some come to the City Council by resolution, the best estimate was 29 renew appointees, and 56 reappointments.

Pearce added by way of background, on the consent calendar it was former City Attorney Confer who worked out a system with the then City Clerk to rank our items as they came to the Council, from 0 to 2. Zero being don't have a hearing, but on the consent agenda. Two being expecting lots of discussion during the hearing. At that time she started putting all of appointments and reappointments on as a 0 - no hearing, unless it was a 1 or 2 and which Council specifically asked to have the candidates attend. Mostly new appointments; Planning Commission, LES, Library Board. Typically Council had asked these candidates to attend.

Raybould asked what about the other boards? Pearce replied we have not asked candidates to attend but when our letter goes to them, letting them it lets them know about their appointment, has the date of the hearing, and that they're invited to attend but not required.

Gaylor Baird stated she wants to be sure whoever comes forward, to feel they are recognized for their volunteer contributions as they're giving themselves and a lot of time. Can say, having served 6 years on the Planning Commission there's a ton of work and time, with no pay. Don't want to suggest we are suspicious of people willing to give their time. Gaylor Baird added when Council receives a 1 page on the candidate appreciate so anytime with an applicant we can see their application, their background. Pearce stated, in the past met with appointees, but think there was a transition, as it wasn't happening for a while. Spoke with everyone and if you're not getting the list of appointments to let her know. Again, it's new appointments you're receiving paperwork on. If Council wants for reappointments let her know.

Raybould asked if we currently use that practice for the LES, Library Board, and Planning Commission? Pearce said she typically calls and asks the Chair if this is the process to be followed for the next round? Generally it's what the Chair wants to do. Fellers added, we haven't received anyone to the LES Board with this current Council, we had the Library Board and they called and asked what I thought. The applicant had come to Council before, and I told them that was fine. Sometimes when you see the list of names you wouldn't mind seeing a face with the name of the people appointed. But, would prefer the rest of Council to think valuable. Lamm made some really good points, think there is value in putting a face with the name and to ask a couple of questions. We have hearings on liquor items and question them.

Camp said he previously said maybe we didn't need to have appointees come but as Gaylor Baird pointed out, it's a volunteer service, and we should thank anyone who will serve. The reason to keep LES and the Library was hopefully to highlight those boards. Think we're also saying to look at it as an opportunity to let the public know we have these committees who are probably searching for candidates/applicants. May be a way to publicize. An educational time and possibly would see more applications.

Lamm stated it allows the public who watch us on TV, to see them. Again, not reappointments, as probably we've met some, or all, but for new appointments to come and visit with Council. We could

thank them publically for their application and allow the community to know more about what we're doing. Adds to the transparency of our Council.

Fellers stated as this is fairly new information do we want to think about it, and make a decision next week? Or, make a decision now? Eskridge said to possibly wait. Fellers stated we'll keep on the agenda for next week.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Correspondence from Todd Benson regarding the denial of his sewer damage claim. (Sent to Attorney Marcee Brownlee)
2. JoAnn Murphy writing with suggestions for motorcyclists and bicyclists.

**X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.