

DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

I. MINUTES

1. Directors' and Organizational meeting minutes of August 24, 2015.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS OF MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. KLLCB efforts show Lincoln is clean community.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of September 5, 2015 through September 11, 2015.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Pavement repair projects begin Tuesday.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce his decision on the three budget resolutions at a news conference, Friday, September 4th, at 555 S. 10th Street.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor signs all three budget amendment resolutions.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Recycling grants available.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Celebrate Grandparents Day Sunday at the Nature Center.
8. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for Adopt-A-Stream program.
9. NEWS RELEASE. Residents reminded to take tree debris to designated facilities.
10. NEWS RELEASE. North 27th Street pavement repair continuing.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department August, 2015 Department Report.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of August 11, 2015.

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, replying to Jim Frohman on suggestions to find a City Golf finance solution, with email from Jim Frohman.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 15070 approved by the Acting Planning Director on September 1, 2015.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Old Cheney Road, Warlick Street to 40th Street pavement repair. City Projects #540032.
2. ADVISORY. South 14th Street pavement repair. Cushman Drive to Old Cheney Road.
3. ADVISORY. Highland Boulevard pavement repair. NW 1st Street to Pemberly Lane.

4. Roger Figard, City Engineer, Public Works & Utilities Engineering, extending a thank you to Christlife Church regarding the Country Meadows Neighborhood Reconstruction.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (08.25.15) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
2. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (08.25.15) - Fellers
3. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (08.27.15) - Lamm
4. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) (08.31.15) - Christensen, Fellers, Eskridge
5. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) (09.01.15) - Gaylor Baird, Lamm
6. Prosper Lincoln - Performance Management (09.02.15) - Gaylor Baird
7. Public Building Commission (PBC) (09.08.15) - Camp, Raybould
8. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) (09.08.15) - Christensen, Lamm, Gaylor Baird
9. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) (09.08.15) - Eskridge
10. Board of Health (09./08.15) - Raybould

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. CITY COUNCIL

JON CAMP

1. Councilman Camp asking for update on the Highlands Golf Course from Parks & Recreation Director Lynn Johnson.

JANE RAYBOULD

1. Councilwoman Raybould reaffirming attendance at the West A Neighborhood Association meeting where a roads presentation and update on the SW 40th Street Bridge will be presented, with a confirmation from Roger Figard, City Engineer, that he and Thomas Shafer are looking forward to the meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. E. Wayne Boles paper on Government Finance.
2. Julie Ryan writing with suggestions for the City of Lincoln's employees and the two year budget.
3. Ed Svendsen with suggestions for Pershing Auditorium.

X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 "N" St., Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 3, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Adam Rhoads, Health Department, 402-441-8035

KLLCB EFFORTS SHOW LINCOLN IS CLEAN COMMUNITY

Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB), a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), today announced the results of two efforts:

- The KLLCB Advisory Committee recently visited 12 Lincoln sites for the annual Community Appearance Index (CAI). The CAI is used to visually assess the appearance of communities using a scoring system that ranges from "1" for minimal or no litter to "4" for extremely littered. Lincoln scored a 1.17 on the assessment, with a majority of the surveyed sites showing little to no litter. This is the best survey score Lincoln has received in the past six years.
- The annual Cleanest High School Campus Competition is a litter awareness and reduction program involving the six Lincoln public high schools and the four County high schools. A team of volunteer judges from the community surveyed each school three times and rated them for the amount of litter visible on campus. The Cleanest Campus Awards went to Norris High, Raymond Central and Lincoln East. Lincoln Southeast received the School Service Award for student-led efforts to maintain a clean campus, and Lincoln Southwest was recognized as the most improved school. About 40 percent of the schools were found to have "minimal litter," and 90 percent scored "slightly littered" or better.

"These efforts show that we live in a very clean community," said Adam Rhoads, KLLCB Program Coordinator. "Keeping your city litter free not only promotes a healthy environment, it also helps to lower crime rates, increase property values, create a better business environment and hold down cleanup costs for government."

Funding for KLLCB is provided in part through grants from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: kllcb).

Date: September 4, 2015

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of September 5 through 11, 2015
Schedule subject to change

Monday, September 7

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 8

- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 4 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, September 10

- League of Women Voters Lunch and Learn series, remarks - noon, Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 4, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ty Barger, Engineering Services, 402-441-8422

PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECTS BEGIN TUESDAY

As the “Summer of Progress” continues, repairs begin Tuesday, September 8 on two City streets. The work will be completed using lane closures, with one lane open in both directions at all times. The streets impacted include the following:

- Work on S. 14th Street from Cushman Drive to Old Cheney Road – which involves replacement of damaged asphalt in the northbound, outside lane – is expected to be completed by September 11.
- Work on Highland Boulevard from N.W. 1st St. To Pemberly Lane – which involves replacement of damaged asphalt in the westbound, inside lane – is expected to be completed by September 11.

For more information, contact Ty Barger, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 402-441-8422 or tbarger@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on City construction projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: Sept. 4, 2015

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

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce his decision on the three budget resolutions passed by the City Council Monday at a news conference at **3 p.m. TODAY, Friday, September 4 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 4, 2015

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

MAYOR SIGNS ALL THREE BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that he has signed all three mid-biennium budget amendment resolutions passed by the City Council at its meeting Monday, August 31. By signing all three, there will be no reduction in the property tax levy, which he said would conflict with the community goals of building on the City's success, keeping the budget structurally sound, strengthening public safety and adding to the Police-Fire Pension Fund.

"We have committed to progress, but that progress in this instance can only be sustained by reinvesting the benefits of growth into future growth," Beutler said. "Reinvesting the property tax revaluation revenue increase is an example of reinvesting the growth dividend."

At the Council meeting, the budget amendment resolution was split into three parts, labeled A, B and C. Earlier this week, the Mayor signed Resolution B, which meets basic City fiscal and legal requirements, and Resolution C, which allows reappropriated funds to be used for important projects, such as Police Officers and equipment. Resolution A included language to cut the tax levy by one cent. It also included Mayor Beutler's budget adjustments to purchase new fire apparatus and add money to the pension fund as well as Council Member Leirion Gaylor Baird's proposal to provide more money for the pension fund, potholes and parks.

"Originally, we believed that a veto of Resolution A was the best course of action to meet our budget goals," Beutler said. "Resolution A intended to reduce the levy by one cent. After studying the amendment, the Budget Office has concluded that it does not cut the funds needed from the 2015-16 budget to keep the budget balanced. Therefore, the levy cannot legally be lowered. Since Resolution A allows the City to purchase the fire apparatus and move the \$900,000 into the pension without lowering the levy, it actually make more sense to sign it rather than veto it."

Beutler said the cuts proposed by Council Member Roy Christensen were from 2014-15 funds, from non-tax funds or from funds to be borrowed in the future that do not impact tax funds. While Resolution A included the one-cent levy reduction, the proposal did not meet the requirement in State law to submit a budget where the revenue and expenditures are balanced.

Beutler said most Council members indicated their support for the new fire apparatus and adding to the pension fund. "Despite our differences on the levy question, we accomplished many of the goals we had in common," he said. "Next year when the two-year budget preparation is in full swing and our citizen groups actually have a chance to guide us, we will listen to them and make changes accordingly." The City will begin preparing a new biennial budget for 2016-18 early next year.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 4, 2015

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

RECYCLING GRANTS AVAILABLE

The City Public Works and Utilities Department today announced that \$40,000 in grant funding is available for projects or programs serving Lincoln and Lancaster County that reduce the amount of solid waste material taken to the landfill. Non-profit organizations, schools, political jurisdictions and businesses are eligible to apply. Applications are due September 30, and information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycling grant). The grants are for projects or programs that begin in January 2016.

Grants totaling \$40,100 were awarded to three organizations for 2015, the first year of the program:

- Lincoln Public Schools received \$13,100 to expand its pilot organic waste collection and composting program to nine elementary schools.
- EcoStores Nebraska received \$20,000 to work with five contractors and property owners to divert construction waste from the landfill and develop best management practices for construction and demolition waste.
- WasteCap Nebraska received \$7,000 to develop a pilot restaurant recycling project in downtown Lincoln.

More information on these projects is available on the website or by calling the Recycling Office at 402-441-7043.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Pioneers Park Nature Center, 3201 S. Coddington Ave., Lincoln, NE 68522, 402-441-7895

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 8, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jamie Kelley, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8708

CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS DAY SUNDAY AT NATURE CENTER

The public is invited to celebrate Grandparents Day from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, 3201 S. Coddington Ave. Families will participate in a scavenger hunt and enjoy refreshments and other activities.

The group will meet in the Prairie Building before proceeding on a short hike to the Children's Garden and Herb Garden. The cost is \$15 per family, and pre-registration is required. To register your family, or ask questions about the event, call the Pioneers Park Nature Center at 402-441-7895.

More information on the Nature Center is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 9, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: James Puls, Engineering Services, 402-525-5641

Rich Bishop, Alfred Benesch and Company, 402-580-7237

Steve Ragoss TCW Construction, 402-430-3431

N. 27TH STREET PAVEMENT REPAIR CONTINUING

Construction will begin the week of September 14 on a concrete pavement repair and asphalt overlay project on N. 27th Street from Fletcher Avenue to Wildcat Drive, weather permitting. The work will require lane closures, but a minimum of one lane will be open in each direction, and access to adjacent properties will be maintained. Alternate pedestrian routes and/or detours will be provided during the reconstruction of curb ramps that do not meet federal and local standards. Work along this segment of 27th Street will be completed by mid-May 2016. All lanes will be open to traffic during the winter months.

Work on the 27th Street corridor is part of the current “summer of progress” on Lincoln streets. Pavement repair along S. 27th Street from Highway 2 to Woods Boulevard is on schedule to be completed by October. Work on N. 27th between Alpha and Holdrege streets is expected to begin next spring. Funding for the 27th Street projects was made available as a result of \$10 million in Antelope Valley Project saving being added to street maintenance. More information on City street projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: streets).

For more information about the 27th Street project, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 27th) or contact one of the following:

- James Puls, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-5641, jpuls@lincoln.ne.gov
- Rich Bishop, Alfred Benesch and Company, 402-580-7237, rbishop@benesch.com
- Steve Ragoss, TCW Construction, 402-430-3431, sragoss@tcwconstruction.com

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Watershed Management Division, 901 West Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7075

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 9, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erin Kubicek, Watershed Management, 402-441-4959

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM

The City encourages individuals, businesses and organizations to volunteer for the Adopt-A-Stream program to clean up litter from City waterways. Volunteers will maintain a section of a local stream on a regular basis for at least one year and help educate area residents and businesses on how to help control litter.

“Not all litter is caused by so-called litterbugs,” said Erin Kubicek, Water Quality Educator with the City’s Watershed Management Division of Public Works and Utilities. “About half of all litter found in or near our streams and lakes is the result of accidental or unintentional littering. In most cases, it’s nearly impossible to determine who’s behind a single piece of litter collected during a stream cleanup. But sometimes, the answers are there if you know where to look.”

Kubicek said some volunteer groups become “stormwater sleuths” and help to track down the source of litter. One Adopt-A-Stream group found a shipping label attached to a plastic bag that was similar to plastic bags found during previous cleanups. They traced the items to a nearby business and relayed their findings to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Health officials spoke with the business and determined that the litter was the result of packaging materials accidentally blowing away while merchandise was unloaded in the parking lot.

“Thanks to the volunteers’ investigative work, the Health Department was able to use the opportunity to educate the business about litter prevention and develop a plan to secure packing materials more effectively in the future,” Kubicek said.

Hundreds of pounds of litter are collected each year by volunteers in adopted stream sections throughout the City. Groups are asked to conduct at least two stream cleanup events each year. Stream cleanup events typically last two to three hours, depending on the size of the area and the number of volunteers participating. The City Stream Cleanup Coordinator can provide groups with trash bags, reflective vests, gloves and other supplies. When a volunteer group adopts a stream, a sign is posted in recognition of the group’s commitment.

Those interested in adopting a stream should contact Kubicek at 402-441-4959 or ekubicek@lincoln.ne.gov. Those currently conducting cleanup efforts on their own are urged to contact Kubicek so that their efforts can be recognized. More information, including a list of streams in greatest need of adoption, can be found at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: stream).

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Solid Waste Operations, 5101 N. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68504, 402-441-7867

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 9, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Parks and Recreation Community Forestry Section, 402-441-7847

Karla Welding, Solid Waste Operations, 402-441-7867

Scott Hofeling, Hofeling Enterprises, 402-438-8733

**RESIDENTS REMINDED TO TAKE TREE DEBRIS
TO DESIGNATED FACILITIES**

Parks and Rec picking up street tree debris from public right-of-way only.

*Residents can call 402-441-7847, option 0, to report public tree damage **from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.***

For after-hours voice mail, call 402-441-6000 (LPD non-emergency number)

In the wake of Sunday's storm, Lincoln residents are reminded to take their private tree debris to the City Transfer Station, 5101 N. 48th St., or to Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Court. Some private refuse haulers will pick-up tree debris left at the curb. Residents can contact their refuse hauler to inquire about the service.

City Parks and Recreation Community Forestry Section personnel **will only pick-up limbs and branches that have fallen from trees planted in the public right-of-way between the sidewalk and curb. Private tree debris is the responsibility of the property owner.**

The City Solid Waste Transfer Station is open during the following hours:

- 6:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday
- 6:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday
- 6:45 a.m. to noon Sunday

Regular disposal charges and fees apply. To avoid an extra charge, residents are advised to "tarp and tie" their load. For more information, visit the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: landfill).

Residents can also haul tree debris to Hofeling Enterprises. Hofeling Enterprises is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They will also remain open from 8 a.m. to noon **Saturday, September 12** to accommodate the increased need. Tipping fees will be donated to the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

Residents are encouraged to contact the City Community Forestry Section at 402-441-7847, option 0, **from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to report damage to public trees planted between the curb and sidewalk. **After hours voice mail is available by calling the Lincoln Police Department non-emergency number at 402-441-8269.** Residents are encouraged to provide their name, address, phone number and the nature of their concern.

The public's patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as Community Forestry staff continue working to address low-hanging tree branches over streets resulting from lush growing conditions.

DEPARTMENT REPORT AUGUST, 2015

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Health Director attended the Lancaster County Management Team's Legislative Retreat on August 27th. The Team met with Lincoln area Senators and discussed legislation for the upcoming 2016 legislative session.

The Health Director is participating in the UNMC College of Public Health's community wide strategic planning effort to guide the College of Public Health over the next five years. The strategic planning effort includes four workgroups. The Health Director is participating in the Community Based Health Transformation Workgroup.

Staff met with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and presented documentation to seek reimbursement for expenses the Department incurred during the flooding events of earlier this spring.

The Department participated in the Annual City/County Food Drive for the Food Bank of Lincoln. The Administrative Aide served as the City and Department Coordinator. The City and County raised nearly \$20,000.00 and over 6,200 pounds of food for the Food Bank.

Employees of the Month – Raju Kakarlapudi and Deborah Byrne – Health Data & Evaluation Division.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Stats

	Sep 12- Jul 13	Sep 13- Jul 14	Sep 14- Jul 15
Pet Licenses Sold	57136	57861	57833
Cases Dispatched	21493	22314	21454
Investigation	23141	24053	23356
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	1431	1445	1305
Cats	1064	1119	1170
Court Citations Issued	307	372	354
Warnings/Defects Issued	13886	15545	14278

Bite Cases Reported	428	415	451
Attack Cases Reported	46	52	55
Dogs Declared Pot. Dangerous	69	72	74
Dangerous Dogs	19	13	24
Animal Neglect Investigations	682	713	660
Injured Animal Rescue	650	724	878
Wildlife Removal	376	433	532
Dead Animal Pickup	1821	1755	1866
Lost and Found Reports	2277	2108	2073
Phone Calls	43662	41541	42716
Average Response Time (in mins)	21	27	20

Staff completed the RFP for the Animal Control database system. The information for the RFP has been turned over to the City Purchasing Department and we are waiting for bids to come in from potential vendors.

Staff provided a presentation to over 100 Lincoln Electric System employees (mostly meter readers and field staff). LES has seen an increase of aggressive dog encounters and bites when going on the property of some owners while providing services. The presentation was well received and the audience had several questions and comments. We used some newer videos that are also used by the Lincoln Police Department. The Division Manager has also been working with the LPD Assistant Police Chief on opportunities for joint training regarding aggressive dogs and collaboration on LPD assists in the field.

The Animal Control PSAs are currently being aired on some of the Time Warner channels including; Fox News, Big Ten Network, ESPN, Teaching and Learning Channel, Animal Plant and the Weather Channel.

Animal Control staff are working on getting updates for our on-line licensing options for customers. One of the significant upgrades will be accepting electronic rabies certification information and on-line licensing for pet owners with never before licensed pets or new pets. Screens will also be redesigned to be more customer friendly.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Breastfeeding Promotion

Program Indicators:

- 1) *At least 75% of mothers served in the Healthy Families America (HFA) program will initiate breastfeeding.*
- 2) *At least 60% of mothers served in the HFA program will breastfeed for six weeks.*
- 3) *At least 40% of mothers served in the HFA program will breastfeed for six months.*

Because of the vast amount of scientific evidence showing that breastmilk is the most appropriate food for almost all infants, promoting the initiation and maintenance of breastfeeding is a key public health issue. With this in mind, Maternal-Child Health Services hosted a “Lactation Professional Continuing Education Course” on August 24th and 25th at LLCHD. The purpose of this training was to increase the knowledge and skills of health care providers in our community who offer breastfeeding support to women and infants or who influence policy that affects these patients. The course instructor was Lara Anderson RN, ASN, BGS, IBCLC, RLC. There were 47 health professionals in attendance from across the city, including our own Healthy Families America, Public Health Clinic and WIC staff who frequently interact with pregnant women and families with infants. The conference received very positive evaluations. A special thank you to Corrine Jarecke for leading this effort!

Most of the home visitors in the Healthy Families America program are Certified Lactation Counselors (CLCs). A CLS has completed 45 hours of education in breastfeeding and has successfully passed a certification exam. A CLC has demonstrated the knowledge and skill to:

- assess breastfeeding using a multi-faceted approach,
- use counseling skills and techniques that are supportive to breastfeeding mothers & babies,
- construct & maintain conditions that predispose mothers & babies to an uncomplicated breastfeeding experience through counseling, education, & support,
- assess for, monitor, & evaluate physical conditions that predispose mothers & babies to a complex breastfeeding experience,
- educate, counsel, & support families with complex breastfeeding situations,
- monitor & evaluate behavioral, cultural, & social conditions that predispose mothers & babies to complex breastfeeding conditions,
- identify & advocate for public health strategies that serve to protect breastfeeding, & coordinate care consistent with standards of professional ethics & behavior.

Two Healthy Families America public health nurses are IBCLCs (International Board Certified Lactation Consultants). An IBCLC is a health care professional who specializes in the clinical management of breastfeeding. In addition to clinical training as a nurse, dietician, midwife, pharmacist, physician or physical, occupational or speech therapist, an IBCLC completes 90 hours of education in breastfeeding and has successfully passed a certification exam.

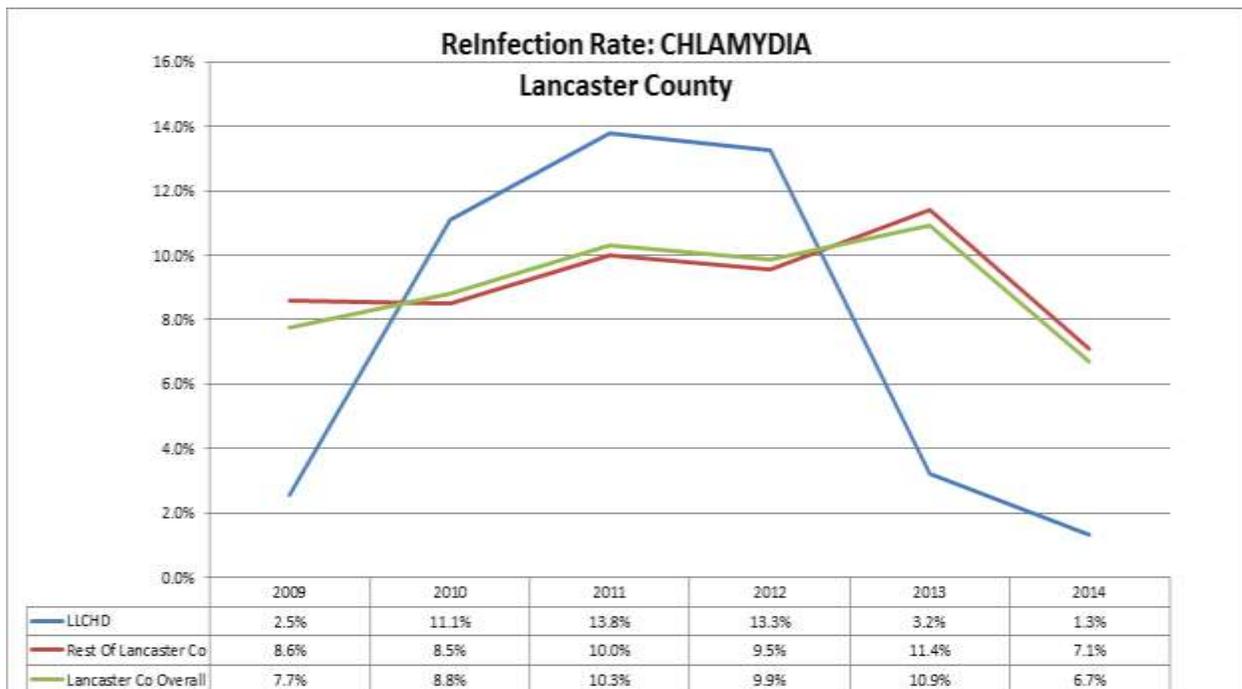
Clinic With A Heart – Back To School – Immunization Clinics

Program Indicator: Assure children and uninsured/underinsured adults have access to recommended immunizations.

CHS staff provided vaccines, record review, and education to low-income, hard-to-reach families with school aged children seeking a back-to-school physicals at two Clinic With A Heart events on August 8 and August 15, 2015. While less than a dozen children received vaccines, several dozen other families were served via record review and/or vaccine education.

Chlamydia Re-Infection

Program Indicator: The percentage of people who test positive for Chlamydia in the LLCHD Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Clinic and who have a subsequent positive Chlamydia infection within six months, will be no higher than the percentage in Lancaster County.



As a result of a quality improvement project started in August 2013, LLCHD’s Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Clinic staff implemented a low-cost, high-impact nursing intervention. The intervention was based on a model developed at the University of New York/Buffalo Student Health Center. A new template for STI Clinic follow-up was developed within our electronic health record and tested by Jennifer Lantz, Bernice Afuh, and Betsy Resch. The template was implemented for use on May 20, 2014. Information & Referral (I&R) nurses provide follow-up as assessment and teaching.

All clients who visit LLCHD’s STI Clinic and receive medication for Chlamydia, receive a telephone call within 1-2 business days from an I&R Nurse to assess the following:

- 1) Tolerance of medication treatment,
- 2) Abstinence from sexual contact since they were treated at LLCHD with medication, and
- 3) Testing for sexual partners.

Patients are referred back to LLCHD’s STI Clinic if they did not tolerate their medication, if their sexual partner(s) have not been tested for Chlamydia, and if they have not remained abstinent from sexual contact. Standard education includes abstinence from sexual contact for 7 days after the patient and sexual partners have been treated.

Findings (May 20, 2014 - August 6, 2015):

- 257 unique patients were assessed.
- 3 patients were recorded as “not tolerating treatment”.
- 98.9% of patients said they had not vomited within 2 hours after taking the medication for Chlamydia in our STI Clinic.
- 94% of patients said they were abstinent from sexual contact since their STI Clinic visit at the time of follow-up, which is 1-2 business days after their STI Clinic visit.
- 45% of patients said their sexual partner(s) were tested for Chlamydia at the time of follow-up.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC

Caseload (Participation)

Total	3670
Main	2792
Cornhusker Clinic	878

Food: For March 2015 -

Food Monthly Obligations	\$ 226,104.14
Food Pkg Avg.	\$ 69.98
Women	\$ 38.32
Infants	\$146.59
Children	\$ 45.63

Mentoring:

(Number and school)

Students	
Interns	2 UNL- RD
Volunteers	2 UNL- RD
LMEP Residents	

This was the third month of piloting the new Journey computer system for the State of Nebraska WIC Program. This was our highest number of participants since January 2015.

Dental Health

- Total number of clients served during all clinic hours (unduplicated count): 600
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 757
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 1094
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 477 (79.5%)
- Total number of children served: 486 (81%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 395 (65.8%)
- Total number of clients that identified another language as their primary language: 284 (47.3%)
Bosnian, Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Farsi, French, Karen, Kurdish, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Japanese, Other).

- Clients served during **Thursday evening hours** (unduplicated count): 74
- Client encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 78
- Patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 129
- Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients during Thursday evening hours: 66 (89%)
- Children served during Thursday evening hours: 69 (93.2%)
- Patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 54 (73%)
- Total number of clients that identified another language as their primary language: 34 (45.9%)

Student Rotations

- 1 dental student from UNMC College of Dentistry

Outreach Activities

- Fluoride Varnish Program
- WIC Cornhusker Office and Main Office sites: 50 children and families

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Air Quality – Asbestos

The LLCHD Air Quality Section is responsible for administration of the Federal National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for asbestos activities in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Asbestos is a known carcinogen (causes lung cancer). When a structure that contains asbestos is remodeled or demolished, it must be thoroughly inspected and any asbestos material must be removed. Trained and licensed contractors must use rigorous control methods to properly contain the asbestos and prevent the release of material during removal, transport, and disposal in the landfill to ensure that it does not become a public health threat.

Since September 1, 2014, staff have reviewed and inspected 65 asbestos demolition and 37 asbestos removal projects at various locations in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Examples of projects include Lincoln Public Schools buildings, UNL buildings, NPPD Sheldon Station, Seventh Day Adventist Church 4801 A St., Nebraska Historical Museum, Nebraska Wesleyan Pioneer Hall, St. Mary's Church in Denton, Concrete Industries Office, Office Max, CVS Store 130 N. 66 St., and BNSF Havelock Shops. Demolition projects included St. Patrick Church, Christ Lutheran Church, UNL's Behlen Hall, BioChem Hall, and Park Student Apts., Baker's Hardware, Hickman Community Hall, Sun Mart Grocery, La Mexicana Restaurant (following a destructive fire), and a Runza Restaurant.



One enforcement action on was taken for failure to inspect/survey for asbestos prior to commencement of demolition or renovation and failure to provide proper notification for such activities. The civil penalty was \$845.00.

Air Quality - Indoor Air Quality

Goals (Purpose)

Protect human health by responding to complaints on indoor air quality and making recommendations or taking actions to prevent illness and disease.

Methods/Strategies (What we do)

- receive complaints and requests for service from the public
- provide phone consultation if no immediate health risk
- conduct investigations when necessary to protect health
- provide guidance on remediation of mold and other IAQ problems
- collaborate with B&S on enforcement

Indicator

Maintain capacity to respond to the public's request for indoor air investigations and complaints that could result in a negative impact on human health.

Funding/Source

City General Fund (63%); County General Fund (37%)

Indoor Air Complaints

FY 09	FY 10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15*
114	228	186	185	119	134	188

*FY15 to date as of 8/25/2015 (one week short of the entire fiscal year)

Of the 188 indoor air quality complaints received, 165 or 87% had mold as the primary allegation. Of those 165, only 2 were owner occupied residences. The remaining 163 consisted of 50 multi-family commercial residential apartments (3 or more apartments) and 113 single family/duplex residential rental properties.



Comparison

The percent of complaints from various types of residential setting remains similar to past years. The number of complaints increased 42% in FY15, with the majority attributed to mold exposures that resulted from major rain events and flooding in Lincoln.

Description

If immediate health risks are not reported, complaints from people living in rental properties are responded to by sending an Official Notice letter to the landlord informing them of the complaint and asking them to take action to address the problem. Such letters resulted in acceptable action the majority of the time; however, on-site investigations had to be performed in 80 cases. Staff recorded 888 technical assistance contacts helping people with questions or issues with poor indoor air quality. The majority of these were handled via phone. The Health Department is mandated to assess conditions that may pose health risks in apartments and hotels regulated under LMC 5.38, but none of the revenue generated by LMC 5.38 comes to the Health Department. Staff responds to complaints of poor IAQ; provide phone consultation on IAQ; conduct onsite inspections; provide consultation on HVAC issues to improve IAQ; coordinate with B&S on health aspects of housing code compliance, especially in apartments; coordinate enforcement actions; monitor IAQ with specialized equipment; and receive referrals from physicians. The Health Department

does not do testing for mold, but does test for Volatile Organic Chemicals, CO, H₂S, CO₂, Ammonia, Chlorine and particulate matter.

Partnerships & Efficiencies

All complaints and requests for service are screened and prioritized by professional staff. Only the most serious situations result in immediate onsite investigations. Health works closely with the Building and Safety Department to resolve issues and assure enforcement actions are taken when necessary to protect human health. Health encourages private parties to use licensed contractors trained in IAQ for remediation or HVAC modifications.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

On July 16th we held the fourth meeting of the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Partnership and Planning) Committee to help us update the community health assessment that we last conducted in 2010-2011. There's a link to the MAPP webpage on the Health Department's home page, <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/data/MAPP.htm>, which includes the PowerPoint presentations from the first four meetings. We will continue to use this web page to provide updated information as we proceed with the various assessments. In addition to the updated information from the July 16 meeting, we also added a link to a SurveyMonkey survey for anyone to make comments about the MAPP process and any of the assessments.

At the July meeting members were presented the data on the size of a particular health problem, the local rate in comparison to state and national data and the historical trend of the data. Members were then asked to score some of the 80 health issues under discussion on the basis of four criteria: economic and social impact, changeability at the local level, capacity of the public health system to address issues related to the topic and political will to address the issue. Since we didn't get all of the 80 issues scored at the meeting, members were asked to finish the scoring by survey and the results will be shared at the August 27th MAPP meeting.

We have just confirmed the third West Nile virus (WNV), which is due to the onset of higher temperatures in July and early August. While the counts of mosquitos that carry disease are not particularly high, and the weather is seasonally cooler than most Augusts, we do expect more cases. The best prevention is to avoid walking at dawn or dusk and to use DEET or another deterrent when going outside.

It may seem that time is flying, but with the start of school we will begin school surveillance for absences due to flu and other illnesses at the start of September. It's also time for everyone six months of age or older to get vaccinated against the flu and the vaccine is now available at local pharmacies. This year's vaccine contains four different flu strains to better match the flu viruses that are expected to circulate in the U.S. this year. There are a variety of options for getting immunized against the flu (see <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldvax.htm#flu-shot>): a nasal spray for those who are 2 through 49 and can be vaccinated with a weakened virus (nasal sprays contain four strains of flu virus—they are quadrivalent), flu "shots" with three (trivalent) or four (quadrivalent) strains, a high dose for the elderly and even a shot (intradermal) that has a

tiny needle for those adults 18 to 64 who hate needle sticks. Please note the quadrivalent vaccines contain a second type B flu strain so they should provide better prevention against the flu than trivalent vaccines. With all of the options available there should be no excuses for anyone not getting immunized.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease Prevention

Staff continue to work with Channel 10 Health and community partners to create and distribute short educational videos and PSAs on bike and pedestrian safety. These are intended to be used widely in the community with youth serving organizations, schools, families, worksites, neighborhood associations, bike safety educators, senior centers and anyone who would provide bicycle and pedestrian safety information to the public. These are also intended for motorist education with the Share the Road theme. In addition, starting in September, a segment on bike and pedestrian safety will be shown in every movie theater before every movie for two and a half months. There will be seven short videos (2-4 minutes) and 8-10 PSAs on a variety of safety topics. Following are a few links to information about biking in Lincoln:

The N street protected bikeway, visit: www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword – N street)

Biking in Lincoln visit: www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword – biking)

Share the Road: N Street Protected Bikeway PSA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L08yONf6Qqk>

Share the Road: Trail Etiquette (video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ULCkdxwFQ&feature=youtu.be>

Share the Road: Bicycle Accessories (video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH0U6xD0UdE&feature=youtu.be>

Shape of the City: Bicycling Segment (video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWSJkgkW34g&list=PLZo1CTOiySCo-tp_DSMN58wxg9S6SZz7&index=25

Look for these by the end of August:

Share the Road: Street and Trail Signage (video)

Share the Road: City Bike Lincoln Webpage PSA

Share the Road: Bicycle Riding Laws (video)

Share the Road: Bike Share Program PSA

Injury Prevention

Staff coordinated a safety seat check event at Honda of Lincoln. Eleven certified child passenger safety technicians checked 28 car seats. This event was co-sponsored by Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County and Honda of Lincoln.

Staff provided a car seat check event in Malcolm in conjunction with the annual Malcolm auto show. While technicians checked only 8 seats, there was enough interest shown by Malcolm Village administration and community volunteers to bring the event back next year during the car show, but in a more prominent location and with additional promotion.

Staff presented pedestrian and bike safety tips for parents, children, and drivers for the start of the school year on the Channel 10/11 Moms Every Day Moments show.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Information Management staff and Health Director's Administrative Aide have begun training with PowerDMS. They are in the process of planning the organizational infrastructure that will be used as we convert our manual policies files to interactive electronic files

Information Management staff are working closely with the Department's Epidemiologist to develop an application for managing and monitoring division indicators and performance measures.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
August 11, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen, Jane Raybould, Craig Strong, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Molly Burton (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Scott Holmes, Nancy Clark, Ralph Martin, Chris Schroeder, Charlotte Burke, Gwendy Meginnis, Kathy Cook, Jesse Davy and Elaine Severe.

Ms. Halstead announced Karla Lester resigned from the Board of Health as her new clinic hours conflict with Board of Health meeting times. The Mayor's Office is in the process of recruiting for a replacement for Dr. Lester.

Ms. Behrens announced she accepted a new position with First National Bank of Omaha and will leave the County Attorney's Office by the end of August. The County Attorney's Office will assign a Deputy County Attorney to the Board of Health. Ms. Behrens stated she learned a great deal working with the Department and thanked the Board of Health and staff for their support. The Board wished her well in her new position.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the June 9, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Petersen. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to work on the Department's efforts to apply for accreditation to the Public Health Accreditation Board. Updates will be provided later in the meeting.

She stated staff will meet with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to present documentation to seek reimbursement for expenses the Department incurred during the flooding events of earlier this spring.

Ms. Halstead stated staff are looking at how we handle bat calls to Animal Control. She stated we have several properties in the City that experience numerous calls to Animal Control because of bats. If staff have been called to a location more than 3 times in the past year or we have picked up more than 5 bats, staff are considering it an infestation and may ask the property owner to secure the services of an exterminator to rid the property of the bats.

Ms. Halstead stated the County will hold their annual Legislative Retreat on August 27th review proposed legislation for the coming year. The Friends of Public Health will be meeting with Dr. Ali Khan and others from the UNMC College of Public Health to discuss proposals for the upcoming legislative session.

City employees recently completed the health assessment with 47-48% of employees participating. This represents over 900 employees. A City/County Wellness Update will be provided at the September meeting.

Ms. Halstead stated People's Health Center opened an Urgent Care Clinic on July 2, 2015 at their 22nd and "O" Streets location.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)\

A. Proposed Revisions to Policy 202.42 – Methamphetamine Clandestine Laboratory Cleanup

Ms. Clark and Mr. Martin reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy. Mr. Martin stated the revisions were needed to reflect the current State statutes. The revisions also clarify that the Department is allowed to recover costs directly associated with the monitoring of the cleanup activities. The Department assesses the owner of a meth-contaminated property a \$300.00 preliminary payment and \$100.00 per hour for additional time needed. A typical cleanup will take approximately 3 hours of staff review time.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 202.42 – Methamphetamine Clandestine Laboratory Cleanup. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Policy 205.18 – Indoor Air Health Nuisances – Investigation and Enforcement

Mr. Schroeder stated the policy will address the steps necessary to investigate indoor air quality nuisance complaints and to consistently apply the authority granted to the Health Director. The policy will provide consistent application of regulations by providing staff with clear processes to follow during complaint response and investigation.

Mr. Bowers asked what procedures staff use when they have to red-tag a property and relocate the residents living at the location. Staff responded we work with various community agencies for temporary shelter but most already have contingency plans in place.

Motion: Moved Dr. Petersen that the Board of Health approve Policy 205.18 – Indoor Air Health Nuisances Investigation and Enforcement. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

C. Proposed Policy 205.19 – Health and Safety Hazards – Investigation and Enforcement

Mr. Schroeder stated the policy will address the steps necessary for staff to investigate complaints of air quality related health and safety hazards and to consistently apply the authority granted to the Health Director. The policy would better define the circumstances under which staff should find that air contamination from businesses that presents a health and safety hazard.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the Board of Health approve Policy 205.19 – Health and Safety Hazards – Investigation and Enforcement. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

D. Proposed Deletion of Policy 300.55 – Tranquilizing and Chemical Immobilization and Proposed Revisions to Policy 300.66 – Euthanizing Wildlife

Mr. Beal stated reviewed the proposed revisions to the policies relating to euthanizing wildlife and tranquilizing animals. Staff are recommending the deletion of Policy 300.55 because staff have not used tranquilizing or chemical immobilization procedures for the past five years. He stated the procedures for euthanizing wildlife have changed and staff use only one drug, Fatal Plus, for euthanizing wildlife. The policy covers the procedure for how Fatal Plus will be used, stored, reported and tracked in written logs as required by the Drug Enforcement Administration. He stated the policy also defines the bat euthanasia procedure. The policy revisions were reviewed and approved by the Animal Control Advisory Committee.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Board of Health approve the deletion of Policy 300.55 – Tranquilizing and Chemical Immobilization and approve the revisions to Policy 300.66 – Euthanizing Wildlife. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Animal Control PSAS

Mr. Beal previewed six new Public Service Announcements that are available on the Department's website. They include: Dog on the Run, Spay and Neuter Your Pets, Pets and Heat, Tag It, Leash Your Pet, and Barking Dog. 10 Health TV assisted with the production of the announcements.

B. Quality Improvement Plan

Mr. Burke stated one of the Strategic Directions in the Department's Strategic Plan is to focus on quality and efficiency. She introduced Mr. Davy, the Department's Quality Improvement Coordinator. He stated the Plan was presented to the Management Team and staff and has been formally adopted by the Department and Accreditation Coordinator. He reviewed the Quality Improvement Organizational Chart, how projects are identified for quality improvement and how the Plan aligns with other Department plans, i.e. Workforce Development, Communication, Performance Management, and Community Health Improvement Plan. He noted all play a key role in the Department's accreditation process and will be reviewed annually. He stated two quality improvement projects are underway: Accessibility to Department Policies and Procedures and Department Wide Employee Orientation.

C. Strategic Plan

Ms. Burke & Mr. Frederick stated the Department's Strategic Plan was presented to the Management Team and to all Health Department staff. Mr. Frederick reviewed the Guiding Principles including: Community Focus, Prevention and Accountability and the Strategic Directions including: Improving Public Health Outcomes, Promoting the Value of Public Health, Enhancing Collaboration and Partnerships, Developing Staff and Fostering Relationships, and Focusing on Quality and Efficiency. He stated the Plan will be reviewed annually.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department will also establish a Performance Management System to track our progress on performance measures and indicators. She stated the Employee's Position Descriptions hold employees accountable to the Department's indicators. The Department is a part of the City's overall system on how we prepare our budgets, hold employees accountable, etc. Mr. Strong asked whether this directly links to the budget. Ms. Halstead replied yes there is a direct link. Ms. Raybould applauded the Department for their efforts, stating it is quite an endeavor.

Mr. Strong stated he was very impressed with what the Department has accomplished with the CHIP Process, MAPP Process, Quality Improvement, and plans to pursue accreditation. He stated he had attended several of the meetings soliciting public input.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAPP Meeting – August 27, 2015

Next Meeting – September 8, 2015 – 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President

Mary M. Meyer

From: Lynn Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 8:23 AM
To: 'jimtell@hotmail.com'
Cc: Denise K. Pearce; Lin Quenzer; Council Packet
Subject: RE: City Golf Finance Solution

Dear Mr. Frohman,

Thank you for your email below. Mayor Beutler asked me to respond on his behalf.

Regarding the Local View column you referenced, I invite you to review the response I recently submitted to the Lincoln Journal Star: http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letter-facts-on-golf-fund/article_7b775c87-b9b2-5a86-b184-13c486cbb0b5.html?print=true&cid=print.

Regarding your suggestions for moving forward, I agree that to ensure the long term viability of the City golf program, we have to find a way to invest in the capital repair and replacement needs of the courses. The City golf program—like other golf programs across the country—faces significant financial challenges. The number of rounds played at City courses has dropped over the last several years, reducing the amount of revenue available for capital investment. At this point, fees are simply not generating enough revenue to fund these needed capital investments.

Two years ago, the Parks and Recreation Department developed a strategic plan for the golf program and has implemented most of the actions identified in the plan, with the exception of completing capital repair/replacement projects (due to inadequate revenue). The Parks department intends to update that plan over the next several months. We are discussing a process where a community working group would be formed. The group would identify and discuss options to generate additional revenue and potential approaches to reduce operating expenses. The overall goal is to seek an approach for sustainability of the program with adequate funding for operations and capital repair and replacement, while providing golf experiences at a reasonable price. When a set of findings and recommendations are prepared, Parks plans to conduct a community meeting to discuss the recommendations. The goal is to have a direction established as we move into preparation of the next biennial budget (which begins on September 1, 2016).

Thank you for your suggestions regarding reducing the number of City owned and managed golf courses. As you suggest, the proceeds from sale of Highlands Golf Course could be used to fund needed capital repair and replacement needs of the Lincoln City Golf program. We have heard from a number of golfers who believe that Highlands Golf Course should be retained and other options for sustaining the golf program should be explored. The land occupied by Holmes Golf Course is subject to provisions of Federal grant funds used in developing the Holmes Park / Holmes Golf Course site. These Federal provisions strongly favor keeping the site in outdoor recreation use. It could be possible to discontinue operation of the golf course and repurpose the land for other recreation purposes. There are a number of factors to be considered in discontinuing operation of Holmes Golf Course including retiring the remaining bond debt on the recently constructed clubhouse, the cost of converting the golf course to other recreation facilities, and transferring the cost of maintenance of the former golf course land to the general fund which could place funding for operation of other parks and recreation facilities and programs in jeopardy. It is apparent that consideration of closure of one or more of Lincoln's public golf courses will require important review and comments by Lincoln residents.

Thank you for your comments and suggestions regarding the Lincoln City Golf program. I hope that you will continue to be involved in the community conversation about the future direction of the program.

Sincerely,
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director

From: Jim Frohman [<mailto:jimtell@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 2:22 PM

To: Mayor; Carl B. Eskridge; Trenton J. Fellers; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Roy A. Christensen; Parks Counter Registrations

Cc: cm@liba.org; tim@liba.org

Subject: City Golf Finance Solution

If the Local View in the Wednesday Lincoln Journal Star is accurate then the fix is to isolate the golf enterprise fund and stop raiding it. This would require cooperation from current and future Mayors and Councils.

http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/editorial/columnists/local-view-golf-revenue-should-be-used-only-for-golf/article_dd00ed7d-a471-582e-92e1-319e986ee4b4.html

If the Local View is inaccurate or wrong then the attached document outlines my suggestion for fixing the City's golf program finance issues. To summarize, sell the Highlands course and close the Holmes Park course. See document for details.

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Memorandum

Date: ♦ September 8, 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 September 1, 2015 through September 7, 2015:

Administrative Amendment No. 15070 to Change of Zone #11024, North Hills PUD, approved by the Acting Planning Director on September 1, 2015, requested by Civil Design Group, to revise the site plan to relocate the clubhouse and one apartment building, on property generally located at N. 14th and Fletcher Avenue.

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Summer of Progress Continues!

September 3, 2015

Old Cheney Rd, Warlick St. to 40th St. Pavement Repair City Projects #540032

The City of Lincoln will begin construction the week of September 8, 2015 on a concrete pavement repair project along Old Cheney Rd. between Warlick St. and 40th St., weather permitting. Construction will include repairing or removing and replacing deteriorated concrete panels, joints and curbs; and sealing joints and cracks. Other work includes removing and replacing damaged storm sewer inlet tops, curb ramps that do not meet Federal and local standards, and reconstruction of traffic signal elements impacted by the work.

Pavement repair along Old Cheney Rd. from 27th St. to 40th St. is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 8, and completed by November of 2015, weather permitting. The Contractor plans to begin working work in this area on the interior lanes first and then switch over to the outside lanes. All remaining work along the Old Cheney Rd. corridor will be completed by mid-July of 2016, minus seeding and final close out items to be completed by October of 2016. All lanes will be open during the winter months

The work will be completed under lane closures. A minimum of one lane will be open to eastbound and westbound 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 via alternate pedestrian routes and or detours provided during the reconstruction of curb ramps.

If you have any questions feel free to contact one of the following:

Jess Sundeen, City of Lincoln Project Manager
(402) 416-5341
jsundeen@lincoln.ne.gov

Jon Goldie, Schemmer Construction Project Manager
(712) 329-0300
jgoldie@schemmer.com

Mike Tidball, Pavers Project Manager
(402) 875-1469
mtidball@paversinc.com



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September 4, 2015

S. 14th Street Pavement Repair Cushman Drive to Old Cheney Road

The City of Lincoln will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. This work will involve grinding and replacement of damaged asphalt in the **northbound, outside lane**. This work is expected to be complete by Friday, September 11, 2015.

This pavement repair will help maintain and improve the driving surface of the existing roadway. Improvements are needed based upon overall conditions and visual inspections.

Work will be completed under lane closures. A minimum of one lane will be open to northbound traffic at all times.

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

Ty Barger, Public Works Maintenance Manager
City of Lincoln
Phone: 402-441-8422
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Doug Hanson, Project Supervisor
City of Lincoln
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September 4, 2015

Highland Boulevard Pavement Repair NW 1st Street to Pemberly Lane

The City of Lincoln will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. This work will involve grinding and replacement of damaged asphalt in the westbound, inside lane. This work is expected to be complete by Friday, September 11, 2015.

This pavement repair will help maintain and improve the driving surface of the existing roadway. Improvements are needed based upon overall conditions and visual inspections.

Work will be completed under lane closures. A minimum of one lane will be open to northbound traffic at all times.

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

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August 10, 2015

Christlife Church
Attn: Mr. Dave Queen
6601 S. 70th St.
Lincoln, NE 68516

Re: Paving Project 541028
Country Meadows Neighborhood Reconstruction

Dear Christlife Church:

On behalf of the Public Works Department, Graham Construction and the citizens of the City of Lincoln, I would like to thank you and the members of your church for your support, generosity and patience as we have recently undertaken the reconstruction of streets in the adjacent Country Meadows Neighborhood. Your willingness to provide facilities for conducting Open House meetings as well as your allowance for the City, Graham Construction and the residents of Country Meadows to use your parking areas and land, was beneficial to the success of this project. We were able to complete this project ahead of schedule and within budget, largely due to the fact that we provided the contractor and residents a suitable area for storage and a much needed means of access to disturbed areas during construction. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the Church.

The City of Lincoln realizes that this construction project required great sacrifice of residents and adjacent properties alike, and thus we owe you a debt of gratitude.

Thank you again, and best wishes!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger A. Figard".

Roger A. Figard, P.E.
City Engineer
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

Cc: City Council Jon Carlson
Miki Esposito Craig Aldridge
Steve Clymer Dave Rexin

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Status on Highlands Golf Course

From: Jon Camp [<mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 9:43 AM

To: Lynn Johnson

Subject: Status on Highlands Golf Course

Lynn:

What exactly is happening on the Highlands GC? I am hearing substantial comments that a sale is being negotiated.

Please advise me immediately of the details.

Jon

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Roads Presentation and Update on SW 40th Street Bridge

From: Roger A. Figard
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 10:13 AM
To: 'Jane Raybould'; Miki Esposito
Cc: bvocasek@neb.rr.com; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: RE: Roads Presentation and Update on SW 40th Street Bridge

Jane, and Bill,

Thomas Shafer and I will plan to attend the meeting referenced below. We look forward to sharing what all in going on in the West Lincoln area.

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From: Miki Esposito [<mailto:mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov>]
Subject: RE: Roads Presentation and Update on SW 40th Street Bridge

Councilwoman Raybould –
We will definitely have a representative there. Roger or I will follow up with you and Bill to let you know exactly who.

Thank you,
Miki
Miki Esposito, Director
Public Works & Utilities
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From: Jane Raybould [<mailto:jane@brstores.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:29 AM

To: Roger A. Figard <rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov>; Miki Esposito <mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov>

Subject: Roads Presentation and Update on SW 40th Street Bridge

Miki and Roger,

I just wanted to reconfirm your visit to the West A Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, September 21, at 7 PM, at Roper Elementary School, in the multi-purpose room. I know the neighbors had some concerns on the safety of West A and when improvements are scheduled and would like an update on SW 40th Street bridge. Bill Vocasek is the President and he can be reached at (402) 438-1903. I'm also attaching a list of neighbors that came to a meeting on Scouts Treefield Park multi-family project this past August 10. They were certainly vocal about the condition of West A and traffic safety in light of this possible new development.

I will plan on attending as well.

Thanks again!

Jane

Jane Raybould
Lincoln City Council and
B & R Stores, Inc.
Vice President and Director of Buildings and Equipment
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GOVERNMENT FINANCE

E. Wayne Boles

Is it naïveté or just plain old cantankerousness that causes citizens to alternate between demanding more from government and complaining about the cost of government? Assuming that any representative Democratic government entity (local, state, national) needs revenues to pay for services required by the citizens and that the government has used citizen input and expert advice to accurately predict its budget and revenue needs, it is entirely appropriate for the government to use its representative authority to levy taxes and fees to meet the agreed-upon expectations of its citizens. However, **“No taxation without representation.” -Reverend Jonathan Mayhew, Boston, 1750.** Another novel idea whose time has come is that citizens are always free to **contribute undesignated funds to the government.** It should be a tenet of patriotism.

Citizens should reasonably expect that government will use technology and progress to keep the change in government budgets commensurate with the appropriate regional consumer price index (CPI) and the changes in population and geographic boundaries, i.e., if the population decreases by 1%, the budget decreases similarly and vice versa. If the appropriate CPI increases by 3% and the population increases by 1%, the budget growth is limited to 4%. The citizen increase in contributions to the government budget would, however, be about 3%, because the additional citizens would be sharing in the revenue increase (in this scenario, 1%).

In the case of government entities in, which the population base and revenues are shrinking, expenses also need to decrease. These challenges need to be addressed realistically.

Citizens should also reasonably expect that government will use technology and progress to sometimes reduce the cost of government, just as businesses do, thereby increasing dividends to shareholders. Government-supervised **privatization** of appropriate services, for instance, should be studied and implemented, if advisable.

Government, in turn, has a right to expect citizens to properly fund its mandated operations. If a political entity, such as a city or a state or a county, is a certain size, with a certain demographic mix, one could surmise that, at that moment, both the political entity and the demographics are what must be worked with in the present. Although economic development, increasing of the tax base and annexation all may be just over the horizon, they are not here yet. And, if they do arrive, they will also bring with them their own expenses. **The present government operations are the responsibility of the present citizens, whatever their present resources may be. Real patriotism is finding out what one’s fair share is and willingly paying it.**

Of the sources of government revenues, the **three** fairest, arguably, are **transaction taxes** (called by various names, i.e., occupation taxes, business taxes and gross revenues taxes), **income taxes** and **fees** and, possibly, **product taxes**, if the government does not provide loopholes for some to escape paying their fair share. Local and state lodging taxes on hotels, which are passed directly to hotel guests, are one example of a transaction tax. The revenues are often used to market tourism. It is logical to assume that each business would pass along the **transaction taxes** to its customers. A business, however, could choose to use this tax as a business expense and, therefore, an income tax deduction. Citizens could debate whether **transaction taxes** should be imposed on **both** wholesale and retail transactions and instruct their elected representatives. If all taxes on businesses are passed along to customers, wholesale transaction taxes, wholesale income taxes, retail transaction taxes and retail income taxes would, eventually, be passed along to retail customers. Consumers with disposable income, therefore, would make significant predictable contributions to funding government. Is it fair for consumers to absorb four sets of taxes? Informed citizens and their elected representatives should decide what is equitable. Services should be just as eligible as goods for taxation. Subcontracting services is the same wholesale-retail dynamic because money is changing hands.

The most **unfair** source of government revenues is **home real estate property tax.** There are many examples. A rancher with **no children** may be the largest funder of the local school because of his acres of grazing land for livestock, in spite of his limited cash flow. Schools benefit everyone, though. An argument could be made, however, that a ranch is mostly **commercial** real estate. A woman who fully

pays for a simple cottage and retires on a fixed income, planning to live a simple life, is surprised when a development nearby escalates the appraised value of her home and increases her real estate property taxes beyond her ability to pay. A citizen's primary residence should be held sacred by the government. Forgiving capital gains which are moved from one primary residence to another primary residence is in this spirit, of course. There are good arguments currently being made regarding also forgiving real estate taxes on small businesses.

Although taxing authorities try to communicate to taxpayers, there is still confusion when one tax, i.e., property tax, distributes its collections to multiple destinations. People often rail against their high property taxes and blame inefficiencies in local government, when, in all actuality, they may be getting quite a bargain in terms of what they receive for what they pay. This would be the case when a small portion of property tax goes to local government and a much larger portion goes to public schools. If citizens could be made to understand these matters, they might be more inclined to be as generous as previous generations have been in funding recreation and infrastructure projects.

Commercial real estate taxes might be more equitable if based on revenue generated by the property, rather than on valuation. Property taxes on investment real estate and commercial real estate could possibly be replaced by a transaction tax, each time the real estate is sold. The relative merits of property taxes, capital gains taxes and transaction taxes on investment and commercial real estate for funding the government should be studied, with fairness to the property owner in mind.

Kevin Drum, reporter for Mother Jones blog, reports that California's 1978 Proposition 13, passed by 2/3 of the voters, is a disaster. The proposition freezes property taxes *today* at 1% of 1978 property values. Drum reports that California now has an overreliance on income and capital gains taxes and that State government now has far more power than local governments. Being a local government official isn't easy!

The most **unreliable** source of government revenue is **retail sales tax**, because of the increase in internet purchases and the unwillingness of Congress to require internet vendors to collect and pay local, state and federal sales taxes. *Vendors of intangible services, operating from virtual offices, may utilize government services for free, if Congress doesn't act.* **Retail sales tax exemptions** should be given scrutiny. Former Nebraska State Senator Rich Pahls once pointed out that, in Nebraska, while \$2 billion a year was being collected in sales tax revenues, \$3 billion per year was being granted in exemptions. He pointed out that the state could eliminate property tax or income tax or reduce the sales tax rate from 5.5% to less than 2% by ending all sales tax exemptions.

If real estate is evaluated accurately and regularly, as required by law, property taxes should reflect reality. But, according to the State Senator, an argument could be made for simultaneously eliminating and replacing home real estate property taxes, small business property taxes and retail sales taxes. **This should encourage home ownership.** Since personal income and business revenues and profits are traceable, the taxes on them could be adjusted to fund the government in a more **predictable** manner, in the forms of **income taxes** and **transaction taxes**. Taxes on income should probably continue to be on net income after deductions but **transaction taxes** should be on gross revenues, just like sales taxes are now. Businesses might complain that they are taxed coming and going, in that the transaction tax would be collected on gross revenues and the income tax would be collected on net income or profit. Unfortunately, this is already the case in the present system. If we include all types of for-profit businesses, both wholesale and retail, both goods and services businesses, we would enhance the predictability of government revenues. The revenues of internet vendors would be taxed by their **local** communities, where their home offices are located and/or where their revenues are generated. Because of the virtual office phenomenon mentioned above, **local** taxation may be the partial answer to making sure that all profitable businesses help to pay for the government.

If government wishes to encourage citizens to choose saving instead of borrowing, **capital gains taxes** on investments may be unwise. Having earned money and paid income taxes on it once, do we really want to tax the interest or dividends that money earns if a citizen chooses not to spend it on goods and services? How can wealth creation and financial security become a reality if the government's hand is in every till?

Citizens seeking solvency should be applauded, rather than hounded. A solvent citizen is one less citizen needing government assistance.

Because of the importance of retail sales taxes to some government entities, it is important that no existing source of government revenue be abolished unless a more reliable and predictable replacement is simultaneously put in place. This process would require cooperation, trust and communication. These considerations remind us that we should only elect and appoint officials who are cooperative and trustworthy with excellent communication skills. When government uses a formula for taxation, institutional memory should remind lawmakers to revise the formula when it becomes obsolete. The **alternative minimum tax** is an example of a formula used to correct unfairness and then left in place for twenty years, even as its formula no longer achieved the original desired result.

If all these suggestions are enacted, home owners, savers and barterers will benefit.

Regarding **product taxes**, i.e., taxes on liquor, tobacco, fuel, gambling, etc., care should be exercised to insure that the receipts help pay for the expenses to the government, which the products themselves help to incur. Roads and addiction recovery programs come to mind.

Regarding **service fees**, i.e., licenses, etc., if one presumes that fees occur because the government allowed a private sector entity to create a government expense, the government expense should be funded equally by the citizenry (the government) and the private sector entity, which created the permitted government expense (50% / 50%). Having been equitably set, fees should be adjusted commensurate **only** with the appropriate CPI.

Utility fees, of course, require a different formula, based on quantity used.

Regarding **capital improvement fees**, i.e., impact fees for streets, sewers, etc., formulas should be in place to insure that the benefactors of the capital improvements do not impose an unfair burden on citizens who are not benefiting. The formulas should include projections of both revenues and maintenance expenses related to the capital improvements. As vehicle energy sources shift from fossil fuels, lawmakers are considering mileage taxes to replace gasoline taxes to pay for highways. The monitoring debate may eventually center on fuel consumption, global positioning devices and federally-certified odometer readings.

Three valid principles: 1. Beneficiaries of visionary government projects should pay for the projects, either beforehand, during construction or retroactively; 2. Those who benefit the most from Democracy should pay more for the funding of Democracy than those who benefit the least; 3. And, again, for emphasis, **it's patriotic to donate to government. Even as we speak, changes in laws are being proposed to allow the use of cash gifts for economic development.**

Regarding **gifts as a source of government income**, laws should be enacted so that **gifts of property or designated cash gifts to government** entities must be accompanied by sufficient funds to provide for sustainability. If a Pierre S. du Pont, 1870-1954, donates a Longwood Gardens to the City of Philadelphia, the donor should also donate funds for the care of the garden in perpetuity, as did Mr. DuPont. If not, the government should have the authority to convert gifts to cash and place it in reserves. A portion of all revenues, in fact, should be placed in reserves and a sufficient amount should be held to fund the government for a predictable period of time, based on past experiences and future projections. Reserves can also be used as collateral when government applies for bond financing, qualifying the borrower for a higher rating. All governments, however, should move toward **reserve financing** of capital improvements, rather than politically-motivated **debt financing**. Citizens, in fact, should make their positions on this issue very clear to their elected officials. The sources of the reserves would be budgeted revenues, unexpected revenues and **gifts**. Budgeted revenues to be placed in reserve should not be exorbitant.

Officials need not be alone in local government budgeting. Since government often buys the same goods and services purchased by private industry, it is appropriate for government and private industry to commune. The private sector, for instance, uses forecasting to predict commodity and energy prices. Salt, concrete and asphalt come to mind. When planning adjustments, government budgeters should strongly consider the appropriate Disposable Income Per Capita indicator. Median household income is

important also. Officials should determine if various other statistics apply to government, i.e., the producer price index. Local government and State University economists should confer in this regard. When calculating wages, *local* governments should use *local* market wage rates because they reflect *local* cost of living rates. Elected, rather than appointed, officials will need to take control of this issue. To be fair, the variables of qualifications and responsibilities need to be considered also. Since no citizen is the fountain of all wisdom, all should work together on government budget issues, with malice toward none.

Another variable in government financing is the actions and decisions made by previous officials. If former officials were not budgeting responsibly, long-term and short-term corrections should be included in the present budgeting. When surprises occur, all concerned should work together to address them.

When predictability is inserted into equations, expectations become more realistic. Reasonable and fair expectations contribute to stability, harmony and prosperity. Dispensing with naïveté and cantankerousness, may logic and responsibility prevail.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 10:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
To the Lincoln City Council,

First I would like to express my appreciation for the years of service of Public Safety Director Tom Casady. His commitment to the City of Lincoln is phenomenal. Mr. Casady is intelligent, stays up to date with technology and represents the City of Lincoln very well. The City of Lincoln is blessed to have someone of his character working for us. When he was the Police Chief, there was an article about things parents should know about, what teens do and how parents should guide their behaviors. I remember one of them was that you do not leave teenagers at home ALONE for a weekend. I saved that article and used it whenever my son felt I was being too old fashioned. If the Police Chief was willing to share some words of wisdom, I felt as a parent I should use them!

Next I would like to address some issues that frustrate me. Over the years, I have observed employees of the City of Lincoln doing good work, which is not always easy when you are in the public eye. As with everything, you can usually find one bad apple in a bunch, but that doesn't mean all of them are bad. Some City Leaders, media, blogs, and social media are not respectful to employees of the City of Lincoln. If you stop and look how some employees dress and their behaviors, in my opinion, they are not "overly" paid. The benefits they earn by working for the City of Lincoln may actually be the reason they want to work for the City. Yet every time the City's budget is discussed, from my view, wages are held down and we the "City" seem to want to take away their benefits. In my opinion, constantly being scrutinized by the public and making them feel they are not worth their pay or benefits is belittling. Thankfully the employees continue to work here and hopefully get fulfillment from their work. I believe our City Leaders should be more respectful and appreciative of the City of Lincoln employees and then perhaps the general public will begin to do the same. One saying I heard when I was young parent was "if you don't tell them, how will they know"?

Next is the two year budget. I, personally, do not think it is prudent to attempt to change the City's budget in the middle of a two year budget. Perhaps, if there was a disaster, it might need to be looked at. I do not like paying taxes any more than anyone else. However, I want the City's services like safety, road repair, snow clearing, mowing of parks, clean water, etc. I have taken the Mayor's survey on what services citizens need and want. I want snow removal more than I want the parks mowed. That is saying a lot since I have a park across the street from where I live and behind our home. I hate seeing the tall grass and weeds, but that is what I will tolerate if I can't have both.

Public entities can't seem to win. Citizens of Lincoln were upset when a quarter cent sales tax was needed for a new city radio system and new fire stations. How can the City of Lincoln possibly save that much money? If there is money in the

coffers, the public, along with some vocal business groups, insist it be returned to them or lower the city or property sales tax. The same thing happens with Lincoln Public Schools. Hearing all of this political rhetoric is exhausting and discouraging. Is it more important to our egos and status to play a political game or are we able to do what is best for the City and citizens of Lincoln? I read the September 6, 2015 article in the Lincoln Journal Star titled "City promotes saving unused budget dollars" which talked about departments and their "reappropriations in budget terms". City Leaders and the citizens of Lincoln should be grateful that department heads look at the "big" picture and utilize their funding in a prudent way for the City. They understand that things will come up and that they may need some type of a contingency plan. I am grateful they manage their budgets well and they should not be penalized by having that money taken away from them. The City Council should be thankful that the "spend it or lose it" philosophy is not the way the City of Lincoln operates.

The last item is what finally made me write the City Council. In the September 9th Lincoln Journal Star, Councilman Christensen states that "acting Finance Director Steve Hubka did not provide him with adequate information nor appropriate feedback so he could make the cuts." The article further stated that "Hubka says Christensen didn't ask enough questions and didn't pick up on his hints that Christensen's ideas might not work." I had a boss that when he got an idea in his head there was no changing his mind, no matter what information was given to him. "It was his way or the high way." If Hubka had been more "direct" rather than "hinting" that something might not work, it is possible that Mr. Christensen would have felt Mr. Hubka was stone walling him.

I have high expectations of our City Leaders and am disappointed by all the political rhetoric. What is your agenda? I am hoping you are working for the citizens of Lincoln and maintaining our quality of life here in Lincoln, Nebraska.

For the record, I am a registered Republican.

Sincerely,

Julie Ryan

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: FW: City of Lincoln Libraries

From: Big Red Ed Svendsen [<mailto:lnknehusker123@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 8:08 PM
Subject: City of Lincoln Libraries

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I wish to call your attention to the issue of Pershing Auditorium being converted to a library for the City of Lincoln.

My points (in general terms) are the following:

1) To sell the issue of the new arena (Pinnacle Bank Arena), I believe the City of Lincoln (one, a few, or all of you) took the position that Pershing Auditorium would be sold, torn down, etc. I believe there was talk of a considerable expense to try to save this building, which did not seem feasible. Your people (TAXPAYERS) bought into closing Pershing and approved the construction of the new arena, along with the help of UN-L.

2) After the Pinnacle Bank Arena was completed, I believe that the Mayor began to float the idea of saving Pershing Auditorium. I believe that the people of Lincoln voiced their opinion that this should not happen. Then the idea of saving Pershing died down.

3) In the last several months, the idea of converting Pershing Auditorium to be the downtown Lincoln Library has circulated. I believe that there was a figure of about \$30,000,000 disclosed that it would take to convert Pershing to a library. Are you people nuts? Of course, the library board was all for it, but it is not THEIR money that would be spent. Our own Herb Friedman was interviewed and expressed his opinion that Pershing should be converted to a library. Of course, he would. Isn't he the President of the library board? Perhaps Herb would like to donate several million dollars of his own money to get the ball rolling! I refer you to today's issue of the Lincoln Journal Star, in which there was a front page (Local News) article of "A DIGITAL REVOLUTION". If any of you have not read this article, I highly suggest that you do so. The article brings up the use of the library system through online access.

I am of the opinion that the future of the library is through online access. My wife has been downloading books to read or listen to for about 10 years. The peculiarity of this is that she does most of this from the City of Mesa, AZ library system. You may or may not know that we are snow birds and spend Winter months in Arizona. We do not need to send dollars down a whirlpool to save Pershing Auditorium.

One or all of you can knit pick at my points (in general) and dispute this and that, which is fine, as I did not keep copies of any printed material regarding the pros and cons of the Pershing issue along with the new arena. Have at it, but you will not change my opinion and that of Mrs. Svendsen to NOT spend \$30,000,000 to save Pershing. After all, our property taxes are too high already.

Respectfully submitted,

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Big Red Ed Svendsen
Lincoln, NE and Mesa, AZ

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**DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler: No mistakes on budget numbers and no "missing money".
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of September 12, 2015 through September 18, 2015.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Pavement repair projects begin Monday.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Parking rules to be enforced on Transformation Drive.
5. NEWS RELEASE. NWU Sports Network announces football telecast schedule.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Read to a Dog Program begins in October.

III. DIRECTORS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. So. 14th Street pavement repair. Cushman Drive to Center Park Road.
2. ADVISORY. West Van Dorn Street pavement repair. SW 15th Street to SW 16th Street.
3. ADVISORY. Holdrege Street pavement repair. 48th Street to 50th Street.
4. ADVISORY. Highland Boulevard pavement repair. NW 1st Street to Pemberly Lane.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The agenda and attachments for the September 17, 2015 JPA Board meeting now online.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. James Peck writing in regards to sight obstruction at A and 84th Street.
 - a) Correspondence thanking James Peck from Councilman Camp on the sight obstruction.
2. Explanation to Steve Radcliff on raising the traffic utility box causing landscaping problems.
 - a) Craig Aldridge assuring Mr. Radcliff the work is almost completed.
 - b) Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, responding to Mr. Peck.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. LES Administrative Board meeting agenda for September 18, 2015.
2. Rosina Paolini with invitation to Friends of Wilderness Park membership meeting scheduled for September 17, 2 Pillars Church, 15th and South Street, 7:00 p.m.
3. Dirk Reek writing with objections to the expenditures for art work in downtown Lincoln.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 10, 2015

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

**MAYOR BEUTLER: NO MISTAKES ON BUDGET NUMBERS
AND NO “MISSING MONEY”**

Mayor Chris Beutler today addressed misunderstandings about the City’s budget, saying the City Finance Department provided correct figures to City Council members, and allegations that money is missing are not true. The first year of the biennium ended August 31, and the Mayor last week signed three budget resolutions passed by the City Council. The Council is expected to discuss the budget again at its regular meeting Monday, September 14.

“The budget is very complicated and an attempt to boil it down to simple sound bites doesn’t give a full and accurate picture,” Beutler said.

At issue is the “rollover savings,” known as re-appropriated funds. Some Council members attempted to cut \$1.9 million from the \$7.9 million of re-appropriated funds in order to cut the property tax levy. However, the \$7.9 million is listed as an “up to” amount. It is an early and preliminary estimate of rollover savings provided by departments. The figure is lowered when final year-end figures are available. The Finance Department now estimates the final number will be less than \$5 million.

Some critics argue that the \$7.9 million number was in error. But that preliminary estimate is part of a long-standing procedure that encourages City departments to save money, according to City Finance Director and Budget Officer Steve Hubka. He said the re-appropriation process used this year has been standard operating procedure for the 26 years he has served as Budget Officer.

“By allowing departments to set their savings goals high and rollover whatever they can save to the next year, it encourages them to tightly manage their spending,” Hubka said. “This prevents a ‘use it or lose it’ situation in which departments are encouraged to spend all their potential savings before the budget year ends. That isn’t prudent management of tax dollars.” Departments cannot use reappropriated funds to start new ongoing programs, and their use must be approved by the Finance Department and the Mayor.

“What is being called a Budget Office mistake is not a mistake at all, but rather the continuation of a sensible budget practice that encourages City departments to save money for important one-time expenditures like the police firing range,” Beutler explained. “There is no money missing. The \$2.9 million difference between projected and actual amounts was spent in the 2014-15 budget on public safety, economic development, parks, libraries and more, exactly as authorized by the Mayor and City Council.

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“Steve Hubka is one of the most talented people in City government and has a sterling reputation for budget accuracy,” Mayor Beutler said. “Lincoln has been ranked as a top five best managed city for three years in a row. We have the highest possible bond ratings, reserved only for communities that manage their finances well. We achieved these successes because of the commitment of Steve and his staff to prudent and accurate budgeting.

“I remain opposed to making a major change like a tax levy reduction in the middle of the biennium,” Beutler said. “A major budget change that impacts the future of our community must be considered thoughtfully and be subject to full and open public discussion, particularly as it may have a major impact on services Lincoln residents want such as parks, pools and libraries.”

Date: September 11, 2015

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of September 12 through 18, 2015
Schedule subject to change

Monday, September 14

- Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, September 15

- KLIN - 8:10
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Business Luncheon, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.
- Nebraska Realtors Association's Inaugural Gala for new President - 6:30 p.m., Grand Manse, 129 N. 10th St.

Thursday, September 17

- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting - 3:30 p.m., Bill Luxford Studio, County-City Building
- CenterPointe Gala - 5:30 p.m., Cornhusker Hotel

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 11, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ty Barger, Engineering Services, 402-441-8422

PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECTS BEGIN MONDAY

As the “Summer of Progress” continues, repairs begin Monday, September 14 on four City streets.

West Van Dorn will be closed to traffic from S.W. 15th to S.W. 16th streets to replace damaged asphalt in both travel lanes. Work is expected to be completed by Tuesday, September 15. Local traffic will need to detour through adjacent residential streets,

The following work will be completed using lane closures, with one lane open in both directions at all times:

- Work on S. 14th Street from Cushman Drive to Center Park Road – which involves replacement of damaged asphalt in the northbound, outside lane – is expected to be completed by September 18.
- Work on Highland Boulevard from N.W. 1st St. to Pemberly Lane – which involves replacement of damaged asphalt in the westbound, outside lane – is expected to be completed by September 18.
- Work on Holdrege Street from 48th to 50th streets – which involves concrete repair in the eastbound, outside lane – is expected to be completed by September 21.

For more information, contact Ty Barger, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 402-441-8422 or tbarger@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on City construction projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Parking Services, 850 "Q" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-PARK (7275)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 11, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Wayne Mixdorf, City Parking Manager, 402-441-7275

PARKING RULES TO BE ENFORCED
ON TRANSFORMATION DRIVE

Parking on Innovation Campus's Transformation Drive from 19th to 21st streets will soon be subject to the same rules as the metered spaces in downtown Lincoln. Parking Services is installing signs for two-hour parking with instructions for using the PassportParking mobile payment system, which the City implemented a year ago. Because meters will not be installed, PassportParking is the only way to pay for parking on this street. Instead of entering a meter number to pay, users will enter their license plate number.

Smart phone users can download the PassportParking app for iOS or Android devices or register online at <http://m.ppprk.com>. Those using other technology can call Parking Services at 402-441-PARK (7275). The system sends a notification about 10 minutes before a parking session is about to expire.

Parking is enforced from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. The regular meter rate is 25 cents for every 15 minutes. PassportParking adds a 25-cent fee to the parking rate for each parking session. The City and PassportParking each receive a portion of that fee. Parking Services will begin to issue parking tickets on Transformation Drive October 1.

More information on City Parking Services is available at parkandgo.org.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Citizen Information Center, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-6688

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 14, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jamie Wenz, NWU Sports Network/5 CITY-TV,
402-441-6688

NWU SPORTS NETWORK ANNOUNCES
FOOTBALL TELECAST SCHEDULE

For the 12th year, the NWU Sports Network will carry all Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) Prairie Wolves home football games this season on a tape-delayed basis. The NWU Sports Network is part of the educational access channel 80 on Time Warner Cable and Windstream Kinetic. NWU games also will be available **LIVE** online at nwusports.com.

The NWU Sports Network will carry the following NWU football games:

- Saturday, September 19 vs. Briar Cliff University
- Saturday, October 3 vs. Doane College
- Saturday, October 17 vs. Dordt College
- Saturday, November 7 vs. Northwestern College
- Saturday, November 14 vs. Hastings College

This season will be the last for the Prairie Wolves in the Great Plains Athletic Conference before moving to the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference next year.

“We are proud to provide coverage of another exciting season of NWU football,” said Jamie Wenz, NWU Sports Network Station Manager. “This coverage is appreciated by fans and helps to promote the school throughout the region. We look forward to working with the great people at Nebraska Wesleyan for the 12th year.”

All games kickoff at 1 p.m. Viewing times can be found at lincoln.ne.gov by clicking on the 5 CITY-TV logo. NWU games will air at 8 p.m. Saturdays on educational access channel 80 on Time Warner Cable and Windstream Kinetic as well as various other times throughout the week. Games also can be viewed through video-on-demand this year on the NWU Sports Network YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/nwusportsnetwork.

Jeff Motz will again call the play-by-play. For more information about Prairie Wolf football on the NWU Sports Network, contact Jamie Wenz at 402-441-6688 or jwenz@lincoln.ne.gov. More information about NWU, visit nebrwesleyan.edu.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 14, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8565

READ TO A DOG PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER

Families are invited to participate in the “**Read to a Dog**” program offered by Lincoln City Libraries and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program provides an opportunity for children ages 6 to 12 to practice their reading by reading aloud to a dog. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read to a dog in 20-minute shifts, once a week for four weeks. The fall session begins the week of October 5 and will continue through the week of November 14.

Pre-registration is required by contacting the person listed at the branch where the child will participate. The program is offered at following locations and times:

- Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays (Contact Katherine at 402-202-6556 or zupconsult@gmail.com)
- Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th St., 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays (Call Mimi at 402-217-9019.)
- South Branch Library, 2675 South St., 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (Contact Jayne at Apa-jayne@neb.rr.com.)
- Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays (Contact Angela at Anjherbert@me.com.)

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September 11, 2015

S. 14th Street Pavement Repair Cushman Drive to Center Park Road

The City of Lincoln will begin on Monday, September 14, 2015. This work will involve grinding and replacement of damaged asphalt in the northbound, outside lane. This work is expected to be complete by Friday, September 18, 2015.

This pavement repair will help maintain and improve the driving surface of the existing roadway. Improvements are needed based upon overall conditions and visual inspections.

Work will be completed under lane closures. A minimum of one lane will be open to northbound traffic at all times.

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

Ty Barger, Public Works Maintenance Manager
City of Lincoln
Phone: 402-441-8422
Email: tbarger@lincoln.ne.gov

Doug Hanson, Project Supervisor
City of Lincoln
Phone: 402-326-0691
Email: dhanson@lincoln.ne.gov



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September 11, 2015

W. Van Dorn Street Pavement Repair SW 15th Street to SW 16th Street

The City of Lincoln will begin on Monday, September 14, 2015. This work will involve grinding and replacement of damaged asphalt in both travel lanes. This work is expected to be complete by Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

This pavement repair will help maintain and improve the driving surface of the existing roadway. Improvements are needed based upon overall conditions and visual inspections.

W. Van Dorn Street will be closed to through traffic. Local traffic will be required to detour through adjacent residential streets.

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September 11, 2015

Holdrege Street Pavement Repair 48th Street to 50th Street

The City of Lincoln will begin on Monday, September 14, 2015. This work will involve concrete repair in the eastbound, outside lane. This repair work is expected to be complete by Monday, September 21, 2015.

This pavement repair will help maintain and improve the driving surface of the existing roadway. Improvements are needed based upon overall conditions and visual inspections.

Work will be completed under lane closures. A minimum of one lane will be open to each direction of traffic at all times.

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

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Terry Gustafson, Project Supervisor
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September 11, 2015

Highland Boulevard Pavement Repair
NW 1st Street to Pemberly Lane

The City of Lincoln will begin on Monday, September 14, 2015. This work will involve grinding and replacement of damaged asphalt in the westbound, outside lane. This work is expected to be complete by Friday, September 18, 2015.

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Phone: 402-441-8422
Email: tbarger@lincoln.ne.gov

Jeff Harrison, Project Supervisor
City of Lincoln
Phone: 402-314-4232

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Upcoming JPA Meeting - September 17, 2015

The agenda and attachments for the upcoming September 17, 2015 JPA Board meeting are available at:

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

Cheryl Eno

City Law Department
555 South 10th St., Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508
402.441.8801
ceno@lincoln.ne.gov



Mary M. Meyer

From: jpeck1@neb.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2015 2:37 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Sight obstruction

Mr. Camp,

On the northwest corner of A St & 84th St there is a large evergreen shrub that obstructs the view of oncoming traffic when your vehicle is stopped in the inside lane of A street, facing east waiting to make a right turn. This shrub is inside the sidewalk which probably precludes removal but could it be trimmed to a height to allow a reasonable line of sight of the incoming traffic? Please refer this to the appropriate department.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and also thank you for the many years of your solid conservative leadership on the council.

James Peck
4108 Thorn Court
Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 8:34 AM
To: jpeck1@neb.rr.com
Cc: Miki Esposito; Lynn Johnson; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: 84th & A Obstruction

Mr. Peck:

Thank you for alerting us to this line of sight obstruction. Your email has been forwarded to the City's forestry division and also our Public Works Department.

Citizen input is always welcome!

Best regards,

Jon

JON A. CAMP
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James Peck

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: 84th & A Obstruction

From: Miki Esposito
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 10:10 AM
To: Jon Camp
Cc: jpeck1@neb.rr.com; Lynn Johnson; Mary M. Meyer; Scott A. Opfer
Subject: Re: 84th & A Obstruction

Thank you for your email Mr. Peck. I'm copying our Public Works Right-of-Way manager, Scott Opfer to take a look at the situation and follow up on your concern. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Sincerely,
Miki Esposito

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: FW: Utility Wash-Out

From: Tim L. Byrne
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2015 8:07 AM
To: Steve Radcliff
Cc: Craig E. Aldridge; Miki Esposito; Mayor; Jon Camp
Subject: Re: Utility Wash-Out

Mr. Radcliff,

Allow me to jump in here since I was the one who asked the contractor to adjust the pull box. Upon final inspection of signal and fiber optic items we found the pull box elevation was low enough to hold water and ice making access and maintenance difficult necessitating the need to bring it to the proper height. If you recall we spoke a few weeks ago about this when I called to give you a heads-up that this work would be taking place and affect the sod. We are aware of the settlement and it is on the contractor's list to correct. I apologize for the added inconvenience. Any questions let me know.

Thank you,
Tim Byrne
Project Manager
402-416-5342

Steve Radcliff <sradcliff@neb.rr.com> wrote:

Craig, in addition to the wash out east of our property, Watts Electric raised the traffic utility box located next to the street light and traffic signals southwest corner of lot next to the bike path. The DIRT settled approximately 10 inches. This requires dirt to be added and new sod installed around the box. I had this area well groomed to match our yard until someone instructed Watts to raise the box. We are attempting our best to groom the southwest corner adjacent to our lot to match the rest our yard in order to show our property is well taken care of!! This well only be totally accomplish when the CITY stops doing things to create further delay's getting our property made whole like it was prior to the unbelievable change to OLD CHENEY ROAD.
Steve Radcliffm

From: [Craig E. Aldridge](#)
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 11:04 AM
To: '[Steve Radcliff](#)'
Subject: Utility Wash-Out

I will follow up with Windstream on this. They told me back on August 12 they were going to have their subcontractor address this.

Sorry for the delays.

Craig Aldridge
Professional Engineer
City of Lincoln
901 W. Bond St.
Lincoln, NE 68521
(402) 416-5349 (direct/cell)

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: FW: Utility Wash-Out

From: Craig E. Aldridge
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 8:31 AM
To: 'Steve Radcliff'; Miki Esposito; Mayor; Jon Camp; Tim L. Byrne; Lin Quenzer
Subject: RE: Utility Wash-Out

Mr. Radcliff:

I understand your frustration. Rest assured that we are getting close to being complete. We hope to be out of your hair within the next 2 weeks.

Thanks for your patience.



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

AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Friday, September 18, 2015

9:30 a.m.

LES Board Room
1040 "O" Street

9:30 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the August 21, 2015 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board**
- 3. Comments from Customers**
- 4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff**
 - A. 40 Years - Ray Rowen, Specialist, Generation, Rokeby and J Street Generating Station, Power Supply
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
 - B. Finance & Audit Committee
 - C. Budget & Rates Committee
- 6. Administrator & CEO Reports**
 - A. 2016 Proposed Budget Overview
 - B. Report on 2015 LES United Way/Community Health Charities/Community Services Fund Pacesetter Campaign
 - C. Peak Load and Power Purchase Program
 - D. Report on Local Energy Forum
- 7. Chief Operating Officer's Reports**
 - A. SunShares/Solar Update
 - B. Wind Update
- 8. Other Business**
 - A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
 - B. Miscellaneous Information
- 9. Executive Session – Power Supply Negotiations**
- 10. Adjournment**

* Denotes Action Items

Public Meeting on 2016 Proposed Budget October 7, 2015.
Next Regular Administrative Board meeting (2016 Budget Adoption) Friday, October 16, 2015.

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name: Rosina Paolini
Address: 1850 Dakota Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:

The City Parks Dept will meet with the public at the Friends of Wilderness Park, FWP ,membership meeting September 17th, 2 Pillars Church, 15th and South Street, 7pm.

The Parks Dept will provide us an update as to when the park will be re opened officially. What is holding up the process and more on their master plan for the park to make the park family friendly and safe.

What I hear from the users is " it is family friendly and safe now".

Most recently I met a group of six kids and their parents going creeking, Parents with a double wide jogger stroller and their dog out for a run and many more.

The park is getting used now. The parking lots at the trailheads were busy.

Please be a voice for the park. There has been much doom and gloom in the paper about the toll the flood took on the park. Only we users know how great the park looks. To me keeping it wild and meandering is the allure of the park.

Ultimately, Wilderness Park needs to be maintained by the city at the same priority level as other Tier 2 parks and not as a Tier 3 parks.

Happy Trails-
*rosina

Mary M. Meyer

From: Reek,Dirk <Dirk.Reek@cune.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 7:39 AM
To: Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers
Subject: The Mayor's boondoggle

I strongly object to the expenditures being undertaken for art work in the downtown when we get promises to protect the north side of town with a new fire station that is not yet happening.

Three years ago our family had a devastating fire (27th and Fletcher area). The fire was my fault and mistake. The firemen apologized after arriving that it took them so long to get here. It took 20 minutes! That was at least partly due to the remarkably brilliant idea to build the 14th and Superior round about (which we have now blocked off a good deal of...Just brilliant planning, people!)

After our fire, I contacted my council man about this and was told it's because the conservatives won't let us raise property taxes. Now we can afford to use all this tax money to enhance the downtown circus that taxes are footing the bill on...and my restaurant taxes are paying for. Between the decisions of the city council and the questionable decisions of the local school board that no one dares question, my property taxes have gone up phenomenally since moving here 13 years ago. Soon I will retire and wonder if I can really afford to live around here on a fixed income.

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' / ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

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

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk, Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Chair Fellers opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

I. MINUTES

1. Directors' and Organizational meeting minutes of August 24, 2015.
With no corrections the above minutes were placed on file in the City Council Office.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Lamm would like Items 4 & 5 on the Consent Agenda, to be considered after the reconsideration. Fellers and Meier both responded, there will be action.

III. CITY CLERK

Meier stated Item 2, a resolution, will have a vote. Under Liquor Hearing will call Items 16/17 and Items 18/19 together. Items 22/23/24 will be called together. Under Public Hearing - Ordinances 2nd Reading, will call Items 26 through 29 together, all dealing with Human Resources. Meier added she would normally call Items 32/33 together and Items 34/35 together, but received a request to continue public hearing on all four items for one week. Will call Items 36/37 together.

Gaylor Baird asked about the Liquor Resolutions, Items 22/23/24. Curious as Item 22 had several dates, Item 23 had one date, and Item 24 had a couple. Why were they separated? How does this come about? Meier replied it's how they submitted their application. With the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission if your dates are not consecutive have to submit one application for each day. If they would have been submitted together would have processed as one resolution.

Lamm said Item 2, the distribution funding, is not on reconsideration. Fellers replied we can take action then. Meier added otherwise it's short term investment of idle funds, nothing to do with the budget funds. Lamm commented she would feel more comfortable and not actually dispersing funds.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS OF MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. KLLCB efforts show Lincoln is clean community.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of September 5, 2015 through September 11, 2015.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Pavement repair projects begin Tuesday.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce his decision on the three budget resolutions at a news conference, Friday, September 4th, at 555 S. 10th Street.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor signs all three budget amendment resolutions.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Recycling grants available.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Celebrate Grandparents Day Sunday at the Nature Center.
8. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for Adopt-A-Stream program.
9. NEWS RELEASE. Residents reminded to take tree debris to designated facilities.

10. NEWS RELEASE. North 27th Street pavement repair continuing.

Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Hoppe stated he promised feedback to the Omaha lobbyist, Jack Cheloha, on the Joint City Councils of Lincoln and Omaha meeting. Heard from a couple Council people and open to more discussion today. Possibly thoughts for improvements, or items you thought went well. If you want to contact me individually would do. Want to make sure these events are worthwhile.

Christensen stated it was worthwhile, and only commenting that the first section was a little lengthy. We might have gotten more into items which we were more interested in discussing.

Fellers added the format was driven a little differently than ours at the Pinnacle Bank Arena, our meeting was a little more open. We could move between the tables and talk with various people. A name plaque in front of you doesn't open up to walking across the room to talk to a Council Member. Thought this item made it limiting, as you only talked to the people who sat next to you.

Raybould stated she made the comment, less on the presentations and more on the dialogue, so we could discuss some legislative issues more in depth. Did like the lobbyist presentation. Christensen added, if we could have had open discussion after. Fellers commented it was too bad people left before they got to their presentations. A couple of years ago we walked around the Pinnacle Bank Arena and talked while moving. Camp stated they paid for our lunch but still a long presentation. Christensen said we will have a different tone, select our venue carefully.

Eskridge wondered if there were some large issue we could focus on. Fellers added a Omaha Councilman brought that up. What can the two of us work together on? Possibly legislatively. If we joined together on issues we could be a larger powerhouse considering the number of area Senators.

Camp stated he was surprised not to hear what the City did to partner with Mid Town. Maybe a TIF element and other city support. Curious and that would have brought it home to our needs. Possibly a presentation tied into talking with Council Members. Raybould added it would have been a great case study, how they financed. Camp said he would still be interested in hearing.

Hoppe stated he wanted to hear all the comments and thoughts.

(Short break: 2:16 p.m. - 2:24 p.m.)

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department August, 2015 Department Report.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of August 11, 2015.

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, replying to Jim Frohman on suggestions to find a City Golf finance solution, with email from Jim Frohman.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 15070 approved by the Acting Planning Director on September 1, 2015.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Old Cheney Road, Warlick Street to 40th Street pavement repair. City Projects #540032.
2. ADVISORY. South 14th Street pavement repair. Cushman Drive to Old Cheney Road.
3. ADVISORY. Highland Boulevard pavement repair. NW 1st Street to Pemberly Lane.
4. Roger Figard, City Engineer, Public Works & Utilities Engineering, extending a thank you to Christlife Church regarding the Country Meadows Neighborhood Reconstruction.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (08.25.15) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated they received a presentation from Mr. Smith and Mr. Kaiser, Nelnet, about the Telegraph proposal. They spoke on the different designs and features, and mentioned the bikeway as an asset for the development. Trying to appeal to young professionals as opposed to student housing. Nice to see some variety in the creation of housing downtown.

Eskridge added the DLA approved their annual budget and Urban Development gave a presentation on the development of different projects in town.

2. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (08.25.15) - Fellers

Fellers stated they approved bills. Always surprised how detailed the bills are to the smallest dollar amount. Everything is running smoothly with the JPA.

3. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (08.27.15) - Lamm

Lamm stated they heard of a number of properties which were taken off the PRT as corrections have been made. Everyone is doing their job in getting out, helping to resolve issues.

4. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) (08.31.15) - Christensen, Fellers, Eskridge

Eskridge commented they discussed pedal pubs at length, and regulations, rules we want to put into effect to make safer. Items like flashing lights on the back so they can be seen. Where they can go. There have been problems with pedal pubs in residential areas in other cities and don't want that in Lincoln. Concerns about safety and being on 9th, 10th, and O Streets in particular. Looking at how they be safely operated.

Eskridge added annually the ILC does a bar walk, or last year we had a tailgate walk, and this year looking at doing a bar walk on the Friday night before the Wisconsin game, October 9th. Don't know the exact hour we'll start but probably 11:00 p.m. Open to anyone that wants to come along.

Raybould asked the mission is to? Eskridge replied to find out what's going on. Christensen added to see what's happening. Very different from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. or so, a different downtown. Eskridge commented we do with the University and LPD. One of the most incredible things remembered was the way our law enforcement officers are treated, which is incredibly bad in some respects. How patient and tolerant officers are with the abuse they receive and how they respond to different issues with actions at the bars. An education.

Fellers stated last year we started at the Indian Center, at the height of what happened the weekend before the Miami game. We went from there to the more tame bars, but walking through the Indian Center was very interesting and framed up the next week when we saw the issues occurring there.

Raybould asked if they stay until the bars closed? Eskridge replied last time we stayed until the bars closed. We were in a parking garage at 14th and O where we could see. At that time we were having taxi issues and wanted to see how the area cleared out. Don't know if we'll necessarily need to do this time.

Raybould asked if the peddle pubs have seat belts with the reply being no. Camp asked with the peddle pubs are you going to formulate regulations, with the answer yes. Camp added one item to consider is two lanes direction wise, fine. But they want to go down in the Haymarket and can totally clog traffic, and shut it down. Possibly have a speed? Gaylor Baird stated they can turn on an engine. Fellers commented State Law says they can't, they have to use the pedal. When they're in operation they have to be human powered to be qualified as a pedal pub.

Eskridge added several cities do have ordinances which govern what they can and can't do.

5. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) (09.01.15) - Gaylor Baird, Lamm

Lamm stated one item discussed was the providers we had budgeted appropriations for, with a couple held back as they were not part of a network which helps indicate if they are duplicate services. Working with them to help get them on board and help them be eligible for the program next cycle. Gaylor Baird asked if Allen Green gave a presentation on mental health? Lamm replied yes.

6. Prosper Lincoln - Performance Management (09.02.15) - Gaylor Baird

Councilwoman Gaylor Baird not able to attend.

7. Public Building Commission (PBC) (09.08.15) - Camp, Raybould

Raybould stated they authorized payment of invoices and payments for the construction of the sally ports, now being wrapped up. Next Generation is busy doing all demolition work at the old jail. On the Bensch building remodel update Haussmann received the contract. The completion of the new Crisis Center should be done by March 2016. Raybould said with the old jail the discussion was held regarding replacing the roof at this time, which is clearly out of warranty. Agreed it would be an appropriate time to have a new roof installed.

Raybould added they approved a few change orders and talked about adding track lighting to the art display in this building's hall to enhance the art. Elected a new chair and vice chair.

The new chair is myself and the vice chair is Roma Amundson from the County Board.

8. **Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD)** - Christensen, Lamm, Gaylor Baird
Christensen stated they approved their budget with a couple minor adjustments. The topic of most interest to us here is that we discussed a quiet zone in southwest Lincoln. There are a number of crossings which are inside neighborhoods. Looking at 7 to 9 crossings. They go from inside the City limits, head southwest outside the City limits. It is a large project and being studied now.

Raybould asked when will they finish the study and how much will it cost, or is that included in the study? Christensen replied they're working on coming up with the numbers. Probably won't be cheap, possibly around \$100,000 for the study. It needs to be done as there are trains in the night which use their whistles.

Camp asked if the study includes the design, or is that another portion? Christensen answered the study would be part of the design.

Gaylor Baird stated if she's not mistaken at the last meeting of the RTSD a neighborhood resident came and pleaded for a quiet zone. He stated his children couldn't sleep, etc. Direct citizen input on how their lives could be changed by having the horns blow.

Fellers asked how it worked. Do they take an individual zone they want to be quiet, or done as a group? Christensen said it would be done as a group. Fellers asked if there are other quiet zones here? Raybould stated there are lots of quiet zones with Christensen adding all around town. Whenever you see a crossing where the bars come down that's a quiet zone, the train is not required to blow their whistle when they go through. There are design considerations for those as well. We hear stories of people driving around the bars and getting into trouble, there are some designs where they put a medium in so people can't drive around. Part of the design considerations they would look at.

Eskridge stated they have a speaker which makes the signal rather than the horns used. Fellers asked if they're in a quiet zone, and not required to blow the horn in the area with the bars coming down, why do they blow their horns? Christensen replied only talking about areas where there are no bars which come down. Fellers commented they would then would put in bars. Raybould added plus other necessary improvements.

Christensen said part of the work has to be done by the railroad, and when they're done the RTSD comes and does their work.

Eskridge asked about the Cornhusker interchanges? Christensen stated there is ongoing work. The RTSD approved the preliminary design work, and they've had their first group meeting with people consisting of: RTSD, City, County, design engineers, all meeting together. Next month the public meetings start.

Raybould inquired if one specific design has been selected? Christensen replied not yet, but a part of this process.

9. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) (09.08.15) - Eskridge

Eskridge said they met and received a presentation from the City Ombudsman, Lin Quenzer, on what she does within her job and how she helps to serve members of the communities represented by the Multicultural Advisory Committee. Some suggestions given on ways to contact her and others to be effective in dealing with issues.

10. Board of Health (09./08.15) - Raybould

Raybould stated Halstead gave an update of her department. She had Work Force Development come to work with employees on staff development. This is the first time done and should re-employ their skills and working together. Discussed getting certification for public health in-service programs so those coming from UMMC, and other organizations, get their certification and course work at the Health Department. They mentioned that West Nile Virus is out. A number of people had symptoms but typically cases continue through October. 2003 was the worse year. They talked about chlamydia. Reinfection rates are at an epidemic level. Discussed their sexually transmitted disease clinic available with a sliding scale, and really getting the word out on how to treat. Lincoln pediatricians encouraging the 3-step vaccination for children.

Raybould added they also discussed the Safer Kids update with different items and messaging, all towards keeping kids safe. Also, the map meeting with 81 indicators on community health. Focused on change in community improvements. A very productive meeting.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Raybould stated there is a West A Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss the conditions of West A Street, and the SW 40th Street bridge, on Monday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m., at Roper Elementary School, in the multi-purpose room. Look forward to having Roger Figard and Thomas Shafer come to talk about West A Street improvements and when they'll be.

Lamm said she went to Holmes Park to welcome international students to the City and colleges. Rotary 14 hosted this 5th year event. There were international students represented from every continent except Australia and Antarctic. A really amazing event, great pictures taken.

VIII. CITY COUNCIL

JON CAMP

1. Councilman Camp asking for update on the Highlands Golf Course from Parks & Recreation Director Lynn Johnson.

JANE RAYBOULD

1. Councilwoman Raybould reaffirming attendance at the West A Neighborhood Association meeting where a roads presentation and update on the SW 40th Street Bridge will be presented, with a confirmation from Roger Figard, City Engineer, that he and Thomas Shafer are looking forward to the meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. E. Wayne Boles paper on Government Finance.

2. Julie Ryan writing with suggestions for the City of Lincoln's employees and the two year budget.
3. Ed Svendsen with suggestions for Pershing Auditorium.

X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.