

DIRECTORS' MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
555 SOUTH 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
2:00 P.M.

I. MINUTES

1. Directors'/Organizational meeting minutes of September 14, 2015.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS OF MAYOR

1. Fiscal Impact Statement: Public Works & Utilities.
2. Fiscal Impact Statement: StarTran.
3. Fiscal Impact Statement: StarTran.
4. NEWS RELEASE. County pharmacies now offer year-round prescription drug take-back option.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Motorists should expect traffic delays tonight on So. 27th Street.
6. NEWS RELEASE. New management at Holmes Golf clubhouse.
7. NEWS RELEASE. North 84th Street pavement repair begins Monday.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 15086 approved by the Acting Planning Director on September 11, 2015.
2. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting agenda for September 24, 2015.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting on September 17th will meet in the Council Chambers.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Eskridge
2. Prosper Lincoln Steering Committee - Gaylor Baird

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Scott Opfer, Right-of-Way Construction Manager, replying to James Peck on the sight

obstruction.

2. Reply to Dirk Reek on the Mayor's boondoggle, fire station, fiscal concerns, from Councilman Camp. (Mr. Reek's email listed on the Directors' Addendum for September 14, 2015)
3. InterLinc correspondence from John and Diane Huseman opposed to using tax dollars for the proposed art project at the Pinnacle Bank Arena.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Correspondence from Patrick Wright on dangerous downtown intersections for pedestrian traffic.
 - a) Reply from Jim Peschong, Chief of Police, stating procedures taken to reduce violations.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Jim Tiedeman opposed to more roundabouts.
3. S. Wayne Smith asking not to move ahead with the one million artwork.

X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works & Utilities

DATE: August 28, 2015

NEED: The Street Maintenance Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department would like to use \$430,000 of unspent appropriation from line item 79140.5989 in the Street Construction Operating budget for FY15 for the following items:

- 1) Six (6) additional anti-ice liquid systems (\$114,000);
- 2) Three (3) dual-auger material spreaders (\$75,000);
- 3) Additional storage racking system for tankers and material spreaders (\$157,000); and
- 4) Six (6) loader-mounted snow plows (\$84,000).

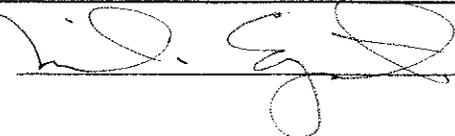
These equipment advancements will allow the City to deliver optimized brine 60% faster, and granular deicers 5% faster. The plow assemblies for our wheel loaders will significantly increase the efficiency of the City's plowing efforts in the business districts and on residential streets due to the superior agility and maneuverability

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing Limited Projected Completion Date _____

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
	City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)		
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: object code description		
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: object code description		
79140.5989	(\$430,000)	
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description		
79140.6076	\$430,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		

SOURCE OF REVENUES: Unexpended street construction funds appropriated in budget resolution.

DIRECTOR  DATE 8-28-15

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Hubba</u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Hubba</u> DATE <u>8/23/15</u>	

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>8/31/15</u>

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte's the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: PWU StarTran _____

DATE: Aug 31, 2015 _____

NEED Additional funding is requested to continue police security at the Gold's Bus Stop at 11th and N Street, which began in Feb 2015.

Off duty police officers will be hired to provide a police presence, with the goal of providing a safer environment for the StarTran bus patrons.

Normal Police activity will be requested to be performed, including activities such as:

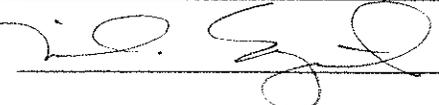
- Police in uniform
- A parked police cruiser at the north end of the bus stop
- Foot patrol on 11th street and N street
- Monitoring of the area and appropriate police response to criminal activity.

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing Limited Projected Completion Date August 2016

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
n/a	City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) n/a		
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: 79500 StarTran object code description 5023 Overtime 5085/5086 FICA/Pension	45,000	
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: 79500 object code description		
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	45,000	

SOURCE OF REVENUES Additional State Operating Revenues for FY1516

DIRECTOR 

DATE 8-31-15

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Nobile</u>
PURCHASING AGENT _____	
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Nobile</u> DATE <u>9/4/15</u>	

APPROVED: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>9/8/15</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works / StarTran _____

DATE: Aug 31, 2015 _____

NEED : Hire a Professional Technical Worker to work on transit planning projects at StarTran during the period of January 2016 thru Aug 2016.
 Projects to be completed include 1) using GIS to assist with fueling station analysis, bus stop designation program, and various other mapping projects, and 2) participate in the Transit Development Plan efforts, and 3) assist with grant funding opportunities.

FUTURE IMPACT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited	Complete Date: <u>August 2016</u>
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PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) Up to 34 weeks or 1020 hours	.173	
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: object code description 79500 / 5021 Budget 30 hrs/week for 34 weeks at \$11.40 hour	\$11,628	
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: object code description		
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,628	

SOURCE OF REVENUES 79500 / 3304 State Transit Subsidy Funds (Additional funding above budget) (\$11,628)

DIRECTOR 

DATE 8-31-15

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Naska</u>
PURCHASING AGENT _____	
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Naska</u> DATE <u>9/7/15</u>	

APPROVED: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
555 South 10th Street Suite 208 Lincoln, NE 68508
lincoln.ne.gov

August 31, 2015

Human Resources Hiring Board
Lincoln/Lancaster County

Re: Request to hire temporary intern for StarTran

Dear Personnel Board:

The StarTran Division of Public Works and Utilities is requesting a new intern position that would be paid through StarTran operating funds. The position would be part time up to 30 hours per week. StarTran will be advertising this position through the University of Nebraska Lincoln and Kansas State University. The internship would be from January, 2016 to August, 2016.

The primary duties for this intern are as follows:

- Using GIS to assist with fueling station analysis, bus stop designation program and various mapping and analysis projects.
- Participate in Transit Development Plan efforts.
- Assist with Gold's bus transfer station improvements.
- Assist with grant funding opportunities.
- Assist with bus facility planning in relation to other planning efforts including the South Haymarket Subarea Plan.

The intern will also assist the Transit Planner with other duties and program efforts.

Please approve the associated personnel requisition for this position and notify Mike Davis, StarTran Transit Manager of the approval.

Please contact Mike Davis (MJDavis@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-8600) or myself with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miki Esposito".

Miki Esposito
Public Works and Utilities Director

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Justice and Law Enforcement Center, 575 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Willa DiCostanzo, Health Department, 402-480-1956

Katie Flood, Lincoln Police Department, 402-441-7226

**COUNTY PHARMACIES NOW OFFER YEAR-ROUND
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK OPTION**

The public is now able to drop off leftover, expired or unwanted medications, including controlled substances, on a year-round basis at 46 participating Lincoln and Lancaster County pharmacies. Six of those pharmacies are now piloting the new MedSafe® System, a semi-permanent container that allows for the safe and secure drop-box collection of both controlled and non-controlled medications:

- Four Star Drug - Bethany, 1340 N. 66th St.
- Four-Star Drug - Piedmont, 1265 S. Cotner Blvd.
- Four-Star Drug - Waverly, 13851 Guildford St.
- Neighborhood LTC Pharmacy, 5625 "O" St., #101
- Southeast Nebraska Cancer Center, 201 S. 68th St. Plaza, #100
- The Pharmacy, 1221 N. Cotner Blvd.

A complete listing of participating pharmacies is available at leftovermeds.com.

"Lincoln and Lancaster County are leaders in the implementation of pharmacy-based controlled and non-controlled medication collection," said Willa DiCostanzo, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. "We are very excited to have pharmacies that can accept controlled substances such as pain pills every day of the week. In other parts of Nebraska, the public can get rid of their controlled substance medications by participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's Take-back Saturday, September 26."

In 2014, the Lincoln Police Department investigated 163 incidents of drug overdose, some resulting in death. Nationally, 23 percent of teens report abusing or misusing a prescription drug at least once in their lifetime, including 16 percent who said they did in the past year. Fifty-six percent of teens believe that prescription drugs are easier to obtain than illegal drugs. Prescription drugs have become the number two drug of abuse, and the number one drug of overdose.

DiCostanzo said leftover medications are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. If these medications are disposed of improperly, it can negatively impact our drinking water, lakes and streams.

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“All of these elements factor in, making the collection of unwanted medications a winning combination of protecting people’s health, reducing the risk of drug abuse and protecting our environment,” said DiCostanzo.

Since August 2012, the Nebraska MEDS Disposal Program, in collaboration with local pharmacies, has collected more than four tons of unwanted medications for destruction by incineration. The program is funded by a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

More information is available at leftovermeds.com, or by calling 1-800-222-1222.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shane Dostal, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-7852

MOTORISTS SHOULD EXPECT TRAFFIC DELAYS
TONIGHT ON S. 27TH STREET

Motorists are advised to expect traffic delays from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. tonight on S. 27th Street from Woods Boulevard to Highway 2. Concrete work will be taking place on the roadway with traffic expected to be delayed periodically throughout the evening. Traffic could be stopped completely at times for up to 10 minutes while concrete trucks are unloaded. Motorists are encouraged to take an alternate route.

More information on City road construction projects can be found at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jerry Shorney, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7847 (ext. 0)

NEW MANAGEMENT AT HOLMES GOLF CLUBHOUSE

Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson today announced a change in management at the Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse. The Department and Scott Weihe have mutually agreed to end Weihe's management contract. Denis Vontz, the contracted Golf Professional at the Highlands Golf Course, will take over management of the Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse on an interim basis. Johnson said no disruption in service is expected.

Johnson said the City recently learned that Weihe was not handling funds in a manner consistent with the terms of the contract. Johnson said there is no indication at this point that City funds are missing, but the City has retained an independent auditor to examine the Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse records. City Finance Director Steve Hubka said that when contracts with independent contractors end in this manner, good business practices require such an audit.

More information on the City golf program is available at lincolncitygolf.org; on Facebook at Lincoln City Golf; on Twitter at @LNKCityGolf; and by calling 402-441-7847 (option 1) during regular business hours.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 16, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Devin Biesecker, Engineering Services, 402-937-5515

N. 84TH STREET PAVEMENT REPAIR BEGINS MONDAY

The “Summer of Progress” on Lincoln streets continues with pavement repair scheduled to begin Monday September 21 on N. 84th Street from Elizabeth Drive to Market Drive. All pavement repairs and related work along 84th Street will be completed by the end of June 2016.

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. Any access restrictions will be coordinated with the property owner.

Improvements will include the repair or replacement of deteriorated concrete panels, joints and curbs; crack sealing; and the replacement of damaged storm sewer inlet tops and curb ramps that do not meet federal and local standards. Trails and sidewalks along 84th Street will be temporarily impacted during curb ramp construction, but alternate routes and detours will be provided.

The North 84th Street repairs are a result of \$10 million in Antelope Valley Project savings being added to street maintenance. The new funding more than doubled the City's two-year investment, which now includes improvements to other major City corridors such as 27th Street, Old Cheney Road, Normal Boulevard, Superior Street and West “O” Street. More information on other City street projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: streets).

For more information about the project, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 84th St.) or contact one of the following:

- Devin Biesecker, City of Lincoln, 402-937-5515, dbiesecker@lincoln.ne.gov
- Gaylon Masek, City of Lincoln, 402-416-7486, gmasek@lincoln.ne.gov
- Lance Murry, Olsson Associates, 402-405-3751, lmurry@olssonassociates.com
- Manuel Martinez, MTZ Construction, 402-202-0504, manny.mtzllc@gmail.com



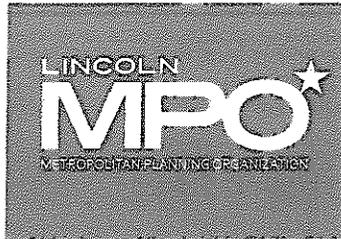
Memorandum

Date: ♦ September 15, 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 8, 2015 through September 14, 2015:

Administrative Amendment No. 15086 to Special Permit #15022, approved by the Acting Planning Director on September 11, 2015, requested by Tom and Barb Tegt, to rescind Special Permit #15022, Expansion of a Nonconforming use at 2120 Woodsdale Boulevard.

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Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

County-City Building
555 South 10th Street - Suite 213
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
(402) 441-7491

TO: Technical Committee Members
FROM: Miki Esposito, Technical Committee
SUBJECT: Technical Committee Meeting

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: September 24, 2015
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room #113
County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the **May 21, 2015** Technical Committee meeting. *(enclosure)*
2. Briefing on the *Updating of the Lincoln MPO Transportation Model, GIS-Based Analysis Tools and 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.*
3. Briefing on current **Lincoln Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Activities and Projects**
 - a) Complete Streets Planning activities
 - b) Progress in developing the Lincoln Bike Share Program
 - c) Status of the 'N' Street Protected Bike Lane Project
4. Briefing on the Lincoln StarTran *Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update.*
5. Other topics for discussion.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

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

Mary M. Meyer

From: Dave B. Norris
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 1:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: 'Paula Portz'
Subject: LOCATION CHANGE -- Thursday's West Haymarket JPA public meeting

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17 has been moved to Council Chambers, first floor, County-City Building. (DN)

David Norris
Citizen Information Center
Office of the Mayor
555 S. 10th St. - Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7547

Mary M. Meyer

From: Scott A. Opfer
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 4:19 PM
To: 'jpeck@neb.rr.com'
Cc: Jon Camp; Miki Esposito; Robert K. Simmering
Subject: Sight Obstruction

Good afternoon Mr. Peck,

Your email regarding the large shrub located on the northwest corner of 84th & 'A' St., was forwarded to me. Following my inspection, I have initiated a letter to the property owner to trim back the shrub to provide for the proper sight distance for eastbound vehicles on 'A' Street, wishing to make a right turn on red onto 84th Street. Once the property owner receives the letter, we will work with them to complete the work as quickly as possible. Until this occurs, we ask that you continue to exercise caution as you make future turns at this location. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me, either by email or by phone. Thanks again and have a safe day.

Scott A. Opfer, Manager

Right-of-Way Construction
City of Lincoln, Public Works Dept.
(W) (402) 441-7711 (Cell) (402) 525-5619

From: jpeck1@neb.rr.com [<mailto: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

Subject: The Mayor's boondoggle--fire station--fiscal concerns

Importance: High

From: Jon Camp [<mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 1:06 PM
To: Dirk.Reek@cune.edu
Subject: RE: The Mayor's boondoggle--fire station--fiscal concerns

Mr. Reek:

Our City Council office forwarded your email in which you expressed concerns for fiscal responsibility. Your email is very timely as we will be reviewing our budget actions this evening for the September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 fiscal year.

I would appreciate further information on who on the City Council told you that the fire station situation is due to the “conservatives” on the City Council and their not wanting to raise property taxes. You go on to note how much your property taxes have increased. I am proud to have led the effort for the recent quarter-cent sales tax increase which will provide for relocation and new fire stations as well as an upgraded emergency radio system—all for public safety, which is our number one mission.

However, I still remain concerned over our ever increasing City revenues and expenditures. “Revenues” from property taxes, sales taxes, occupation taxes, wheel taxes, parking meters, the LES dividend on your electric bill, landfill fees, and utility bills, to name some of the City’s revenue sources, have increased steadily, and in some cases, substantially, in recent years.

The “conservatives” on the City Council have tried to do 2 things: (1) prioritize public safety and infrastructure “needs” and (2) give the taxpayers back some of their hard earned funds because property tax revenues have increased more than anticipated and budgeted. Your concerns about the \$1 million art piece reflects expenditure for a “want”. . .yes, art work is beautiful. . .but when the City has a Police and Firefighters Pension Fund that is approaching \$100 Million unfunded liabilities, deteriorating streets, and greater needs for police and firefighter protection, the fiscally prudent approach is to defer expenditures for “wants”.

Interestingly, the Wall Street Journal had an article last week which noted that Boulder, Colorado, has eliminated 100 positions and consolidated city programs to help fund its pension fund. Further, Boulder stopped planting “tulips” in most areas to help make additional pension payments. (See Wall Street Journal, “Public Pension Funds Roll Back Return Targets”).

Thank you, Mr. Reek, for letting me set the record straight. I am a fiscal conservative and darn proud of it.

Best regards,

Jon

JON A. CAMP
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200 Haymarket Square
808 P Street

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Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Website: www.lincolnhaymarket.com

Check our reception and event venues at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Apothecary-Lofts-Ridnour-Rooms/173175799380032>

From: Reek, Dirk [<mailto: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.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 6:12 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name: John & Diane Huseman
Address: 6431 Tanglewood Lane
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone:
Fax:
Email: dianeandjohn@windstream.net

Comment or Question:
Dear Councilman Camp,
Please do not use our tax dollars for the proposed art project at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

John & Diane Huseman

Mary M. Meyer

From: Patrick Wright <prwright@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 8:26 AM
To: Police Public Access; Trenton J. Fellers; Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Roy A. Christensen; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge
Cc: Mayor
Subject: Intersections

The intersections along K street downtown have become very dangerous for pedestrian traffic in the morning and early evening when people are going to and from work. People running red lights had become absurd. The lights are long been red, and the pedestrian light will even change to walk, yet there are still cars driving through the intersection. I saw a Lincoln Police Cruiser do it this morning, I was not able to get a number off the car, but this is getting ridiculous. Police Officers are supposed to set the example, not run the red light like everyone else. Running red lights in this city in general has gotten really bad! I think it's time for the Lincoln Police department to start cracking down on this. I don't have a problem with people cutting it close and running a yellow light, that turns red while in the intersection, that's fine, even I do that. People are getting away with blatantly running lights that have been red before they even enter the intersection. Is it going to take someone getting killed before something is finally done about this?

Patrick Wright

Patrick Wright
4815 Deer Creek Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68515
402-310-2780

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: FW: Intersections

Mr. Wright,

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. I am passing your email along to the Center Team Captain and our Traffic Unit. They will assign some officers to monitor these intersections for violations and see if we can't have a positive impact on reducing the number of these red light violations. Red light violations are something that we take seriously. As of the end of August, 2015 the department has written 2,576 automatic signal citations. While I will acknowledge that we certainly don't catch every violation, we recognize the seriousness of these violations and do what we can to curb these incidents in order to make our streets safer.

Jim Peschong
Chief of Police

From: Lin Quenzer

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for taking the time to write Mayor Beutler about your concerns with people running red lights, particularly on K Street in the downtown area. I am forwarding your email on to Police Chief Jim Peschong. Chief Peschong will respond to your concerns and copy me and the City Council members you have copied on your original email.

Your time in bringing this issue to the attention of the Mayor's office is appreciated. Please feel free to contact us any time you have questions or concerns about Lincoln City government.

Sincerely,

Lin Quenzer
Ombudsman, LGBT Liaison
Title VI/ADA Co-Coordinator
Office of the Mayor
City of Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
402.441.7511



Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 10:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Jim Tiedeman
Address: 5600 S. 73rd St.
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-486-4903
Fax:
Email: jctiedeman@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

Here we go again another round a bout in a busy intersection. Have not we learned that these don't work very well? I have been in many other large cities, Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, Des Monies, Oklahoma City, Austin, and so on and have never seen round a bouts in use in busy four lane intersections. What I have seen are raised ramps that move traffic safely and quickly.

Let's bring Lincoln up to date and progressive like other large cities. Please give this Round A Bout plan a second thought. Talk to an engineer that has designed for one of the above mentioned cities.

NO More Round ABouts,

Jim Tiedeman
5600 S. 73rd St.
402-486-4903

Mary M. Meyer

From: Wayne Smith <swaynes1@windstream.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:04 PM
To: Mayor; Carl B. Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers
Subject: Artwork

Please do not move ahead with the \$1.0 million artwork.

Thanks

S. Wayne Smith
6345 S 35th Ct
Lincoln, NE 68516
402 327-2085

DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
555 SOUTH 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
1:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. One Book - One Lincoln event set for Sunday.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City sales and use tax rate to increase October 1.
3. Fiscal Impact Statement: Health - Environmental Public Health.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of September 19, 2015 through September 25, 2015.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Pavement repair projects being Monday.

III. DIRECTORS

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Commission on Human Rights meeting agenda for September 24, 2015.

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. September sales tax reports reflecting July activity:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2011-2012 through 2015-2016;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2011-2012 through 2015-2016; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2011-2012 through 2015-2016.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE. Household hazardous waste collection scheduled for Saturday, September 26.

LINCOLN LIBRARIES

1. Letter from Herbert J. Friedman, Lincoln Library Board President, regarding the proposed new central library.
2. Central Library Position Paper.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for September 24, 2015.
2. The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission scheduled for September 24, 2015 has been canceled.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. So. 14th Street pavement repair. Cushman Drive to Center Park Road.
2. ADVISORY. Cornhusker Highway pavement repair. 44th Street to 48th Street.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Roger Stortenbecker in appreciation of the camouflaged cellular antenna, and asking if possibly this could be an ordinance for cell towers.
2. Rob Conway writing in opposition to selling or privatizing any of the Lincoln golf course.

JANE RAYBOULD

1. Natalie Bacon with suggestions, and questions, on Lincoln's medians/islands and on fuel costs in Lincoln compared to Omaha, with reply from Councilwoman Raybould. (Sent to Public Works & Utilities regarding the medians)

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 17, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Layne Pierce, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8592

ONE BOOK - ONE LINCOLN EVENT SET FOR SUNDAY

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) is hosting a One Book - One Lincoln event at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 20 at the Malone Community Center, 2032 “U” St. Americanah, by Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, was selected in May as the featured novel for the 2015 One Book - One Lincoln community reading program. At the event, four local immigrants will compare and contrast their stories with that of the novel’s character Iphemelu.

“The author often mentions in her lectures, the idea of single stories and how no book, no matter how great, can ever be more than a single story, a single picture of a nation or group of people,” said Layne Pierce, LCL Librarian. “At Sunday’s event, the single immigrant story in Americanah will be compared with that of African immigrants in Lincoln in order to understand immigration in a richer way.”

Published in 2013, Americanah tells the story of a young Nigerian woman who emigrates to the U.S. for a university education and stays for work. The book is available at all Lincoln libraries in various formats including print, audio and eBooks.

Sunday’s event is free of charge with no pre-registration required. For more information about the One Book - One Lincoln community reading program, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 17, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Hubka, Finance Department, 402-441-7412

CITY SALES AND USE TAX RATE TO INCREASE OCTOBER 1

The City of Lincoln today reminded residents that Lincoln's sales and use tax rate will increase from 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent beginning October 1. The current state sales and use tax rate is 5.5 percent, so the total sales and use tax rate will increase from 7 percent to 7.25 percent.

Lincoln voters approved the 1/4-cent increase in April to support two important public safety projects: replacement of the City's emergency 911 radio system and the construction and/or relocation of four fire stations. One will be a joint police and fire station. The sales and use tax rate increase will be in effect for three years, and any extension of the increase would need to be approved by voters.

"I want to again thank the members of the citizen committee who studied all the options for funding these important projects as well as the voters who gave us their approval," said Mayor Chris Beutler. "These projects will ensure the reliability of emergency communications for first responders and provide improved coverage and response times for a growing community."

More information for consumers, retailers and others who hold sales and use tax permits is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: sales tax). The website includes a link to sales and use tax information from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, which offers a very helpful subscription service for email notifications about sales and use tax and other topics

The 13-member citizen committee unanimously recommended the sales and use tax rate increase over seven other options. Long-term financing would have led to millions of dollars in interest expenses, while a sales and use tax increase spreads the cost over everyone who buys goods and services in Lincoln, including people who live outside the City and visitors, who also use emergency services.

Revenue from the sales and use tax increase will be received beginning in December 2015. A monthly report of revenue from the sales and use tax increase and expenses related to the public safety projects will be provided on the website beginning that month, and it will be updated with running totals. The ballot issue approved by voters establishes a citizen oversight committee to monitor these projects. The agenda and minutes of meetings will also be posted online as they become available.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: HEALTH/Environmental Public Health

DATE: August 28, 2015

NEED
 The Mayor approved the use of reappropriations to cover the costs of Architectural and Engineering Plans for a Hazardous Waste Facility at N. 48th Street Landfill. The purpose of this request is to reallocate these funds to place them with the funds already allocated for "a household hazardous waste / conditionally exempt small quantity generator collection facility". CIP 0593 for Public Works/Solid Waste includes this project. The Architectural and Engineering Plans are connected directly to the CIP project. Additional funds are expected from grants.
 Transfer \$85,000 from: 12122.5628 to 12122.9220 and then to 700922.9140 (Public Works)

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing
 Limited Projected Completion Date _____

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
Funds reappropriated to the Health Department's FY 2015 budget and use approved by the Mayor in June 2015.	City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)		
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: object code description		
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: 12122 object code description 5628 Consultant	\$85,000	
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$85,000	

SOURCE OF REVENUES Reappropriation of carryover funds – use for this project approved by the Mayor

DIRECTOR Kathleen A. Cook for Judith H. Hays DATE August 28, 2015

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Walker</u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Walker</u> / DATE <u>8/28/15</u>	

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>8/31/15</u>

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte's the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

Date: September 18, 2015

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of September 19 through 25, 2015
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, September 20

- Nebraska Corvette Association show, remarks - 11:30 a.m., West Gate Bank Center, 6003 Old Cheney Road

Monday, September 21

- International Visitors from Mongolia and Belgium - 9:30 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, September 24

- League of Nebraska Municipalities annual conference, remarks - 8 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 18, 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 21 on two City streets. The following work will be completed using lane closures, with at least one lane open in both directions at all times:

- Work on S. 14th Street from Cushman Drive to Center Park Road involves replacement of damaged asphalt in the northbound, inside lane.
- Work on Cornhusker Highway from 44th Street to 48th Street involves replacement of damaged asphalt in the eastbound, outside lane.

Both projects are expected to be completed by Friday, September 25.

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).

CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, September 24, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
City County Building, 555 South 10th Street
1st Floor, City Council Chambers

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2015, Commission Meeting
- III. Approval of Agenda for September 24, 2015, Commission Meeting
- IV. Case Dispositions
 - A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
 - 1. LCHR NO.: 15-0403-001-PA
 - 2. LCHR NO.: 15-0414-008-E-R
 - 3. LCHR NO.: 15-0515-013-E-R
 - 4. LCHR NO.: 15-0528-010-H
 - 5. LCHR NO.: 15-0529-015-E-R
 - 6. LCHR NO.: 15-0610-017-E-R
- V. Pre-Determination Settlements
 - 1. LCHR NO.: 15-0813-016-H
- VI. Administrative Closure
 - A. Unable to Locate
 - 1. LCHR NO.: 15-0706-019-E-R
 - B. Withdrawal with Settlement
 - 1. LCHR NO.: 15-0722-021-E-R
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Outreach Activities
- VIII. New Business
 - A. 2016 Civil Rights Conference
 - B. Updates on Training
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Adjournment

Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session *with the exception of LCHR cases***. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

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

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2014-15 PROJECTED	2015-16 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 14-15	% CHANGE FR. 14-15
SEPTEMBER	\$5,873,877	\$5,936,184	\$62,307	\$239,012	4.20%
OCTOBER	\$6,167,707				
NOVEMBER	\$6,157,582				
DECEMBER	\$5,787,854				
JANUARY	\$5,854,866				
FEBRUARY	\$7,371,745				
MARCH	\$5,499,918				
APRIL	\$5,263,528				
MAY	\$6,189,194				
JUNE	\$5,964,702				
JULY	\$5,981,303				
AUGUST	\$6,365,424				
TOTAL	\$72,477,700	\$5,936,184	\$62,307	\$239,012	4.20%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 1.06% over projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2011-2012 THROUGH 2015-2016**

	ACTUAL 2011-12	ACTUAL 2012-13	ACTUAL 2013-14	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2014-15	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2015-16	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,805,254	\$5,189,424	\$5,431,071	4.66%	\$5,741,404	5.71%	\$6,041,963	5.23%
OCTOBER	\$5,206,659	\$5,568,892	\$5,740,406	3.08%	\$5,848,947	1.89%		
NOVEMBER	\$5,219,952	\$5,194,649	\$5,729,609	10.30%	\$5,873,441	2.51%		
DECEMBER	\$4,901,748	\$5,250,751	\$5,401,140	2.86%	\$5,737,783	6.23%		
JANUARY	\$5,076,013	\$5,180,028	\$5,562,529	7.38%	\$5,525,231	-0.67%		
FEBRUARY	\$6,327,532	\$6,223,991	\$6,570,418	5.57%	\$6,802,647	3.53%		
MARCH	\$4,782,783	\$5,077,914	\$5,304,048	4.45%	\$5,396,268	1.74%		
APRIL	\$4,572,281	\$4,681,796	\$5,214,537	11.38%	\$5,188,877	-0.49%		
MAY	\$5,675,978	\$5,655,098	\$5,642,139	-0.23%	\$6,348,190	12.51%		
JUNE	\$5,241,574	\$5,458,626	\$5,635,827	3.25%	\$5,728,421	1.64%		
JULY	\$5,196,447	\$5,439,682	\$5,654,660	3.95%	\$5,841,882	3.31%		
AUGUST	\$5,453,052	\$5,696,527	\$5,921,577	3.95%	\$6,196,574	4.64%		
TOTAL	\$62,459,273	\$64,617,378	\$67,807,961	4.94%	\$70,229,665	3.57%	\$6,041,963	5.23%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2011-2012 THROUGH 2015-2016**

	ACTUAL 2011-2012	ACTUAL 2012-2013	ACTUAL 2013-2014	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2014-2015	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2015-2016	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$263,004)	(\$119,857)	(\$80,176)	-33.11%	(\$44,232)	-44.83%	(\$105,779)	139.15%
OCTOBER	(\$79,193)	(\$52,533)	(\$96,046)	82.83%	(\$191,059)	98.92%	(\$94,343)	-50.62%
NOVEMBER	(\$73,585)	(\$168,241)	(\$15,001)	-91.08%	(\$151,968)	913.05%		
DECEMBER	(\$5,982)	(\$187,607)	(\$18,536)	-90.12%	(\$23,916)	29.02%		
JANUARY	(\$49,785)	(\$145,767)	(\$603,295)	313.88%	(\$277,201)	-54.05%		
FEBRUARY	(\$45,283)	(\$131,438)	(\$58,173)	-55.74%	(\$381,405)	555.64%		
MARCH	(\$59,857)	(\$385,142)	(\$169,963)	-55.87%	(\$69,314)	-59.22%		
APRIL	(\$44,038)	(\$68,049)	(\$81,416)	19.64%	(\$79,747)	-2.05%		
MAY	(\$126,962)	(\$42,699)	(\$43,775)	2.52%	(\$72,554)	65.74%		
JUNE	(\$75,618)	(\$57,679)	(\$81,809)	41.83%	(\$26,219)	-67.95%		
JULY	(\$52,331)	(\$95,902)	(\$116,801)	21.79%	(\$40,332)	-65.47%		
AUGUST	(\$111,293)	(\$27,656)	(\$49,577)	79.26%	(\$10,119)	-79.59%		
TOTAL	(\$986,931)	(\$1,482,570)	(\$1,414,568)	-4.59%	(\$1,368,066)	-3.29%	(\$200,122)	-14.95%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2011-2012 THROUGH 2015-2016**

	ACTUAL 2011-2012	ACTUAL 2012-2013	ACTUAL 2013-14	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2014-15	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2015-16	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,542,250	\$5,069,566	\$5,350,895	5.55%	\$5,697,172	6.47%	\$5,936,184	4.20%
OCTOBER	\$5,127,466	\$5,516,359	\$5,644,359	2.32%	\$5,657,888	0.24%		
NOVEMBER	\$5,146,367	\$5,026,408	\$5,714,609	13.69%	\$5,721,474	0.12%		
DECEMBER	\$4,895,766	\$5,063,144	\$5,382,604	6.31%	\$5,713,868	6.15%		
JANUARY	\$5,026,227	\$5,034,261	\$4,959,233	-1.49%	\$5,248,031	5.82%		
FEBRUARY	\$6,282,249	\$6,092,554	\$6,512,245	6.89%	\$6,421,242	-1.40%		
MARCH	\$4,722,926	\$4,692,772	\$5,134,084	9.40%	\$5,326,954	3.76%		
APRIL	\$4,528,243	\$4,613,747	\$5,133,122	11.26%	\$5,109,130	-0.47%		
MAY	\$5,549,016	\$5,612,398	\$5,598,363	-0.25%	\$6,275,635	12.10%		
JUNE	\$5,165,956	\$5,400,947	\$5,554,017	2.83%	\$5,702,202	2.67%		
JULY	\$5,144,116	\$5,343,780	\$5,537,859	3.63%	\$5,801,550	4.76%		
AUGUST	\$5,341,759	\$5,668,871	\$5,872,000	3.58%	\$6,186,455	5.36%		
TOTAL	\$61,472,341	\$63,134,807	\$66,393,390	5.16%	\$68,861,601	3.72%	\$5,936,184	4.20%

Year to date vs.
previous year



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER lincoln.ne.gov

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 18, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan King, Environmental Health Specialist, 402-441-8084

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Lincoln and Lancaster County residents are encouraged to clean out unwanted chemicals by bringing their household hazardous waste to a collection event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, September 26 at Lincoln Industries, 600 West E St. This event is sponsored by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Accepted items include pesticides, lawn and garden chemicals, household cleaning products, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, brake or power steering fluids, and items containing mercury such as CFLs and thermometers. A complete list of accepted items is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household).

Items NOT accepted include latex paint, motor oil, fertilizers, gas grill cylinders, medicines and pharmaceutical waste, electronics and batteries. For information on recycling these and other materials, check the "Waste Reduction and Recycling Guide" at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle). No business waste will be accepted.

The event is free of charge to Lincoln and Lancaster County residents. Donations are accepted at the collection.

The household hazardous waste program is partially funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.



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September 16, 2015

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Ed Svendsen
Inknehusker123@hotmail.com

RE: Proposed New Central Library

Dear Mr. Svendsen:

Your email to the Lincoln City Council, dated Sept 9, 2015 regarding a proposed new central library has been forwarded to me. I am replying on behalf of the Lincoln Library Board of Directors.

Your suggestion that there was some kind of *quid pro quo* regarding the transfer of Block 63, the cite of Pershing, which has been used for public purposes since the City of Lincoln was founded in 1867, to the private sector, in exchange for the construction of the Arena, is not founded in fact. We have found no document that even suggests such an idea, let alone an agreement, and no such agreement could have been made by any elected body without an open meeting. The whole idea is an "urban legend."

The Board asks that you reconsider your views on this subject. I am inclosing a copy of a position paper adopted by the Board, which explains the need for a new central library and why Block 63 is the perfect location for the new library.

Nationally, studies have been conducted by both Pew and the Aspen Institute, available on line, which clearly articulate that libraries are not out of date and no longer useful, but to the contrary, make a major contribution to our highly technical society. The Library Board commissioned studies in both 2003 and 2012, also available on line, that demonstrate that Bennett Martin Public Library no longer fulfils the needs of Lincoln and that Block 63 is the perfect location for the new library. Bennet Martin was constructed in 1962, when our city was half the size and technology was drastically different. It is the only public building circa 1960s that is still in public use. Block 63 is virtually in the center of the largest concentration of people in Lincoln, and many people are moving to the central Lincoln area. It is the ideal location, and the timing is perfect.

You are obviously a savvy business person. Suggesting the City sell, or perhaps a better term, give away Block 63 at wholesale prices, to be developed at public expense, only to require the City to acquire another location for the Library, at retail cost, makes no business sense.

Libraries, along with public schools, are a vital part of our system of public education. They have been an obligation of local government since the Republic's early days, and should not be considered an option. Public libraries are used by many people who cannot afford expensive computers. Libraries are not just warehouses for books. Now, as in the past, they connect our citizens to the world of ideas.

All you need to do is look around. Cities all over the country, and the free world for that matter, are investing in new libraries, which have become community learning centers. Just look at other "Football Cities" e.g. Madison WS, Columbia SC, Raleigh, NC, and Tallahassee FL, which are close to the same size as Lincoln and are homes to both the major state land grant university and the state capital, and see what their libraries look like. They are 21st century libraries. Look east to Iowa (Cedar Rapids, Des Moines) north to South Dakota (Sioux Falls) and North Dakota (Fargo) south to Kansas (Topeka, Wichita) and west to Colorado (Denver, Colorado Springs) and Wyoming (Laramie) for close to home examples. Even closer, look at North Bend, Columbus, Ashland, Seward, Hastings and Omaha.

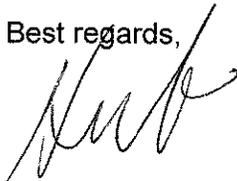
The cost is more like \$55 million for the project, which include updating branches, but that will have little impact on the average taxpayer. The yearly cost to the owner of a \$150,000 home, the average home in Lincoln, will be about \$35, less than half the cost to go to a Nebraska football game. For a family of four, that is about the cost of bag of popcorn, per person, at a local movie. The cost in sales tax to build the Arena, an entertainment facility, is estimated at least \$20 per year per person. And they have to pay to go to the Arena, which is out of reach to many citizens.

Remember, the first thing the Nazi's did was burn the books and the first thing ISA does is burn the libraries.

Lincoln has always been a progressive city, but in this case we are plain out of step with the rest of the civilized world.

Ed, I am happy to discuss this with you when you are in Lincoln or by phone.

Best regards,



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**WHY LINCOLN NEEDS A NEW DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION PAPER
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
AUGUST 18, 2015**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Library Board of the City of Lincoln has determined that the current main library, known as Bennett Martin Public Library (BMPL) no longer meets the needs of the city and should be replaced by a New Central Library on Block 63, the current location of Pershing Center. This paper discusses the reasons why we need a new library.

The City of Lincoln Library System consists of the main library, BMPL and seven branches. The annual budget is about \$8.5 million for fiscal year 2014-15, which is about 5.14% of the \$166 million City of Lincoln budget. We have a collection of about 840,000 books, magazines, and other items, and 142 public computers.

Residents visited our libraries 1.3 million times last year. There is simply no question that statistics like these demonstrate that people use Lincoln's libraries. The questions remain, though: What kind of a central library will those people use now, and in the future? And what role should the City of Lincoln play in ensuring the citizens of Lincoln have a vibrant central library?

According to the 2014 US Census estimate, Lincoln's population is 270,000 and Lancaster County is about 301,000. We must not forget that the current main library was built when Lincoln's population was less than half its current size.

II. EDUCATION

A cornerstone of our democracy is a well-educated population. We may disagree with each other, and often with great passion, but even in this time of political polarization our fighting has been done with words and ideas rather than with guns and bullets.

We take free public education for granted now, but public education in the United States is relatively new and only goes back to the 19th century. Public education consists of two separate, but equally important branches.

- A. First are the public schools. In colonial times, education was often considered a function of the churches. During the 19th century, public education became increasingly accepted as a public community duty. The first public high school was started in Boston in 1821. By the 1870's, all states had free elementary schools. By the close of the 19th century, most all communities had free public secondary education. The 20th century saw an ever increasing rise in the number of Americans who were high school graduates in order to meet the challenges of the country's industrial and technological development.
- B. The second branch of public education is the public library. Equal access to information is a core value of our country, and the American library system is an essential part of an educated and literate population. The first libraries, such as the

one founded by Benjamin Franklin in the 18th century, were subscription libraries, and were only open to people of means. Free public libraries in the United States began to flourish in the 19th century alongside public schools. The first major public library in the United States was also established in Boston in 1852.

The free public library as we know it is truly an American innovation. The most significant contributor to American libraries was Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie, the Bill Gates of his era, donated money to build 2,509 libraries between 1883 and 1929. Lincoln was a beneficiary of this grant.

Free public libraries should not be thought of as public entertainment, like parks or the new arena. Free public libraries are a local responsibility, like police and fire protection. Local governments are obligated to ensure we have a well informed and educated public. Virtually every town or city in the country has a public library. Public libraries are a duty and obligation to foster an educated population, which is the lifeblood of our democracy.

When it comes to Lincoln's downtown library, this obligation has been neglected, almost to the point of abandonment.

III. HISTORY OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARIES

The Lincoln library system is governed by a board of directors. The current system goes back to 1936. The Board consists of seven directors who must be residents of the City of Lincoln and are appointed by the City Council. Their terms are seven years and staggered so each year, a new board member is selected, and an old member rotates off. The Board has broad powers including (1) supervising the public library facilities, (2) selecting and purchasing books and magazines, (3) approving the annual budget, and (4) along with the Mayor, hiring the Director. See Chapter 4.20 Lincoln Municipal Code

Public libraries have been a part of this City since its beginning. Lincoln became the capital of Nebraska in 1867. The first public library was established in 1877. In 1902, the Carnegie Library was built at 14th and N at a cost of about \$77,000.

After 60 years, the old Carnegie Library no longer met the needs of a growing city and Bennett Martin Public Library (BMPL) was built in 1962, thanks to a generous gift of \$300,000.00 by Bennett Martin, a Lincoln businessman and former mayor. Lincoln's population at the time was 125,210, roughly half the current population. BMPL was expanded in 1968 and in 1978. BMPL was designed for mid-20th century technology and community needs. Computers and eBooks were not even mentioned in science fiction when the Library was last expanded. Further expansion and modernization is not physically possible, or financially prudent.

IV. COMPARISON WITH OTHER LINCOLN PROPERTIES

By comparison, almost all other public and commercial buildings built in the mid-1900s have been replaced. Here are but a few examples:

The Lancaster County Court was originally built in 1890—approximately twelve years after the first city library. The County Court was replaced in 1969 with the County City Building. This was approximately seven years after the Bennett Martin Public Library was constructed. A new addition to the Court was completed in 1997. The jail, built in 1980, has just been replaced.

The Pershing Center was completed in 1957 at a cost of \$3 million. At that time, Lincoln's population was about 99,000, and the Pershing Center was designed with a capacity of 7,500 people.

The Devaney Center was built at a cost of \$13 million in 1976 with a capacity of 13,500. This was 21 years after the Pershing Center was built. Lincoln's population was 145,000. The Devaney Center has been redesigned as a state of the art venue for our nationally-ranked University of Nebraska volleyball team.

The Pinnacle Arena was completed in August 2013. This new arena has a capacity 16,000 at a cost of \$180 million. It replaced both Pershing and Devaney.

Memorial Stadium is a prime example of this change. Constructed in 1923, when the population was 55,000, the stadium originally had a capacity of 31,000 people and cost of \$430,000. The stadium now seats over 90,000, which is slightly smaller than the entire population of Lincoln when Pershing was built. Recent additions in the east stadium sky boxes and 6,000 new seats cost \$63.5 million dollars

The old UNL baseball field was replaced by Haymarket Stadium in 2000.

Among commercial buildings, Farmers Mutual has recently replaced a building that was built in 1962, and Assurity built a new building in the Antelope Valley area. Moreover, none of the hospitals are in the same buildings that they occupied in 1962.

Centennial Mall was first built in 1967, ten years after the opening of the Pershing Center. Now, this newly re-designed and renovated mall parallels the argument to maintain a pivotal public building on our public mall. The Pershing site is compelling, logical and an excellent choice for our new central library and matches the efforts to economically boost this central space in downtown Lincoln.

In contrast to all of these private and public buildings, the Bennett Martin Public Library remains fixed in time. As a community, we need to ask why.

V. COMPARISON WITH OTHER CITIES

Some people seem to think that libraries are going the way of the dinosaur, but, in fact, almost all American cities, big or small, have built new main libraries in the last 15 years in response to public demand and evolving uses of libraries.

A review of libraries in 26 peer cities demonstrates just how far behind Lincoln is by comparison. We attempted to find cities that have something in common with Lincoln such as population, geography, and government. See Attachment 1.

A. Football Cities - Let's take cities which are both state capitals and home to major state universities and have an intense interest in college football.

Madison, Wisconsin - Similar to Lincoln in both size and government, Madison renovated and expanded its downtown library in 2013 at 124,000 square feet it is about twice the size of BMPL...and they are crazy about the Badgers.

Columbia, South Carolina - The State capital and home of the University of South Carolina and an undying love for the Gamecocks, Columbia is a city of about 300,000 that built a 250,000 square foot library in 1990.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana - Certainly no stranger to college football and also a State capital and the home of the LSU Tigers, Baton Rouge completed a 126,000 square foot library in 2011

Tallahassee, Florida - The capital of Florida and home to Florida State Seminoles, Tallahassee built a new library in 1988, which is 88,000 square feet.

Austin, Texas and Columbus, Ohio have also invested in library improvements, but they are substantially larger than Lincoln, so we are not using them for comparison.

These cities are no less interested in college football than Lincoln—all have large stadiums and skyboxes. They have done one thing that we have not. They have seen the necessity and the duty of maintaining a modern, up-to-date main downtown library.

B. Peer Cities – A review of cities in neighboring states demonstrates the same thing.

Kansas City, Missouri – In a renovated bank building, the new Kansas City Public Library is acting as a catalyst for the downtown area. Although a larger metro area, the new library is in the downtown, as Lincoln has the option to do as well. The Sprint Center arena is also in downtown Kansas City.

Topeka, Kansas – With a population of about 130,000, Topeka added to its library in 2001 and now has a total size of 170,000 square feet.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota – A city of about 160,000 people, Sioux Falls remodeled its main library in 2010 to about 62,000 square feet, the size of BMPL.

Pueblo, Colorado – With a population of about 110,000, Pueblo built a new library in 2003 at 109,000 square feet

Des Moines, Iowa – With a population about 100,000 larger than Lincoln, Des Moines opened a new library in 2006 that is 110,000 square feet.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Cedar Rapids is roughly the same size as Lincoln, and opened a new library in 2013 that is 95,000 square feet.

Cheyenne, Wyoming – The smallest of our peer cities at 93,000, Cheyenne opened a 103,000 square library in 2007.

The purpose of looking at these other cities is not to figure out whether we're "keeping up with the Joneses." The purpose is to see whether we're keeping up with the educational, informational, and community needs of our population; and, as of 2015, Lincoln is not.

C. Other Nebraska Cities

And we need not go out of state. According to data from the Nebraska Library Commission during the last 10 years, about 100 Nebraska cities have either replaced or rebuilt main libraries, ranging from Grand Island and Bellevue to small villages such as Pierce and Oconto. Omaha has had four major construction projects in branches during that time. Syracuse and North Bend built new libraries in 2012. Kearney expanded and renovated its library in 2012. Ashland opened a new library in 2015. See Attachment 2.

As we've seen, cities smaller than, comparable to, and larger than Lincoln all over the country have new libraries. In essence, we stand alone. A city that once called itself the "Athens of the Prairie" is far behind the times. Why is Lincoln where it is? We can't answer that question, but we can tell you we're not where we should be.

VI. STUDIES COMMISSIONED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board is charged with maintaining the library facilities, and all matters considering buildings start with the Board. (Section 4.20.020 (b), Lincoln Muni. Code).

Pershing is the choice of the Library Board. Pershing is located on Block 63 of the Original Plat of the City of Lincoln. Block 63 was educational land owned by the State. On July 21, 1871 that block was deeded by the State of Nebraska to the Lincoln Public School District and over the years was the site of elementary schools, the original Lincoln High School and an LPS administration building. On July 3, 1940, the school board sold the block to the City of Lincoln. Block 63 has never ever been on the tax rolls, and has always been dedicated for public use. Turning Block 63 into commercial use virtually flies in the face of its intended purpose. It would be similar to turning Antelope Park into an office complex.

In 2003, the Library Board commissioned, the Bennett Martin Public Library Space Needs & Facility Study. It was prepared by Clark Enerson Partners of Lincoln and Dubberly Garcia Associates of Atlanta. It concluded that BMPL was insufficient to meet future needs and not

suited for expansion or renovation. The study concluded that a) Lincoln needed a new main library; at a full block in the downtown area. The location that made the most sense was Block 63, current site of Pershing. It made sense then, and it still makes the most sense.

Block 63 is right on Centennial Mall, which runs from the Capitol to the University. Over \$10 million is being spent to revitalize the Mall, and there will be a good deal of foot traffic, which is what a library needs. In fact, a Centennial Mall study provides that 35,000 school children travel along the mall each year. The block has close access to all the bus lines in the city. It is an ideal location for a new library. The Board firmly believes the new library should be at this site. The block has always been dedicated for public use, and we think it should remain such.

The Library Board commissioned the Main Library Vision and Concept Study in 2012 to again look at the subject. The \$90,000 study, paid for by private funds raised by the Library Foundation, was prepared by Sinclair Hille Architects of Lincoln, Jack Poling of Minneapolis, a noted library architect, and Susan Kent of Los Angeles, a Library Planner. Its purpose was to identify the needs of a new library for the 21st century. Relying heavily on public input and library success stories throughout the nation, the study outlined services that a modern library should provide, determined space requirements, and evaluated potential sites. Pershing was the first choice. The Library Board, after a good deal of study and discussion, voted to submit a proposal for the re-use of the Pershing Center as a new main library. The proposal was modest by peer standards. It proposed a 107,000 square feet library on Block 63. The cost would be about \$50 million; financed by a bond issue and capital donations. The difference between starting from scratch and rebuilding the current Pershing was relatively minor.

The City rejected that proposal, but the matter remains open. The Library Board still believes that Block 63, Pershing, is the best location for a new central library.

The reality is that libraries are no longer only a depository for paper books. One of the important principles of public libraries is they provide access to information to all, not just those who can afford their own computers and e-readers. But contemporary libraries now allocate spaces for people: children, teens, families, studying and tutoring, places for gathering. This is the significance of libraries all over the country and should be the significance of the new library for Lincoln. Again, it is not a matter of keeping up with the Joneses; it's a question of whether almost every other city in the country apparently knows something that we either do not know or do not want to know: that modern libraries play a major role in our educational system and community life, and they need to be kept current like all other institutions.

Research supports the need for a modern library:

Both the Pew Research Center and the Aspen Institute provide information and publications supporting libraries. The Aspen Institute, for example, states: "As the public library shifts from a repository for material to a platform for learning and participation, its ability to provide access to vast amounts of content in all formats is vital. As trusted institutions, public libraries serve their communities by improving digital skills, helping people access information in new ways, providing a space for learning at every age, and connecting people to jobs, educational

opportunities and critical community services. Public libraries are poised to play a leading role in helping individuals and communities to adapt to the changing world". - See more at: <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/>

VII. FAQs

Since the 2012 Main Library and Vision Concept Study came out, there have been some questions raised, some of which we will try to address.

Why do we need a larger library when the age of electronic books is here? As it has been demonstrated in cities all over the country, a vibrant downtown library symbolizes the intellectual and cultural values of a city. Libraries ensure equal access to information, and they will grow in their importance even as the transition to greater emphasis on electronics occurs. They are a gathering place not unlike a public park and, in fact, have occasionally been referred to as "a park for your brain!" Even with the presence and future increase in electronic literary opportunities, it has been demonstrated in those communities that have invested in a new main library, that they are busier than ever. People still want the library experience. Just go to BMPL, and you will see it is in constant use. It would be used much more if the building was more attractive, with a modern, functioning layout, and had surrounding parking.

How will it function to meet needs 20 years from now? We can't even imagine the growth in technology over the next two decades, but we do know that the library is a core community resource for utilization of these new services over the next many years. Wi-Fi and other services will be a major part of this new entity as we build and embrace the future. If the experience of other communities is any example, the indication is these needs will grow, not shrink. We know that people's need for community connections and involvement will not go away. We know that a healthy democratic community will answer the needs of all of its people, rich or poor to access information in a variety of forms. We will have to design a building that is flexible enough in nature so that it can change as its uses changes. Unfortunately, BMPL is not that type of building.

Why not spend \$3 million to \$5 million to renovate? We have done extensive studies over the past ten years, and we found it is not feasible to renovate the existing location especially considering size restrictions. The 2003 study concluded the current library is not meeting the needs of the community and is not suitable for expansion or renovation. It is not feasible for the same reasons that the other private and public buildings we've discussed have rebuilt entirely new buildings. It no longer meets the needs and renovation is not practical or prudent.

Why do we need a new "community center" when we have "learning centers," "recreation centers," and "senior centers"? None of those examples offer connection to the world of literature and learning that a public library offers. As Norman Janknis, Cisco CEO said "Libraries can help you get from too much information to knowledge".

What percentage of readers today will be using electronic devices compared to bound volumes? Clearly, electronic devices will continue to grow in popularity. We know that. In fact we are

increasing our number of eBooks. And the cost is about the same, and we get about the same number of checkouts with eBooks as with paper books. That isn't the point. People will come to libraries, as they always have, for a place of knowledge, for equal access to information, and to meet other people. Doomsayers said about 50 years ago, that movie theaters were on the way out because of TV, and then several decades later, because of videos. Likewise, the same was said with the introduction of paperback books, that libraries were no longer needed. That didn't happen. The experience of our contemporary cities should answer that question.

What is the response to those who think libraries will be obsolete in 5-10 years? In communities where they invest in libraries and the intellectual quality of life, libraries are growing in popularity. This is also true in Lincoln and will be more evident as we make the necessary investments to build for the future. They will not be obsolete any more than schools will be obsolete.

What is the plan for technology and how will you keep up with it? Every business, government entity and, certainly libraries throughout the country deal with every day. We plan to develop the new location with as much foresight as possible using the best minds available and, it will be our firm desire, to continue leading this process for intellectual access for the citizens of this city for many years to come.

Why Pershing? First, the City of Lincoln already owns the land, and it has been public use land since 1867, when it was platted. Second, the Board has concluded it is by far the best location for the new library. It does not make sense for the City to spend millions in acquisition costs when the city already owns a great location. Parking will be an issue no matter where we go, but at least Pershing has an underground lot. Centennial Mall has been renovated, and it will attract many visitors because of its new vision as an educational and public festival space. The announcement of the upcoming "Wi-Fi" investment for the mall also fits our desire to make the main library a totally accessible facility both physically and electronically. It should also be remembered that downtown Lincoln itself is changing with many people moving into the downtown areas, and Pershing's location is within walking distance of many of those new developments as well as housing that already exists.

We cannot ignore the importance of a downtown library as an economic catalyst. Economic development specialists will tell you that when a community builds a new downtown library, which becomes a destination location, there is an increase in the economic activity and the street energy in the surrounding area. A new downtown library will become a central anchor of a revitalized downtown.

VIII. COST TO AVERAGE CITIZEN

The question will inevitably be how much more in taxes will this cost. The estimated yearly cost assuming a \$55 million bond issue which includes system-wide updates of existing branch libraries, on a \$157,000 house (about the average value of a home in Lincoln) would be \$34.30, half the cost of a NU football ticket. Compare this with the cost of the arena, which is a project about four times the expense. In a recent Lincoln Journal Star article, it was estimated that the increased cost to an average person for the arena would be about \$40 per year if they spend

the national average on eating out. The comparison is stark. Both the arena and the library offer doors to publicly owned buildings. In one you pay a high price to enter and to be entertained, be it a basketball game or an ice show. In the other you pay nothing to enter the world of education. Both contribute to a robust and growing city. It cannot be emphasized enough that now is a time of historically low interest rates which allow favorable financing opportunities and great savings for the taxpayers. Building a new central library now will save taxpayers in interest payments and at the same time give our downtown development an economic boost. We as a city do not have a duty to entertain, but we have a duty to educate – a 21st century library fulfills this important obligation at an opportune time.

IX. CONCLUSION

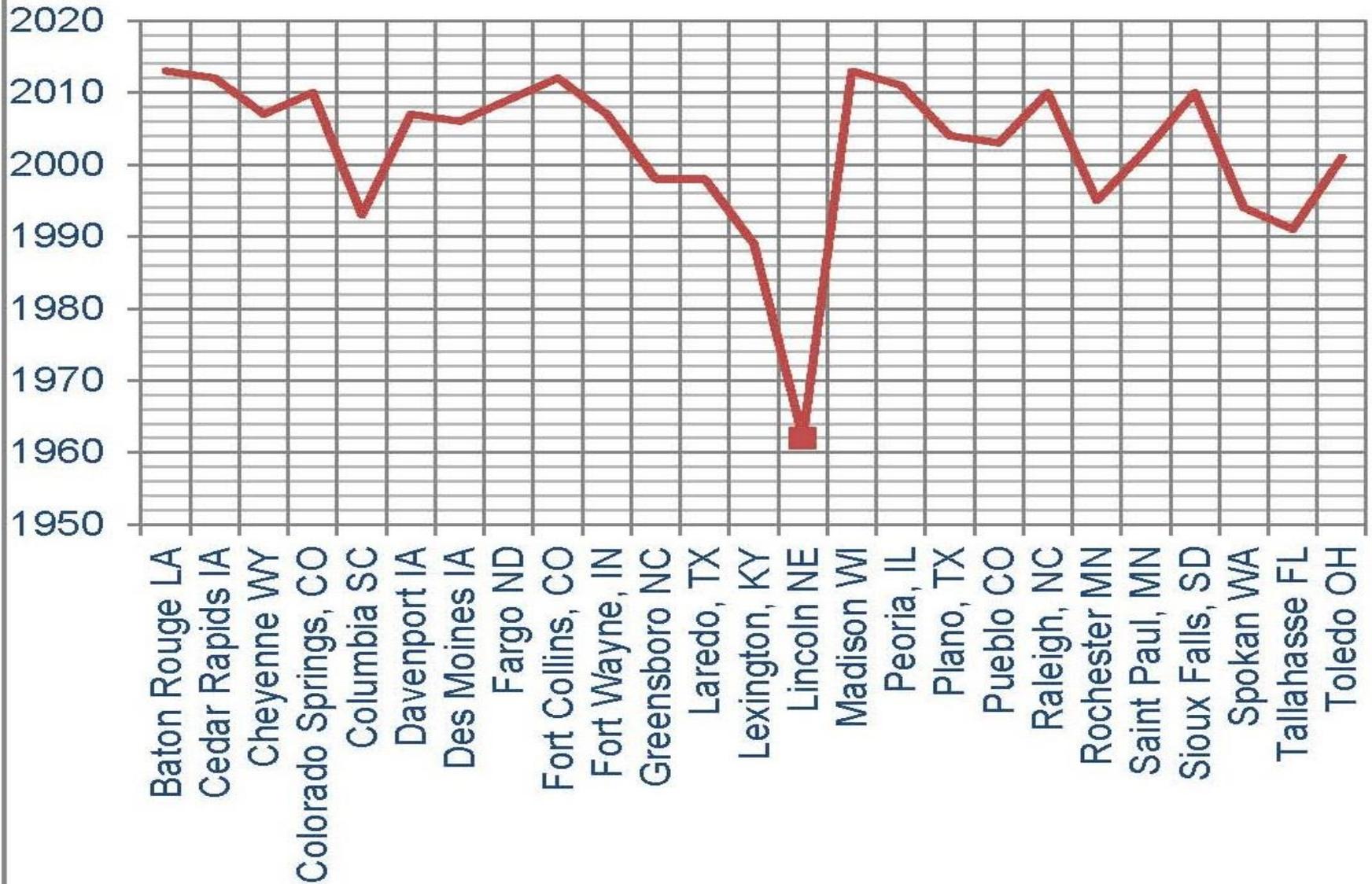
We know that this is the right course for our city. Up-to-date libraries are not options, they are obligations. We have never, in the history of this city, been this far behind when it comes to civic responsibility. When it comes to our downtown central library, we are indeed in the cellar. All over the country, communities large and small are embracing new libraries. It is time to bring Lincoln into the 21st century.

Please help with this project.

Adopted by Library Boards: October 15, 2013

Revised by Library Board: August 18, 2015

City - Date of Construction



NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES IN NEBRASKA

LIBRARY		YEAR BUILT
Blair Public Library		In process
Hastings Public Library		In process
Columbus Public Library		In process
Norfolk Public Library		In process
Omaha Do Space		In process
Ashland Public Library		2015
Kearney Public Library		2012
North Bend Public Library		2012
Syracuse Public Library		2012
Pawnee City Public Library		2011
Lied Battle Creek Public Library		2010
Omaha Public Library – Saddlebrook Branch		2009
Shelby Community Library		2009
Omaha Public Library – South Library		2008

Historic Preservation Commission

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **September 24, 2015**. The meeting will convene at **1:30 p.m.** in Room 214 in Development Services Center, 2nd floor, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA September 24, 2015

1. Approval of meeting record of HPC meeting of August 20, 2015.
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

3. Certificate of Appropriateness for sign at 801 R Street, Hilton Garden Inn, in Haymarket Landmark District.
4. Certificate of Appropriateness for sign at Mitchell Family Restaurant, 727 S. 9th Street, in O'Donnell-Galbraith House, a designated landmark.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

5. Design for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Lincoln VA Campus.
6. Staff Report & Misc.

The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/hpc/hpc.htm>

**For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/hp/hp.htm>**

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

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

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

The **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission** meeting regularly scheduled for **Thursday, September 24, 2015** has been **anceled** due to lack of agenda items.

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Summer of Progress Continues!

September 18, 2015

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

The City of Lincoln will begin on Monday, September 21, 2015. This work will involve grinding and replacement of damaged asphalt in the northbound, inside lane. This work is expected to be complete by Friday, September 25, 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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Summer of Progress Continues!

September 18, 2015

Cornhusker Highway Pavement Repair 44th Street to 48th Street

The City of Lincoln will begin on Monday, September 21, 2015. This work will involve grinding and replacement of damaged asphalt in the eastbound outside lane. This work is expected to be complete by Friday, September 25, 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.

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From: Roger Stortenbecker <rstortenbecker@cii.us.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 1:16 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Cellular telephone towers

I salute the church and the cellular phone company that found a way to hide the cellular antenna inside the church is Beltower. Both parties when and the public has one less obtrusive cell tower to look at. Has the city of Lincoln entertained the idea of an ordinance to camouflage new cellular towers as trees or combining them with other existing structures?

Thanks for your consideration,
Roger

Sent from my iPhone

Mary M. Meyer

From: Rob Conway <jrobconway@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2015 10:41 AM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Highlands

I'm opposed to selling or privatization of any of our Lincoln golf courses.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jane Raybould
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Natalie Bacon
Cc: Miki Esposito; jane@brstores.com; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: RE: Hi Jane!

Great to hear from you Natalie! I love your suggestions on the medians. I know the City has made major efforts to convert a number of the concrete medians to those with landscape material. It would be nice to have more of them. I know they can be costly and a maintenance chore. I have included Miki Espositon, Director of Public Works, so that she can forward this suggestion on to the appropriate department director so I can get more details on future plans and costs to implement "greener" medians. I know that many municipalities have organizations and philanthropies that adopt and maintain these.

Your next request on fuel costs is a little tougher. I will have to contact our company's fuel suppliers to find out why there is such a price differential between Lincoln and Omaha and get back to you on that concern as well.

Hope you are enjoying your new position. I have no doubt that you are an asset!

All the best,

Jane

From: Natalie Bacon [nbacon1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Jane Raybould
Subject: Hi Jane!

Hi Jane,

Congratulations on being elected to the Lincoln City Council. I am excited to have you as my representative.

I am not sure if you are aware that I am no longer working for Nebraska.gov. It was time for me to make a change. I have been working for Edward Jones for a little less than one year.

There are a couple of issues that I would like to discuss with you, as a city council member.

Medians/Islands

*There are several across the city that are very unattractive, with overgrown weeds.

*Since it was brought to my attention by a co-worker, I have been noticing the medians and how they give a less than pleasant impression of our city.

Suggestions/Ideas

*Partner with Campbells Nursery to look for possible solutions. It may include putting in low maintenance and drought resistant bushes and/or trees, including rocks. Campbells may have great ideas and given the connection the family has to the city, may be willing to offer a reduction in costs.

*Another possible idea is to have neighborhood associations adopt the medians to help provide upkeep and assistance with the costs, if it is too prohibitive for the city.

My co-worker and I would be willing to buy you coffee and show you examples of the problem areas.

Gas Prices

*Prices for gasoline in Omaha tend to be cheaper than the prices in Lincoln

*I have also noticed that the price of 87 grade, with no ethanol, is 50-55 cents more expensive per gallon than the 87 grade with ethanol. In Omaha, the price difference is only 30 cents per gallon.

*Can you help me understand the difference in costs? Every penny counts with my budget.

Please let me know if there is someone else that should be contacted regarding these issues. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all that you do for the City of Lincoln and those you represent!

Thank you!
Natalie Bacon

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

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

Absent: Jon Camp

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Chair Fellers opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

1. Directors'/Organizational meeting minutes of September 14, 2015.
With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

III. CITY CLERK

Meier, in review of the formal agenda, stated on the Consent Agenda, Items 1 through 4 will be introduced by Gaylor Baird. Public Hearing Resolutions Items 12 & 13 will have a Motion to Amend. Public Hearing Ordinances - Third Reading, will call Items 20 through 22 together, and 23 through 25 together.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS OF MAYOR

1. Fiscal Impact Statement: Public Works & Utilities.
2. Fiscal Impact Statement: StarTran.
3. Fiscal Impact Statement: StarTran.
4. NEWS RELEASE. County pharmacies now offer year-round prescription drug take-back option.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Motorists should expect traffic delays tonight on So. 27th Street.
6. NEWS RELEASE. New management at Holmes Golf clubhouse.
7. NEWS RELEASE. North 84th Street pavement repair begins Monday.

Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Hoppe stated he notified Council earlier that the Mayor decided to sign the two revised budget resolutions, through the Council's actions on the 14th. Did have some impact on a couple of amendments being offered: one on 2nd reading to make a couple of small clerical changes. Encouraged those to be explained to Council, and the City Attorney will be here shortly.

Kirkpatrick stated there are two amendments on the agenda. One setting a tax levy, the other making a tax levy change which was in the original. As the amendments were passed last week have amended to reflect the original budget resolutions adopted on the 31st and amended on September 14th. He added other than the reference to last week's amendments they aren't any different than the original packet.

Hoppe stated Lamm was true to her word as she made the procedural changes which she had said would make in order to continue. Although we may not necessarily have agreed we felt like it was an

important point to try and bring the matter to a close. The Mayor did sign, and talked to all Council Members. A pleasure getting this part worked out with people being really reasonable and willing to reach some sort of a combination after what was discussed back and forth.

Short Break to speak to Directors, starting at 2:07 p.m., ending at 2:10 p.m.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 15086 approved by the Acting Planning Director on September 11, 2015.
2. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting agenda for September 24, 2015.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting on September 17th will meet in the Council Chambers.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Eskridge

Eskridge stated consultants did an analysis of the arena operations. Important in seeing how the arena was progressing and what was needed to help the operational budget. The report was affirming with the arena doing well financially. Initially some items were intentionally put in place to help the JPA budget side rather than the arena operation. Somewhat off according to the consultants and practices of other arenas. Believe we'll address and have a more equitable flow.

Eskridge stated concerning the public art, when the arena was built the first budget of the arena had 1% for public art, a budget item of \$1,500,000 for public art. This is often times a requirement for governmental buildings, but not a requirement for city buildings. The JPA in January, 2011 believed in when they put the budget together. Of this amount approximately \$350,000 was spent on the Candy Box sculpture inside the arena, there when the building opened. This left \$1.1 million for an outdoor sculpture which has been discussed for a while, and went through a process of arts people in the community to select and recommend a particular artist and sculpture. This was completed some years back and recommendation made, with the Mayor selecting Ed Carpenter as the artist.

Eskridge added first was getting the arena running smoothly, making sure the cash flow was steady and nothing done on the outdoor art project until now. Last week the JPA met and approved the sculpture. The pictures don't do justice to the sculpture, an incredible piece.

The sculpture has two different layers. An external layer which looks like a sheaf of wheat but internally there is a woven feature which looks like a) a Native-American basket; or b) a basketball net. Eskridge added there also is incredible glass with the quality of reflecting light on one side, and different colors, gold, red, orange, reflecting over a wide area as the angle of the sun changes and you see sparkling areas. On the other side the sunlight, or other light, goes through the glass with

colors of blue and purple groups. The angles change and the hues change, a dynamic piece. A large challenge has been the placement. Over the summer analysis done with different events, making sure the placement of the piece would not cause disruption to people coming and going. This worked out wonderfully as there is an existing planter area with a bench, which will be centered right by the sculpture. The artist initially proposed having a built up concrete bench all the way around. Not needed now, and this makes it much more open.

Eskridge added the timing is great. It will take Carpenter about 4 months to finalize all drawings and plans, order pieces, with construction then starting. Installation will take place roughly next summer and he hopes it will be installed and completed before the football season. The cost is somewhere around a million dollars but about three-fourths stays locally, and will go to the manufacturers, those who install the piece, and others who work on preparing the site. Approximately \$200,000 will go to the artist and the designers in his studio.

Lamm stated she received calls after the newspaper article and a couple people asked, from an engineering perspective whether the weight of snow, or any other natural occurrence, has been considered because of the nature of the sculpture, how it spreads out at the top? Eskridge responded another great thing about the artist is that he is trained both in art, architecture and engineering. He has created pieces like this in other locations, an example is a Council Bluffs bridge, along Broadway Street. He's worked in this climate and is confident.

Raybould had two questions. She received an email where a citizen asked, why don't we spend the money on something else? Continuing she stated, we can't spend the money on something else because it's law. Eskridge added, it is part of the JPA budget, and this money can't be spent on streets, golf courses, etc. Raybould commented Tim Clare did not support this decision but didn't quite understand the argument why. Was it because they wanted the Regents to have input, or say, in the art selection, or? Eskridge replied, one of the frustrating traits of being on the JPA is only three members. You can't speak to the others personally, only on the dias. He heard Clare say he liked the art/sculpture, and the artist. Believe his concern was the impact on the plaza space, thinking it may cause some congestion. By the door where the sculpture is closest is where students line up before basketball games, and Clare had photos of students lined up close to this site. Eskridge stated he's confident our students will handle.

Raybould asked if anyone would be tempted to climb on the sculpture? Eskridge answered, no. Another idea Clare proposed was putting scaffolding up as a place holder to illustrate. Eskridge added he thinks students may be tempted to climb scaffolding.

Christensen asked if it's clear the money cannot be spent on anything other than the arena? The streets, even near by streets, but from calls received they suggest the money could be dedicated to paying off the principle on the bond. A possibility? Eskridge answered, it could have been. The budget for the arena initially was to public art, and was envisioned for the space.

Eskridge added the piece will be positioned right at the end of Canopy Street, striking as you're approaching. When you look at the arena from that direction now you see a gap between the ramp and that side of the arena, and this will fill in the space.

Eskridge stated with votes on issues with the arena itself there has to be an unanimous vote. The fact

this sculpture was outside the arena on the plaza then allowed it to be a two - one vote.

2. Prosper Lincoln Steering Committee - Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated there are two committees for Prosper Lincoln, a Steering Committee and an Engagement Committee. Sometimes we meet separately, and sometimes together. Belong to the Engagement Committee, and this was not a meeting I was suppose to attend. Will correct schedule.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Raybould clarified with Kyle Fisher, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, the meeting at the Chamber on Wednesday will be discussing StarTran, with Fisher confirming.

Lamm stated last Wednesday she had the honor of meeting the Lord Mayor of Westminster, London. She and a London CEO were at North East High to invite the North East High band and choral program to participate in international competition, in London, over the Christmas holiday. They will march in the New Year's Day parade, which will be televised to a number of countries. Very exciting. Raybould asked if Lamm volunteered to chaperon? Lamm replied she is going. Will represent the City of Lincoln.

Meier stated she handed out a Motion to Amend for 15R193, received from the City Attorney.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Scott Opfer, Right-of-Way Construction Manager, replying to James Peck on the site obstruction.
2. Reply to Dirk Reek on the Mayor's boondoggle, fire station, fiscal concerns, from Councilman Camp. (Mr. Reek's email listed on the Directors' Addendum for September 14, 2015)
3. InterLinc correspondence from John and Diane Huseman opposed to using tax dollars for the proposed art project at the Pinnacle Bank Arena.

TRENT FELLERS

Fellers stated Meyer has the Monday scheduling calendar for next year. Will distribute this week and discuss in October. Fellers added it contains the same holidays, and night meetings.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Correspondence from Patrick Wright on dangerous downtown intersections for pedestrian traffic.
 - a) Reply from Jim Peschong, Chief of Police, stating procedures taken to reduce violations.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Jim Tiedeman opposed to more roundabouts.
3. S. Wayne Smith asking not to move ahead with the one million artwork.

X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.