

Addendum
DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
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Monday, March 12, 2018

I. MAYORS OFFICE

1. Bill No. 18-13 involving the 17th Street ROW Transfer to UNL
2. Fiscal Impact Statement - Planning/Long Range Planning dated March 5, 2018

March 8th, 2018

TO: Lincoln City Council

FROM: Mayor Chris Beutler

RE: Bill No. 18-13 involving the 17th ROW Transfer to the University of Nebraska

As you know, Council delayed the ROW transfer proposed in Bill No. 18-13 by four weeks and some Council members are pressing for additional money from the University for the transaction.

I oppose charging UNL more than the established fair value for the following reasons:

First and foremost, the University is facing as much as \$34 million in funding cuts at the State Legislature this year. The University is a critical economic development engine, generating an economic output that is estimated to be 10% of Lincoln's GDP. UNL's growth plays a critical role in the fiscal well-being of our city.

Further, the UNL is the City's partner in projects that have accelerated Lincoln's growth. The Nebraska Innovation Campus, the Pinnacle Bank Arena, the Haymarket Ballpark, and the Breslow Ice Center are examples of where our cooperation has attracted tens of millions of dollars in investment and provided important amenities to our residents, and visitors.

At a time when UNL may face major tuition hikes and cuts in the classroom that will have a negative impact on their ability to attract and keep young talent in Lincoln, I cannot demand more money and make their grave fiscal situation even worse.

Second, there is a clear misunderstanding of the circumstances surrounding this section of right-of-way from the City's perspective and the ability of UNL to immediately use it for future building projects.

The City will save considerable street funding dollars as a result of this purchase. That's why in 2015, the Public Works & Utilities Department agreed to partner with UNL in studying the impacts of closing 17th Street from R to Vine Street and converting 16th Street to two-way traffic flow. The Antelope Valley Parkway replaced 17th Street as the primary arterial in the vicinity, consistent with the City's planning. It made little sense for PWU to pay \$230,000 to rehabilitate the University's section of 17th Street and \$40,000 per year in operations and maintenance costs on 17th when Antelope Valley Parkway was planned as an alternative for traffic.

It is important to understand that UNL faces significant limitations on the right-of-way land that prohibits its development. The street must continue to function so that emergency vehicles can access campus. In addition, multiple easements must be maintained to ensure access to critical infrastructure, including water and sanitary sewer mains, beneath the street surface.

The “market value” for the land is not what some have suggested. If this were a transaction involving the private sector, market value would not exceed \$1 per square foot for a property that cannot be developed and has to remain an access road. In some instances, easement and access issues of this nature could actually lead to the property being valued at LESS than \$1 per square foot.

I always strive to protect the City’s interests by ensuring fair and reasonable terms on agreements with the University and will continue to do so. However, I do not consider demands for payment that are unwarranted to be reasonable.

I urge the Council to pass the ordinance vacating 17th Street in its present form so we can move forward. It is the best course of action for the University, the City, and the partnership that is driving the economic development of our community.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION PLANNING/LONG RANGE PLANNING DATE: March 5, 2018

NEED											
<p>The Planning Department is leading the Downtown Master Plan effort in coordination with the Urban Development Department and Downtown Lincoln Association. The Downtown Lincoln Association has agreed to contribute \$50,000 to the project with the balance to be paid by the Planning Department. The purpose of this fiscal impact statement is to increase appropriations by \$50,000 for funds contributed by the Downtown Lincoln Association for the private sector share of Consultant Services associated with the Downtown Master Plan.</p>											
FUTURE IMPACT:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Projected Completion Date <u>November 2018</u>										
REVENUES GENERATED \$50,000 from Downtown Lincoln Assn.		LEGISLATIVE CHANGES									
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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: 11001.5628 object code description Consultant Services – Downtown Master Plan	\$50,000										
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description											
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$50,000										
SOURCE OF REVENUES Downtown Lincoln Association											

DIRECTOR

Dave Ray

DATE

3/5/18

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Availability of Appropriations: Yes No

BUDGET OFFICER Sherry Wally Debas

PURCHASING AGENT _____

\$50,000 check from DLA received & will be deposited to 11001.4062

FINANCE DIRECTOR _____

DATE 3/7/18

APPROVED: Yes No

MAYOR _____

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.