

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
ADDENDUM
Monday, April 30, 2018**

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
& City Council Members

FROM: Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation
Assistance Agent

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office

DEPARTMENT: Urban Development
Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION:

DATE: April 27, 2018

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
David Cary, Planning
Byron Blum, Public Works

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No.18001
Yankee Hill Road, East of 84th and
Yankee Woods Drive to Railroad
tracks

Gerri Rorabaugh, Planning
Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk's Office
Jamie Phillips, Mayor's Office

A request by the City was made to vacate two portions of Yankee Hill Road, one east of 84th Street to Yankee Woods Drive and the other from Yankee Woods Drive to the Railroad tracks. With the new alignment of Yankee Hill Road, neither parcel is needed for continued street ROW purposes. The plan is to combine them with the adjacent Jensen Park to become one contiguous Park parcel. Since the parcels will remain as City property, no valuation is needed.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation
Assistance Agent

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary K Stillwell <marykstillwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Mayor; Bennie R. Shobe; Roy A. Christensen; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Carl B. Eskridge; Jane Raybould; Jon Camp; Cyndi Lamm; sjoel@lps.org; kathy.danek@lps.org; connie.duncan@lps.org; barb.baier@lps.org; annie.mumgaard@lps.org; Lanny Boswell; Matt Schulte; don.mayhew@lps.org
Subject: More Research and Thinking about SROs

Dear All,

A friend of mine who is in school safety, sent this to me. I think you'll find it interesting and to the point. By Matthew T. Theriot, College of Social Work, University of

Tennessee <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9EM93fA451sOHJ3cUJ0MVByZ3pDeXdjbXZKc1YtQVotcWcw/view>

Thanks for reading this.

Mary K

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Angela M. Birkett

From: John Cummings <shadevens@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 8:55 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: JPA

Dear Councilman,

I am very much opposed to the JPA. A little more tax, a little more tax, a little more tax...Egad!! what's not to like with this picture?

Thank you. Sincerely,

John Cummings

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jolene Wagner <jawagner54@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:10 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: JPA

I'm writing in regard to the proposal to establish a JPA. While I fully support school security, I believe additional school resource officers as well as some of the other proposals for CLC's etc. can be accomplished by expanding agreements currently in place and funded by using some of the increase in state aid dollars.

I do not want another taxing authority. Judging by recent comments, it seems very likely that it will be an added tax, not offset by a reduction in the current levy (LPS Board meeting).

Please consider voting against establishing a JPA.

Respectfully,
Jolene Wagner

Angela M. Birkett

From: Dan Maser <creeksidevillage@perryreid.com>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:31 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: JPA

Please vote down the JPA

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Angela M. Birkett

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kathy.danek@lps.org
Subject: Funding Resource Officers

Dear Member:

I support placing Resource Officers in our public schools. However, I do not support paying for them with a JPA. I believe that Lincoln Public Schools can pay for these officers on an on-going basis with the \$29 million increase they will be receiving from the revaluation of commercial property.

Our home real estate taxes in Wyoming were \$550 a year! The taxes in Lincoln are sky-high. My husband and I are senior citizens. He has a full-time plus a part-time job just to make ends meet. We cannot afford the current taxes, let alone more taxes.

Please do not support a JPA.

Sincerely,

Karen Walter

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gregg Lanik <eotwup@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 7:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: No to JPA Yes to School Security

This letter is to encourage you to do the right thing for the safety of our students as well as the tax payers of our community.

The School security JPA will create another unnecessary government agency and waste tax payer's money. Mayor Beutler

has proven himself to to be untrustworthy when it comes to maintaining SRO's in our schools yet has appointed himself to the new JPA.

LPS and the city already have agreements in place for SROs at Lincoln high schools and, community learning centers. Please amend

the current agreements to place more SRO's in our schools. We need safety, not bureaucracy.

Thank you, Gregg Lanik

Angela M. Birkett

From: Hurley Carter <bbqbill1051@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 11:34 AM
To: kathy.danek@lps.org; annie.mumgaard@lps.org; don.mayhew@lps.org;
connie.duncan@lps.org; lanny.boswell@lps.org; Council Packet; barb.baier@lps.org;
matt.schulte@lps.org
Subject: NO to JPA!

My wife and I are registered voters in Lancaster County. While we agree that Lincoln Public Schools is in need of enhanced security in the form of additional resource officers, mental health counselors and community learning centers, we are strongly opposed to creating a JPA to accomplish these needs. Another bureaucratic taxing agency is the wrong answer!

Thank you,
Hurley & Peggy Carter
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Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rod Porath <rjporath@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 8:09 PM
To: kathy.danek@lps.org; annie.mumgaard@lps.org; don.mayhew@lps.org;
connie.duncan@lps.org; lanny.boswell@lps.org; Council Packet; barb.baier@lps.org;
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Subject: JPA / School Security

With the huge increase in our property re-evaluation, I am opposed to an additional tax to an already burdensome load. What has happened to the windfall from the increased tax revenue? I feel the added security could be funded from this windfall revenue. I will await the funding decision to see if our voices are being heard. Thank you!

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Angela M. Birkett

From: . <h.kim0512@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:04 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Health concern with a concrete factory

Dear Lincoln City Council,

Hello, my name is Hyunseok Kim, a university student, living near Ready and Mix concrete which is located at 1800 Y st. I read about the relationship between the health and the concrete plant. To be specific, I read this article - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22245540>.

I wonder whether Lincoln City has a proper legislation to prevent the people living near the factory from being affected significantly by the air pollution caused by the concrete facility. Additionally, I would like to know whether there is any information open to public about what the factory has and what it might possibly emit in the neighborhood. For example, knowing whether the concrete factory uses cements containing asbestos or not will affect people's decisions whether they want to live around the factory or not. The information would give people a fair chance to make the best decisions for themselves.

There are multiple articles which claim that there is a notable relationship between the risk of the respiratory diseases and exposures to the concrete plant emissions. Since the health problems that might be caused by the concrete plant pollution can be critical to the people, this issue is worthwhile to take a look.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Hyunseok Kim
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Angela M. Birkett

From: jdmcc@neb.rr.com
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:03 AM
To: Jane Raybould; Jon Camp; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Bennie R. Shobe; Carl B. Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; Roy A. Christensen
Subject: JPA AND BUDGET

Dear City Council,

Thank you for representing our citizenry.

We appreciate all of the time and dedication that you commit to the city.

We agree with LIBA chair, Wanda Caffrey, that we do not need another JPA.

Perhaps Ms Lamm's proposal is the best option.

We continue to see budget increases and realize with the increased population, this is needed to some extent, but it seems there should also be an increase of tax payers if Lincoln is growing.

Is there no end? We seniors will be taxed out of this state as our home values continue to rise and no one seems to want to reduce the mill levy accordingly.

There must be some way to trim the budget and we realize the schools are the biggest share of the budget.

Thank you for your lending ear.

Jim and Deanna McClintick

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Lincoln, NE 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nancy Carr <nancyfcarr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Jon Camp; Jon Camp; Roy A. Christensen; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Cyndi Lamm; Jane Raybould; Bennie R. Shobe; Barbara Baier; Lanny Boswell; Kathy Danek; Connie Duncan; James Gessford; Don Mayhew; Annie Mumgaard; Matt Schulte; Mayor; Steve Joel Supt of Schools
Subject: I am opposed to the proposed JPA

I want you to be very clear that I am opposed to Mayor Beutler and Superintendent Joel's proposed Joint Public Agency to gather new, additional property taxes; and I am strongly in favor of Councilwoman Cyndi Lamm's counterproposal that the city and LPS have an abundance of our tax monies to fund school resource officers and learning centers, and can work within existing interlocal agreements to do so.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to be in attendance at the public comment sessions, but I would like you to make note of my views. I share the concerns about school safety, and believe this can be accomplished within current agreements and with existing revenues with both the city and LPS. I am very opposed to Beutler's "new revenue stream" to be placed on the backs of an already over-property-taxed people in Lincoln. There is absolutely no need for it. I believe I am very representative of the tax-paying citizens of Lincoln.

Thank you for your time and attention to my concerns,
Nancy Carr

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Susan Safarik <safarikSusan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:32 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support School Safety JPA

Lincoln City Council Members:

I have been following the public debate concerning proposals from Councilwoman Lamm and the Joint Public Agency (JPA) from the City and Lincoln Public Schools that propose more safety measures in our schools and support for the Community Learning Centers. I am a retired educator and strongly support measures that educate, protect, and support children, their families, and school staff in the critical process of education.

My understanding of Councilwoman Lamm's opposition to the JPA proposal is it adds another level of bureaucracy. She is in favor of expanding existing interlocal agreements. I am aware that all of us should consider carefully expanding government, but JPAs have worked successfully in our community. The JPA proposal would provide a dedicated and long term funding source that is needed to ensure that the funds are used for the safety of our children. It is my understanding that funds from interlocal agreements can be moved to other government needs.

Ms. Lamm's proposal does not include a threat assessment officer, mental health supports, or additional CLC needs that are proposed in the more comprehensive JPA agreement. The JPA agreement protects the funding and ensures it is dedicated to the safety of our children. Please LPS Board and Lincoln City Council approve the more comprehensive JPA agreement that addresses the safety of our children and also supports mental health needs and the Community Learning Centers. Addressing children's mental health needs and supporting the kind of programming the CLCs do adds greatly to the kind of framework our community is trying to create that ensures our children's safety, well being and educational success. Please approve the Joint Public Agency (JPA) from the City and Lincoln Public Schools.

Respectfully,

Susan R. Safarik

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ronald Helsing <helsingr@windstream.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 10:27 AM
To: "kathy.danek@lps.org; annie.mumgaard@lps.org; don.mayhew@lps.org; connie.duncan@lps.org; lanny.boswell@lps.org; barb.baier@lps.org; matt.schulte"@lps.org
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: NO to Joint Public Agency

Attention School Board members - Please remember this when you might be tempted to approve the proposed JPA. In the last 12 months you have refused to lower your levy in spite of the huge windfall the County Assessor has provide for you, you have given the School superintendent a \$68,000 raise, you have spent \$1,000,000 on new computers and you are talking about a bond issue to finance a new high school. In addition, School Board members have said financing the School Resource Officers in house would not be a problem.

I believe it will take you 5 to 10 years to get a bond issue for a high school approved if you help the Mayor raise our taxes again!

I have been a Lincoln resident for 53 years. In those years, I have never seen a Mayor and the liberal members of the City Council so greedy for taxing authority. I am particularly upset about the constant addition of new TIF projects. All this is just another way to take away our hard earned money because we have to replace the money paid to contractors for installing streets and utilities instead the of city using money from their budget.

The city also has been given the option (by whom I'm not sure) to withdraw money from JPA's for use by the city. Because of this option, I believe the city looks at every JPA they can create as a new source of revenue for the city.

I support our School Board and I support School Resource Officers in Junior Highs. I do not support the formation of a new JPA for the reasons stated above. I also support the conservative members of the city Council!!

Ronald Helsing

Angela M. Birkett

From: Wayne Smith <swaynes1@windstream.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:38 PM
To: Carl B. Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; tfellers@lincoln.ne.gov; annie.mumgaard@lps.org; barb.baier@lps.org; connie.duncan@lps.org; don.mayhew@lps.org; kathy.danek@lps.org; lanny.boswell@lps.org; matt.schulte@lps.org; sjoel@lps.org
Subject: JPA

Please oppose the JPA.

1. A less expensive way to add security to the schools is to change the law allowing **trained** teachers to **voluntarily** carry a firearm in the school.
2. We don't need more taxes imposed without voter approval.
3. LPS and the city have enough money to add security to the schools. It's a matter of priorities.
4. Anyone who votes for the JPA is denying the citizens an opportunity to vote on increased taxes.

Sincerely,

S. Wayne Smith
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Marlys Freese <marlysfreese@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: JPA

Hello

First of all I want to say I am in support of increasing school security and mental health services. I am opposing the idea of organizing a new jpa to fund this. The school needs to look to their budget for these resources as outlined by Cindy Lamm's proposal.

Thank you

Marlys Freese

Angela M. Birkett

From: Deb Portz <wildtreedeb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Opposition to a JPA

Dear Lincoln City Councilman Camp,

Thank you for your service to the city of Lincoln. My name is Deb Portz. I am a 16-year resident of Lincoln, and a 47-year resident of Nebraska. I am a UNO graduate, married to a UNL graduate, with a child who attended Lincoln Public Schools. I am a staunch proponent of the success of public education in Lincoln and Nebraska and the smart use of limited taxpayer funds to advance the success of our K-12 and higher education entities in Nebraska.

I am writing you today to ask you to vote against forming a Joint Public Agency for the Lincoln Safe and Successful Kids on the City Council. While I completely support safe and successful public schools, I do not think a joint public agency is the way these efforts should be organized. My reasons include:

1.) There is conflicting public support on separate issues. The issues of SROs, mental health, and CLC support from taxpayers all have different supporters and opposition. When you lump the scope of work into one agency as supporters, you lose the ability to support one issue and oppose another. I watched the LPS School Board meeting on Tuesday evening on television and you saw a good example of this. The NAACP and lobbying groups supported CLCs, but opposed SROs. The Lincoln Community Foundation and Korey Reiman's parent group supported both. Some Lincoln citizens oppose additional CLC funding, but support funding additional SROs. And we haven't really talked about what this means in the specifics for the scope of work for mental health. This JPA offers an unlimited ability to write checks for an expansion of a scope of work over multiple issues not even discussed yet and that the City and LPS budgets are not accountable for.

2.) Creating a JPA just creates one more agency that citizens have to lobby for their interests. We are seeing a good example of this tonight. The fact that there are two different JPA public meetings on the same day in different places is a harbinger of things to come. The public can't even adequately express concerns about this added burden without taking an entire evening and traveling to different locations. Citizens have to attend a city council meeting at City Hall at 5:30 PM, and then go to a separate JPA public forum at 7:00 PM put on by LPS at Southwest high school to express their concerns. It increases the level of effort on the part of citizens to lobby for their interests. A JPA also gives LPS and the City a way to deflect community criticism on these issues by just blaming and directing citizens to a JPA.

3.) City Councilwoman Cyndi Lamm has offered a different solution (a Plan B) from the start of the JPA debate. We can fund the SROs and CLCs as separate issues through existing Interlocal Agreements between the City and LPS. LPS has the funds for these efforts over the next several years with the extra valuation and TEEOSA dollars they just received that they did not budget for. Please do not create another authorized taxing authority to be another line item of property tax on our assessments that can levy and collect additional taxes on. Especially not one that citizens have no vote on. The current tax burden in Lincoln is hurting our business and community economy. Increasing that burden without accountability is not a good answer to keep schools safer and more successful.

My name will be on a petition to dissolve the JPA if LPS and the City Council vote in favor of it.

Again, thank you for your service to our great city. I sincerely appreciate it and respect your opinion on this issue.

Sincerely,

Deb Portz