IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, January 27, 2020

I. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING

1. Administrative Approvals from January 7, 2020 through January 13, 2020
2. Action dated January 22, 2020
3. Final Action dated January 22, 2020

PURCHASING

1. Pre-qualified Approval - Robert Walla, Purchasing Agent

FINANCE

1. January 2020 sales tax report reflecting November 2019 sales

II. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Self-Sufficient Energy suggestion - Mary Reeves
2. Residential Street Policy - Scott Rediger
3. Ice on streets - Amanda H.
4. Icy streets - Trent Allsman
5. Dangerous untreated/icy streets - Laurie Young
6. Street conditions - Kit Romjue
7. Icy streets - Carolyn Adams
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9. Icy streets - Wally Graeber
10. Ice covered roads - Robert Peters
11. Street conditions - Lori Eden
12. Icy streets/Snow removal - Brandy Chandler
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14. Winter road treatment concerns - Hanna Zamrzla
15. City roads - Jody Cameron
16. Icy streets - Thomas Kennedy
17. Residential streets - Thomas Peterson
18. Icy streets - Vicki Cunningham
19. Casady, roads, lies - Anna Santana
    Staff response provided by Lin Quenzer, Ombudsman
20. No money for side streets - Mark Freeouf

Memorandum

Date: ✦ January 14, 2020

To: ✦ City Clerk

From: ✦ Rhonda Haas, Planning Dept.

Re: ✦ Administrative Approvals

cc: ✦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from January 7, 2020 through January 13, 2020:

Administrative Amendment 19083 to Special Permit 06034, King Ridge Townhomes Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on January 7, 2020, to add two notes that allow decks in the 20-foot rear yard setback, place restrictions on construction of buildings on Outlot A, and allow concrete patios to cross property lines, generally located at N. 32nd Street and Folkways Blvd.

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City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Ste. 213 • Lincoln NE 68508
(402) 441-7491

ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE: **The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.**

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, directly following the Regular Planning Commission meeting in the council chambers, for a briefing on the Short Term Rentals Discussion Draft and public input process.

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

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2020

<u>[All Commissioners present]</u>

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 08, 2020. **<u>**APPROVED: 9-0.**</u>**

1. <u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u> <u>None.</u>

2. <u>REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:</u> <u>See Items 2.1 and 4.1.</u>

<u>SPECIAL PERMIT:</u>

2.1 SPECIAL PERMIT 15062A, to allow for the expansion of the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, on property, generally located at 925 Robbers Cave Road. ***** FINAL ACTION*****(APPLICANT REQUESTED DEFERRAL)
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
<u>Planning Commission granted the request of the applicant for a 4-week deferral with public hearing and action on February 19, 2020.</u>

3. <u>ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:</u> <u>None.</u>

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

SPECIAL PERMIT:

4.1 SPECIAL PERMIT 450R, to allow for the expansion to an existing non-residential health care facility, with waivers, on property, generally located at 5401 South Street
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission granted the request of the applicant for a 2-week deferral with public hearing and action on February 5, 2020.

4.2 SPECIAL PERMIT 19056, to allow for the development of a CUP (Community Unit Plan) with up to 24 single-family detached and/or single family attached units on approximately 4.15 acres, with requested waivers, on property generally located at South 41st and Randolph Streets. *****FINAL ACTION*****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the revised staff report dated January 9, 2020: 9-0. Resolution No. PC-01685.

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

PRELIMINARY PLAT:

5.1 PRELIMINARY PLAT 18002, to add 430 residential lots on approximately 152.1 acres, more or less, on property generally located at the SW corner of West Old Cheney Road and South Folsom Street. *****FINAL ACTION*****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Dessie Redmond, 402-441-6373, dredmond@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the amended conditions of approval of the staff report dated December 30, 2019, as offered on behalf of the applicant and agreed upon by staff: 9-0. Resolution No. PC-01686.

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

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Adjournment **1:40 p.m.**

PENDING LIST: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: January 22, 2020

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: January 22, 2020

Please be advised that on January 22, 2020, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution PC-01685, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 19056, to allow for the development of a CUP (Community Unit Plan) with up to 24 single-family detached and/or single family attached units on approximately 4.15 acres, with requested waivers, AS REVISED, on property legally described as Lots 75, 76, 221, 222, 223, and 226, I.T., located in the NW 1/4 of Section 29-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at South 41st and Randolph Streets; and

Resolution PC-01686, approving PRELIMINARY PLAT 18002, to add 430 residential lots on approximately 152.1 acres, more or less, AS AMENDED, on property legally described as Lots 26 and 35, I.T., located in the NW 1/4 of Section 15-9-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at the SW corner of West Old Cheney Road and South Folsom Street.

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

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP19056, PP18002). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert L. Walla
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Council Packet; Jennifer J. Brinkman
Cc: Debbie Winkler
Subject: Prequal Approval

Good Afternoon,

The email is to inform you that I have approved two companies as being prequalified for City of Lincoln AE Professional Services. The two companies are:

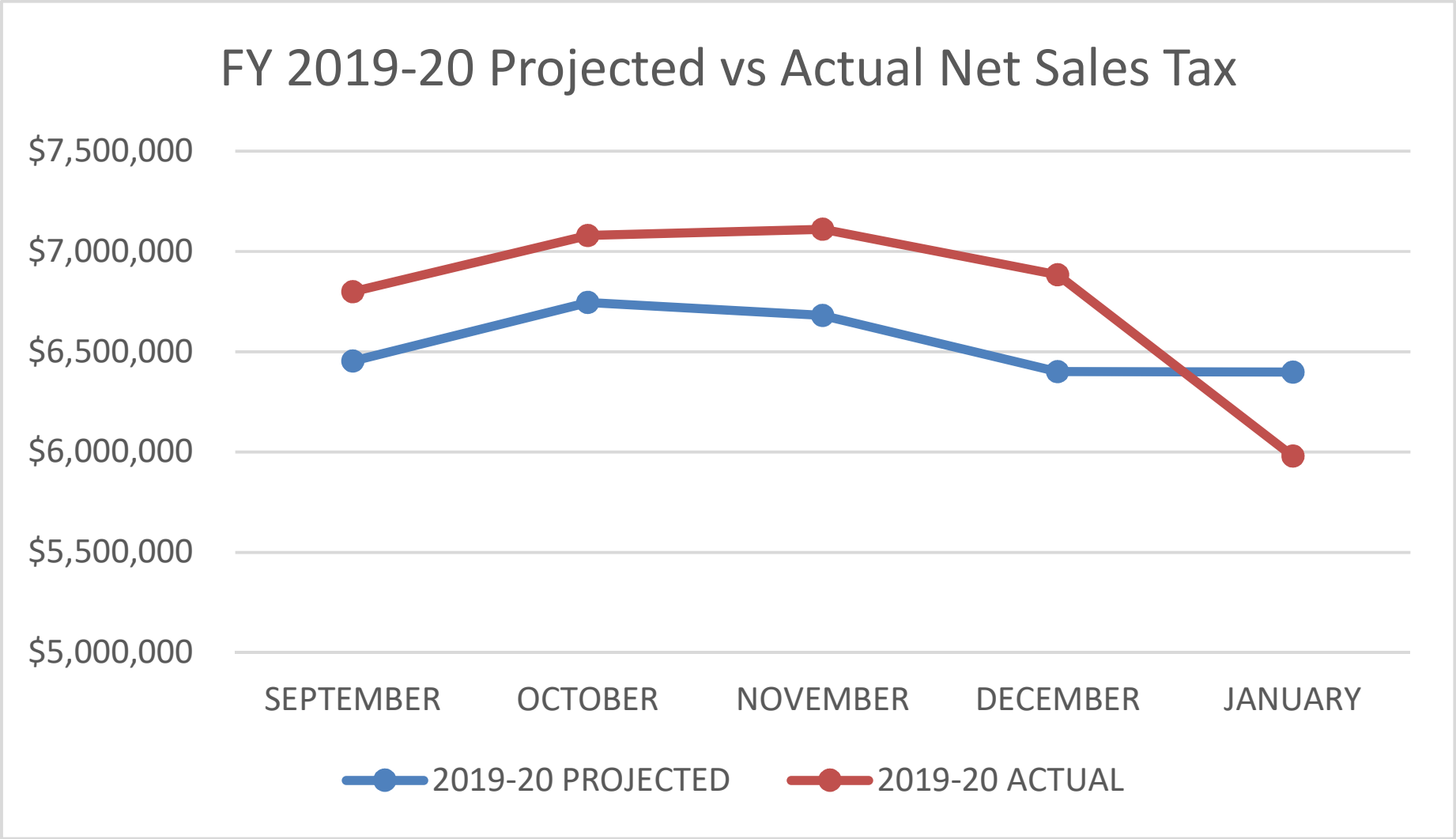
Lamp Rynearson – Architectual (Inc. Landscape)

Aqua Engineering – Civil Engineering

Both companies submitted a complete application and have favorable references. If you have any questions about these approvals, please contact me. Thank you

Bob Walla

Robert Walla - CPPB
City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Purchasing Agent
402-441-8309
440 So. 8th Street, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68508


FY 2019-20 Projected vs Actual Net Sales Tax
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OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
JANUARY
2019-20 PROJECTED
2019-20 ACTUAL

Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections

	2019-20 PROJECTED	2019-20 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	$ CHANGE FR. 18-19	% CHANGE FR. 18-19
SEPTEMBER	$6,455,152	$6,799,287	$344,135	$395,048	6.17%
OCTOBER	$6,745,501	$7,079,014	$333,513	$269,098	3.95%
NOVEMBER	$6,680,185	$7,111,129	$430,944	$476,630	7.18%
DECEMBER	$6,400,511	$6,883,710	$483,199	$448,407	6.97%
JANUARY	$6,399,290	$5,979,671	($419,619)	($194,968)	-3.16%
FEBRUARY	$7,692,336	$0			
MARCH	$6,014,461	$0			
APRIL	$5,853,915	$0			
MAY	$6,989,551	$0			
JUNE	$6,595,173	$0			
JULY	$6,641,288	$0			
AUGUST	$7,049,125	$0			
TOTAL	$79,516,488	$33,852,811	$1,172,172	$1,394,215	4.30%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 3.59% over projections for the year.

CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2015-2016 THROUGH 2019-2020

	ACTUAL 2015-16	ACTUAL 2016-17	ACTUAL 2017-18	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2018-19	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-20	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	$6,041,963	$6,265,764	$6,386,734	1.93%	$6,457,192	1.10%	$6,927,862	7.29%
OCTOBER	$6,089,519	$6,598,756	$6,811,452	3.22%	$6,817,440	0.09%	$7,116,483	4.39%
NOVEMBER	$6,266,119	$6,471,721	$6,537,754	1.02%	$6,637,486	1.53%	$7,146,575	7.67%
DECEMBER	$5,876,792	$6,128,386	$6,371,026	3.96%	$6,493,888	1.93%	$6,897,823	6.22%
JANUARY	$5,651,337	$6,285,444	$6,432,363	2.34%	$6,516,808	1.31%	$6,776,561	3.99%
FEBRUARY	$7,137,154	$7,293,928	$7,459,132	2.26%	$7,386,107	-0.98%		
MARCH	$5,392,157	$5,521,761	$5,930,406	7.40%	$5,981,967	0.87%		
APRIL	$5,426,539	$5,639,028	$5,618,037	-0.37%	$5,586,708	-0.56%		
MAY	$6,494,521	$6,708,815	$6,759,407	0.75%	$6,623,556	-2.01%		
JUNE	$6,030,654	$6,255,952	$6,325,718	1.12%	$6,721,994	6.26%		
JULY	$6,000,464	$6,440,709	$6,644,137	3.16%	$6,804,001	2.41%		
AUGUST	$6,657,168	$6,736,493	$6,770,977	0.51%	$7,199,568	6.33%		
TOTAL	$73,064,387	$76,346,757	$78,047,143	2.23%	$79,226,715	1.51%	$34,865,304	5.90%

CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2015-2016 THROUGH 2019-2020

	ACTUAL 2015-2016	ACTUAL 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2018-2019	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-2020	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	($105,779)	($217,212)	($98,235)	-54.77%	($52,954)	-46.09%	($128,575)	142.81%
OCTOBER	($94,343)	($31,712)	($30,920)	-2.50%	($7,524)	-75.66%	($37,469)	397.97%
NOVEMBER	($83,553)	($81,460)	($923)	-98.87%	($2,944)	218.96%	($35,446)	1104.01%
DECEMBER	($43,624)	($79,179)	($46,365)	-41.44%	($58,585)	26.36%	($14,114)	-75.91%
JANUARY	($98,310)	($294,431)	($379,926)	29.04%	($342,169)	-9.94%	($796,890)	132.89%
FEBRUARY	($276,479)	($90,752)	($719)	-99.21%	($33,054)	4497.22%	($88,992)	169.23%
MARCH	($39,620)	($92,105)	($49,445)	-46.32%	($40,643)	-17.80%		
APRIL	($75,796)	($29,707)	($41,280)	38.96%	($31,464)	-23.78%		
MAY	($105,297)	($67,726)	($91,272)	34.77%	($41,555)	-54.47%		
JUNE	($152,053)	($83,394)	($51,268)	-38.52%	($13,186)	-74.28%		
JULY	($55,289)	($1,932)	($347,486)	17885.82%	($29,772)	-91.43%		
AUGUST	($312,528)	($17,202)	($96,471)	460.81%	($9,385)	-90.27%		
TOTAL	($1,442,671)	($1,086,812)	($1,234,310)	13.57%	($663,236)	-46.27%	($1,101,486)	121.52%

Year to date vs. previous year

CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2015-2016 THROUGH 2019-2020

	ACTUAL 2015-16	ACTUAL 2016-17	ACTUAL 2017-18	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2018-19	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-20	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	$5,936,184	$6,048,552	$6,288,498	3.97%	$6,404,239	1.84%	$6,799,287	6.17%
OCTOBER	$5,995,177	$6,567,045	$6,780,531	3.25%	$6,809,916	0.43%	$7,079,014	3.95%
NOVEMBER	$6,182,565	$6,390,261	$6,536,831	2.29%	$6,634,499	1.49%	$7,111,129	7.18%
DECEMBER	$5,833,168	$6,049,207	$6,324,661	4.55%	$6,435,303	1.75%	$6,883,710	6.97%
JANUARY	$5,553,027	$5,991,013	$6,052,437	1.03%	$6,174,639	2.02%	$5,979,671	-3.16%
FEBRUARY	$6,860,675	$7,203,175	$7,458,413	3.54%	$7,353,053	-1.41%		
MARCH	$5,352,537	$5,429,656	$5,880,960	8.31%	$5,941,323	1.03%		
APRIL	$5,350,744	$5,609,320	$5,576,757	-0.58%	$5,555,244	-0.39%		
MAY	$6,389,224	$6,641,089	$6,668,135	0.41%	$6,582,001	-1.29%		
JUNE	$5,878,601	$6,172,558	$6,274,450	1.65%	$6,708,808	6.92%		
JULY	$5,945,175	$6,438,777	$6,296,651	-2.21%	$6,774,229	7.58%		
AUGUST	$6,344,640	$6,719,292	$6,674,506	-0.67%	$7,190,183	7.73%		
TOTAL	$71,621,717	$75,259,945	$76,812,830	2.06%	$78,563,436	2.28%	$33,852,811	4.30%

Year to date vs. previous year

Jan.10, 2020

City Council,

I have been concerned about environmental issues and would like to suggest something for Lincoln to do. Lincoln has Miscellaneous 119004 on the books now. I would like to suggest that those who wish to build homes in this area be required to provide solar panels to heat each building so it is self sufficient.

This idea has two objectives. One, it would make Lincoln a leader in reducing the problems of the warming of our earth. It could place Lincoln in the forefront of change.

Two, it also could be used to help unemployed youth of our city by training them to be installers, thereby helping them avoid poverty and have a positive way to contribute to society. They of course would need to be paid a decent salary, not a minimum wage.

I believe every new building constructed in Lincoln should provide its own energy. This would include businesses, apartments and single family homes. A combination of wind power, geothermal and solar could make all new units energy self-sufficient.

I know this would require a big commitment by the entire community, but would be worth the effort. It would be a way for Prosper Lincoln to benefit our city.

Sincerely,

Mary Reeves

Mary Reeves
3236 Dudley St.
Lincoln, NE 68503
Reevesmary34@gmail.com
402-464-1803

cc Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird,

Angela M. Birkett

From: Scott Rediger <srediger@redigercpa.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Residential street policy

Hello,

Thank you for serving the city. I'd like to recommend a change (asap) in city policy to increase the application of sand/gravel (whatever material) for traction on city residential streets. Leaving these side streets untreated is continually a dangerous safety hazard. I live on the corner of S 27th Street and O'Reilly drive. Our street has a downward slope onto 27th street and make for an extremely dangerous situation. I literally have to ride my right front tire along the curb EVERY TIME I leave my house to keep my vehicle from sliding onto 27th street. This is simply unacceptable. It happens with EVERY snowstorm no matter how many inches of snow we have. Whatever it is, it gets snow packed within a days time and creates an icy slide into 27th street. Many other streets in the Country Club neighborhood have the same issue.

Let's please address this immediately and do a better job on our residential streets. Thank you and do feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Scott T. Rediger, CPA
Office: 402-467-5211
Fax: 402-467-5212
Rediger & Company
Certified Public Accountants
www.redigercpa.com

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Scott Rediger <srediger@redigercpa.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Residential streets - email #2

Here is a canned response put out by city streets:

LTU Streets wrote:
Thanks for reporting to the City of Lincoln. We look to resolve this soon, however freezing rain coated residential streets in Lincoln with ice citywide. Unfortunately, road salt is largely ineffective at temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Large-scale spreading of sand or gravel is not practical, given the sheer number of lane-miles, amount of equipment, stockpile of material, and the reality that sand and gravel are quickly dispersed unless continually reapplied, and also of limited effectiveness in extremely cold conditions when deicers have little impact.

We're doing our best, focused primarily on arterials, bus routes, and school routes. We are entering all request for salt on icy streets and will do our best to get to each request as time and resources permit. Only moderating temperatures will result in significant improvement in many residential areas.

I'm sorry, but I'm old enough to remember city vehicles putting sand down on my street many times in past years (it's been awhile, but it used to be done). City needs to rethink the current status quo.

Sincerely,

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Amanda H <zap_1999@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Ice on side streets

Something needs to be done about the ice skating rinks as side streets. It is VERY DANGEROUS!

Get Outlook for Android

Angela M. Birkett

From: Trent Allsman <trentallsman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Icy streets

Hello. I'm a homeowner living at 2727 Q st.
I'm sure you are inundated with requests on this subject but all of the streets in my neighborhood are solid sheets of ice.

This past "storm" was no bad enough for the city's response to be this poor and slow.

I was under the impression that paying my taxes was designed to, in part, take care of this.

I believe at this stage, several days later, any property damage sustained as a result of cars sliding about should be paid for by the city of Lincoln. I'll be sure to send a bill if/when this occurs.

-Trent T. Allsman

Angela M. Birkett

From: Laurie Young <laurieyoungne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fwd: Dangerous Untreated 17th to 20th And D/2 Inches Ice

Good afternoon. I am a working professional who lives off 20th and D. The streets are deplorable. They are ice covered between 17th and 20th streets. No-one has treated them at all. Here we pay wheel tax and the money is going somewhere. Not to our streets. There gave been numerous accident. Can someone address this issue or does all if Lincoln care less until someone seriously hurt because of this. Thanks
Laurie Young

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Laurie Young** <laurieyoungne@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 20, 2020, 9:12 AM
Subject: Dangerous Untreated 17th to 20th And D/2 Inches Ice
To: <ltu@lincoln.ne.gov>

I work downtown for large company. Almost had accident this morning slipping and sliding from 20th to 17th and D with 2 inch ice. Why is this not treated. We ate one of only areas to pay wheel tax but where is our money going. Someone us going to get seriously hurt on D Street because you guys don't care. Please address this before someone gets hurt due to untreated road

Laurie Young

Angela M. Birkett

From: kit romjue <44kromjue@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Help

Please find a way to improve side street conditions. Witnessed emergency vehicles having trouble getting up Lake street, 33rd-34th, delaying response to our neighbors home.
Just seems like something could be done to help out in the neighborhoods.
Thank you for any ideas/help you can provide.

Angela M. Birkett

From: carolyn adams <cdadams51@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Icy streets

I contacted the city today regarding the ice on Sunburst LN. Not a long street but no sidewalks and we have several people that walk the street to the bus stop on A street along with children going to and from school. The City refused to come apply sand or salt or anything that would help with the ice. It would appear to me that once the main streets are drivable, that the city could start helping with the residential streets. According to issues reported to Uplink, numerous complaints have been made on the street issue. It would also appear that since our winter has been mild to this point that maybe there are plenty of resources to help with the icy streets.

Carolyn Adams
4024830890

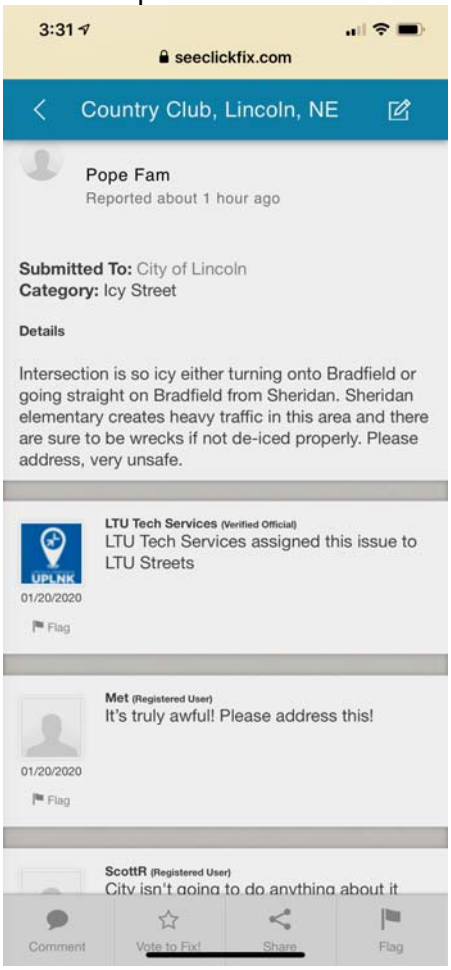
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Christa Pope <cmhpope@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Icy intersection near school

To whom it may concern- icy intersection at Stratford Ave and Bradfield, lots of cars sliding out of control and school isn't even in session. Lots of Sheridan elementary parents drive these streets. I reported online (see below), but a suggestion was made to email directly. We are all very concerned that school will be in session tomorrow and the roads leading to schools are not safe.

Regards,
Christa Pope



Angela M. Birkett

From: Wally Graeber <wcgraeber@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grip on 18th and 19th between A & B St.

Dear Lincoln City Council-

Please approve additional budget in an emergency meeting so that we can have proper care given to our side streets throughout the city. I am picking up and paying for sand from GE Supply by the 5 gallon bucket to spread on the street because our Streets Department has yet to apply any sand or salt. I have been given confirmation they will not be showing up either.

What are next steps here to ensure safety in our neighborhoods? What action will you be taking?

-Wally Graeber

608.800.1186

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bob Peters <bob4psu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Ice Covered Roads

It is time to get moving and salt/cinder the bad residential roads, especially at intersections.

Thank you,

Robert Peters
1745 S. 25th St.
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-580-6665

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lori Eden <nebrgirl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Street Conditions

I have absolutely no idea, why when we have spent so much time and energy, discussing streets this past year, that the city would be under the impression that it is acceptable to have impassable residential streets due to the recent icy conditions. I get main streets get first attention, but this has been the case all weekend. Please do something!

Lori Eden
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Chandler <wyadce1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 6:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Icy Streets/Snow Removal and Treating City Policy

Hello Council Men and Women,
It is time that Lincoln Nebraska moves out of the 1970's and into 2020 in regards to its archaic winter weather road treatment/snow removal policy. In a town that is taxed more than any other that I have lived in, we have the worst fiscal responsibility and management. The city should and can take care for residential streets with tax dollars already being provided. Please look at cities, such as Lees Summit Missouri as a model to which you could follow. Their total number of square miles is comparable to Lincoln's and they do a great job making sure all of the city streets, including residential, are safe. They care enough about their citizens to keep their streets safe.
Overall this is a safety issue. When will the safety of your residents be important enough for you to make an immediate change. Don't let someone die in a neighborhood accident due to icy streets before you make this a priority. It is time that Lincoln take this issue seriously. It is absurd to continue to allow this to happen. The definition of insanity is when you do the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result. The current policy to not treat or plow residential streets in 2020 in Lincoln, NE is insane. Be brave, keep you citizens safe. Put safety first. Fix your policy and keep us safe. We pay tax dollars for that specific reason. You were elected for a reason. Make a difference and keep us safe.
Sincerely,
Brandy Chandler

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kathy Holland <rh30222@windstream.net>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Sanding icy streets

Dear Council members, We have been tax paying citizens of this city for over 40 years and understand the difficulties of winter weather on road conditions. The current icy roads in our neighborhood (55th street between Randolph and L St) are facts of life in Nebraska. However, the refusal of City street crews to even attempt to sand these streets and intersections is beyond the pale. I understand that deicer is temperature dependent and will not function well under 15 degrees but sanding provides tires some ability to grip on the shear ice that is on are streets. We have mainly stayed home but there is still a need to get to work, let alone to the store for groceries and other needed supplies. As seniors whose mobility is not what it once was, getting stuck on the side of an icy road is not a simple inconvenience. My wife had to have help to get her car moving on an incline after she twice slid into curbs. Fortunately there were not cars parked in the spot where she hit the curb. I could not drive up a block to access an arterial due to shear icing at an intersection and the street I was turning into. Luckily I was able to back down a little ways to reverse course and return home.

Please understand that the excuse that city street workers are giving about waiting for warmer temperatures for deicing and melting ice is insufficient. If I am continually asked to pay for street services I expect some benefit from those tax dollars, not just on main streets.

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Richard Holland
501 South 55th Street

Angela M. Birkett

From: Hanna Zamrzla <hzamrzla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Winter Road Treatment Concerns

To whom it may concern,

I imagine this is not even close to the first correspondence you've received regarding the road conditions in town since our ONLY winter storm of the season so far. Let me add my thoughts to the pile.

It seems absurd to me that there could be zero understanding on the Council of the basic physics involved when a car drives on untreated snow. Even if it's less than four inches, it packs down to an inch of solid ice, which is what has happened this year and what has happened, predictably, every year in recent memory. Since it seems absurd to me, the only logical conclusion I can come to is that you're all aware that it's going to happen, and choose to let it impact the safety of your taxpaying citizens as they travel to work, school, and other basic life-sustaining tasks.

Clearing arterial roads and bus routes first makes sense. Great. Glad we do that. As has been mentioned by several news stations, the next step, according to the city's transportation department, is to start working on side streets, because leaving an inch of ice on over half the streets in your city is dangerous.

Why isn't this happening? If it's part of the city's plan, it needs to be budgeted for. I am frustrated beyond words to live at an intersection that would not have to be dangerous if my city council used common sense to allocate reasonable money for basic road safety.

Honestly just...do better.

Hanna Zamrzla
2045 D St, Lincoln NE

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jody Cameron <camskid@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City roads

Every winter we seem to have this same conversation in Lincoln about the lack of attention to our streets. As homeowners we pay considerably higher taxes than many other communities, yet we never seem to have any money to do what is needed to keep our city safe. We also pay considerably higher wheel taxes than many other communities, yet we never seem to have any money to take care of our streets. Instead of paying enormous amounts of money for consultants to study where we should put another new roundabout, maybe we should take care of the issues that plague its citizens.

As a homeowner we are required by law to scoop our sidewalks and keep them free from ice. Business owners are required to scoop their sidewalks and clear their parking lots and keep them free from ice. All of this is in place to protect the public from hurting themselves or someone else. However when it comes time for the City of Lincoln to clear our streets and protect its citizens, you claim there is no money; no supplies; no trucks. Where is all of our tax money going? We seem to keep increasing taxes to supposedly pay for these things, but every year it is the same song and dance. Why should the residents of Lincoln fear for their safety when they try to get their kids to school or report for work? The City keeps saying that salt will not help the current situation. Last time I heard sand was pretty cheap. Why not put some of that on the roads – at least it will help people get some traction? When you have citizens going out and buying their own sand to put on the roads to help out their fellow neighbors, you have a serious problem!

I am seriously tired of the excuses. Save your breath and actually do something about it! As homeowners we don't get a pass. We have to go out and buy salt or sand and do what we can to keep it safe. Why doesn't the city have the same responsibility? Perhaps it is time for some new leadership in Lincoln; somebody who doesn't make excuses and someone who will fight to protect its citizens.

Thank you.

Jody Cameron

Angela M. Birkett

From: thomas kennedy <tkennedy1@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln icy streets

MAYBE A FEW MILLION FROM ROUNDABOUTS CAN PAY FOR SOME SAND TRUCKS . THANK YOU

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https://youtu.be/KCGGwplhfug

Angela M. Birkett

From: Thomas Peterson <tepeterson29@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Inaction

What is the plan for residential roads? Inaction is not acceptable. If there is to be no treatment of roads then there need to be school closures and mandatory chains on tires. Declare an emergency. People are being put in harm's way. Services are being impacted. You can't continue to do nothing. Blaming cold weather is not an answer. When can we expect a plan?

-Thomas Peterson

Angela M. Birkett

From: Vicki Cunningham <lcvicki15@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: icy streets

When I left my house, 1st time in days to run errands, I live 1 house from 9th st., slid immediately upon getting on Garfield st. towards 9th, did not have foot on gas or brake, vehicle just slid, barely was able to stop before sliding on to 9th st. noticed every side street, during my trip to library and store, was a sheet of ice, including some that were hills emptying on to streets like so. 56th, etc... and there wasn't a safe place to drive on any of them. where is all the money from the lottery, wheel tax, etc... going? it's certainly not making it safe to drive in Lincoln, at any time. between pot holes that were never fixed from last years storms, and the icy conditions, with more coming down now, it isn't safe to drive here. and whoever the idiot that told 10/11 yesterday to just tell everyone to slow down? that was about as stupid as it gets. I wasn't even going 5 miles an hour when my vehicle just slid, wasn't giving vehicle any gas or hitting brakes, it just went. I was gone for 15 yrs. to topeka, and moved back june 2012, after I retired. I've noticed that the only major actual road surface work, since coming back, was 16th st. every major road and most of the side roads, west of 56th st. are in really bad shape. last years pot holes were filled in, then sunk, and never filled back up. there are numerous ones along A st. 9th st. east, and places on South st. that the curbs are also crumbling, and were all last year. nothing was done to fix any of it. I'm betting all the money went to all the newer areas south and east of 56th st., and the rest of us, are basically, left to rot. why? we all pay taxes, our landlords pay taxes, and I don't see an equitable distribution of street projects being done. A st. has areas that have been sinking since I moved back, and nothing is being done, esp. since A goes from 1 side to town to another

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Jane Raybould
Cc: Jennifer J. Brinkman; Angela M. Birkett
Subject: RE: Casady, roads, lies

Decision has been made to go into residentials with plows. They should be on the streets now as we have a window of thaw to try to get the slop removed before it freezes again.

Lin Quenzer
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From: Jane Raybould <JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Lin Quenzer <LQuenzer@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Jennifer J. Brinkman <JBrinkman@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Fw: Casady, roads, lies

From: Angela M. Birkett <ABirkett@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:13 AM
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Subject: FW: Casady, roads, lies

Please see the email below received via Council email, this will be added to the Directors' Agenda for Monday.

Thanks,

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From: Anna [mailto:anna_s_68521@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:30 AM
To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Casady, roads, lies

With the current outcry throughout the city & the mayor being far more concerned about being in Iowa to campaign for her buddy, it is PAST time that the council get involved in this YEARLY issue with how LUT opts to IGNORE residential streets.

Last year they flat out called the official measurement of a snow accumulation a lie to avoid plowing residentials.
This year they have hemmed & outright lied, allowing the neighborhood streets of Lincoln to become VERY dangerous for ALL.

This HAS to stop!!! Other areas with the SAME population and LESS equipment and resources manage to keep their roads cleared and treated. LUT's issue is that it has poor management from all levels & no one willing to say 'it's time to change the policy'

Well LUT - it's way past time to change the policy

Anna Santana
Havelock

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mark Freeouf <mark.freeouf@doane.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: No Money for Side Streets, But Money for RAISE ROUNDABOUT??

City Council Members,

Hopefully you all have already realized this irony already unless you are completely oblivious to common sense.

I will start with the quote from Tom Casady who probably is the most hated Lincolnite this week:
"We prioritized our resources on the arterials, bus route and school zones," Casady said. "At this point, the temperatures are bitterly cold, and de-icers are largely ineffective below 15 degrees. We also do not have sufficient spreaders, staff or material to spread sand and gravel on all residential streets."
https://www.1011now.com/content/news/City-crews-wont-be-treating-residential-streets-despite-drivers-struggling-on-the-ice-567149341.html

Yet you geniuses at the city council still support putting money, this year, towards a RAISED ROUNDABOUT in south Lincoln, which just came in way over budget? (Have you even considered a ground-based roundabout, or an overpass, which could cut the cost to a fraction of what it currently is?) Yet we don't currently have sufficient machinery or staff to maintain current streets?

It's apparent that some of you need to be un-elected in coming years, but I welcome any members other than Mr. McGinnis or Christiansen, who would stand up for common sense with road policy in Lincoln. This is unacceptable.

Thank you,
Mark Freeouf