

Key Issues

In an effort to create a background of consensus to build upon, I would like the Committee to discuss and affirm some basic principles. Here are a few possibilities.

1. The Committee and all represented business organizations acknowledge that funding for infrastructure is a major issue for the city of Lincoln, not only today but into the foreseeable future.
2. In the context of current city budget constraints, it is unlikely that significant funds can be shifted from the General Fund or other sources to adequately support infrastructure needs without significant levy increases or staff and service reductions.
3. The city has the legal ability to assess what has determined by the court system to be a special "tax".
4. The Committee intends to balance residential and commercial interest in making its final recommendations.
5. The Committee supports the concept of a low or moderate income exemption plan.
6. The Committee will not pursue the reduction of funding for parks and trails as a part of our final recommendations.

While we may or may not be able to agree early on these or other principles, I believe we will get to the "finish line" more efficiently if we confirm some early parts of agreement.

We will discuss this list at the next meeting. Please do not hesitate to comment or add to the list prior to the next meeting.

See you April 1.