

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, June 28, 2021**

**I. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

1. June 2021 Sales Tax Report reflecting April 2021 sales

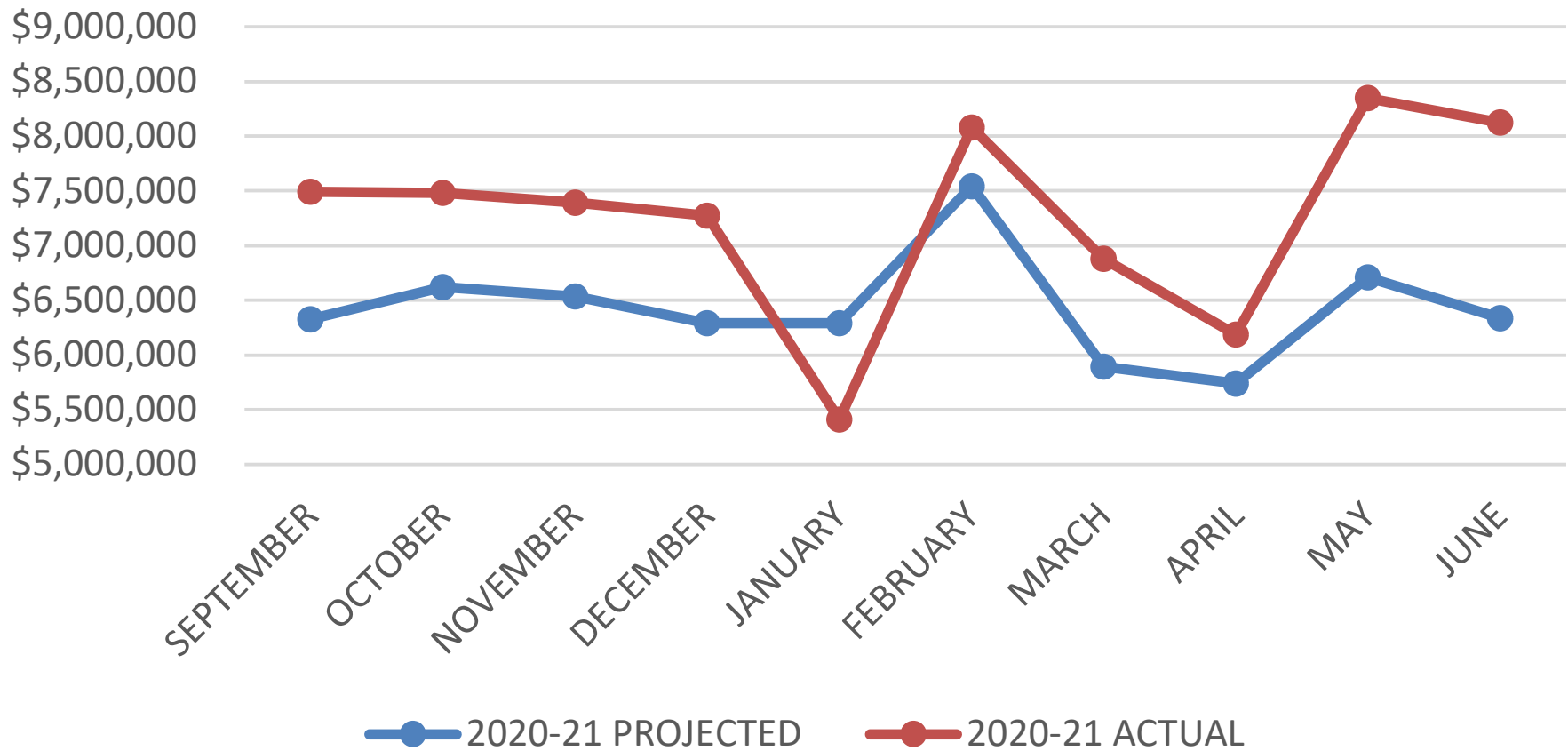
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Final Action dated June 23, 2021

II. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. TIF funds for Nine Mile Prairie area – Lorrie Benson
2. Proposed designation for uninhabited areas from NW 48th to NW 57th street(s) – Judy Greenwald
3. Local position candidate for Police Chief – Connie Wostrel
4. Police Chief search, second request – Met Gallagher
5. City of Lincoln Public Safety – Tom Nesbitt

FY 2020-21 Projected vs Actual Net Sales Tax



**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2020-21 PROJECTED	2020-21 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FROM 19-20	% CHANGE FROM 19-20
SEPTEMBER	\$6,325,838	\$7,492,398	\$1,166,560	\$693,111	10.19%
OCTOBER	\$6,621,779	\$7,480,919	\$859,140	\$401,905	5.68%
NOVEMBER	\$6,537,834	\$7,392,815	\$854,981	\$281,686	3.96%
DECEMBER	\$6,292,944	\$7,273,404	\$980,460	\$389,694	5.66%
JANUARY	\$6,294,730	\$5,412,199	(\$882,531)	(\$567,472)	-9.49%
FEBRUARY	\$7,542,765	\$8,079,047	\$536,282	\$49,294	0.61%
MARCH	\$5,894,467	\$6,878,810	\$984,343	\$611,930	9.76%
APRIL	\$5,740,899	\$6,188,984	\$448,085	(\$130,335)	-2.06%
MAY	\$6,709,386	\$8,346,042	\$1,636,656	\$2,052,740	32.62%
JUNE	\$6,338,704	\$8,123,438	\$1,784,734	\$2,340,202	40.47%
JULY	\$6,445,755				
AUGUST	\$6,914,489				
TOTAL	\$77,659,590	\$72,668,056	\$8,368,710	\$6,122,755	10.08%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 13.02% over projections for the year.

CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	% CHG.	ACTUAL	% CHG.	ACTUAL	% CHG.
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	FROM PRIOR	2019-20	FROM PRIOR	2020-21	FROM PRIOR
				YEAR		YEAR		YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$6,265,764	\$6,386,734	\$6,457,192	1.10%	\$6,927,862	7.29%	\$7,514,711	8.47%
OCTOBER	\$6,598,756	\$6,811,452	\$6,817,440	0.09%	\$7,116,483	4.39%	\$7,514,902	5.60%
NOVEMBER	\$6,471,721	\$6,537,754	\$6,637,486	1.53%	\$7,146,575	7.67%	\$7,422,009	3.85%
DECEMBER	\$6,128,386	\$6,371,026	\$6,493,888	1.93%	\$6,897,823	6.22%	\$7,316,836	6.07%
JANUARY	\$6,285,444	\$6,432,363	\$6,516,808	1.31%	\$6,776,561	3.99%	\$6,749,486	-0.40%
FEBRUARY	\$7,293,928	\$7,459,132	\$7,386,107	-0.98%	\$8,118,745	9.92%	\$8,105,671	-0.16%
MARCH	\$5,521,761	\$5,930,406	\$5,981,967	0.87%	\$6,303,510	5.38%	\$6,886,017	9.24%
APRIL	\$5,639,028	\$5,618,037	\$5,586,708	-0.56%	\$6,350,301	13.67%	\$7,267,560	14.44%
MAY	\$6,708,815	\$6,759,407	\$6,623,556	-2.01%	\$6,308,611	-4.75%	\$8,386,779	32.94%
JUNE	\$6,255,952	\$6,325,718	\$6,721,994	6.26%	\$5,793,431	-13.81%	\$8,129,176	40.32%
JULY	\$6,440,709	\$6,644,137	\$6,804,001	2.41%	\$6,282,775	-7.66%		
AUGUST	\$6,736,493	\$6,770,977	\$7,199,568	6.33%	\$7,595,398	5.50%		
TOTAL	\$76,346,757	\$78,047,143	\$79,226,715	1.51%	\$81,618,075	3.02%	\$75,293,147	11.15%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021**

	ACTUAL 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	ACTUAL 2018-2019	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-2020	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2020-2021	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$217,212)	(\$98,235)	(\$52,954)	-46.09%	(\$128,575)	142.81%	(\$22,314)	-82.65%
OCTOBER	(\$31,712)	(\$30,920)	(\$7,524)	-75.66%	(\$37,469)	397.97%	(\$33,982)	-9.31%
NOVEMBER	(\$81,460)	(\$923)	(\$2,944)	218.96%	(\$35,446)	1104.01%	(\$29,194)	-17.64%
DECEMBER	(\$79,179)	(\$46,365)	(\$58,585)	26.36%	(\$14,114)	-75.91%	(\$43,432)	207.72%
JANUARY	(\$294,431)	(\$379,926)	(\$342,169)	-9.94%	(\$796,890)	132.89%	(\$1,337,287)	67.81%
FEBRUARY	(\$90,752)	(\$719)	(\$33,054)	4497.22%	(\$88,992)	169.23%	(\$26,624)	-70.08%
MARCH	(\$92,105)	(\$49,445)	(\$40,643)	-17.80%	(\$36,630)	-9.87%	(\$7,207)	-80.32%
APRIL	(\$29,707)	(\$41,280)	(\$31,464)	-23.78%	(\$30,982)	-1.53%	(\$40,355)	30.25%
MAY	(\$67,726)	(\$91,272)	(\$41,555)	-54.47%	(\$15,309)	-63.16%	(\$40,737)	166.10%
JUNE	(\$83,394)	(\$51,268)	(\$13,186)	-74.28%	(\$10,195)	-22.68%	(\$5,738)	-43.72%
JULY	(\$1,932)	(\$347,486)	(\$29,772)	-91.43%	(\$45,946)	54.32%	(\$195,089)	324.60%
AUGUST	(\$17,202)	(\$96,471)	(\$9,385)	-90.27%	(\$34,190)	264.30%		
TOTAL	(\$1,086,812)	(\$1,234,310)	(\$663,236)	-46.27%	(\$1,274,738)	92.20%	(\$1,781,959)	43.64%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021**

	ACTUAL 2016-17	ACTUAL 2017-18	ACTUAL 2018-19	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-20	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2020-21	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$6,048,552	\$6,288,498	\$6,404,239	1.84%	\$6,799,287	6.17%	\$7,492,398	10.19%
OCTOBER	\$6,567,045	\$6,780,531	\$6,809,916	0.43%	\$7,079,014	3.95%	\$7,480,919	5.68%
NOVEMBER	\$6,390,261	\$6,536,831	\$6,634,499	1.49%	\$7,111,129	7.18%	\$7,392,815	3.96%
DECEMBER	\$6,049,207	\$6,324,661	\$6,435,303	1.75%	\$6,883,710	6.97%	\$7,273,404	5.66%
JANUARY	\$5,991,013	\$6,052,437	\$6,174,639	2.02%	\$5,979,671	-3.16%	\$5,412,199	-9.49%
FEBRUARY	\$7,203,175	\$7,458,413	\$7,353,053	-1.41%	\$8,029,753	9.20%	\$8,079,047	0.61%
MARCH	\$5,429,656	\$5,880,960	\$5,941,323	1.03%	\$6,266,880	5.48%	\$6,878,810	9.76%
APRIL	\$5,609,320	\$5,576,757	\$5,555,244	-0.39%	\$6,319,319	13.75%	\$6,188,984	-2.06%
MAY	\$6,641,089	\$6,668,135	\$6,582,001	-1.29%	\$6,293,302	-4.39%	\$8,346,042	32.62%
JUNE	\$6,172,558	\$6,274,450	\$6,708,808	6.92%	\$5,783,236	-13.80%	\$8,123,438	40.47%
JULY	\$6,438,777	\$6,296,651	\$6,774,229	7.58%	\$6,236,829	-7.93%		
AUGUST	\$6,719,292	\$6,674,506	\$7,190,183	7.73%	\$7,561,209	5.16%		
TOTAL	\$75,259,945	\$76,812,830	\$78,563,436	2.28%	\$80,343,339	2.27%	\$72,668,056	9.20%

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: June 23, 2021

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: June 23, 2021

Please be advised that on June 23, 2021, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution PC-01761, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 21022, to allow for bulk storage of petroleum products in the I-1 Industrial District, on property legally described as Lot 66, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 36-9-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 1700 Saltillo Road.

The Planning Commission action on these applications 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 Resolutions may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (search for "PATs"). Click on "Planning Application Tracking Service (PATs)" at the top of the page, click "Selection Screen" under "PATs Tools" on the right side of the screen, type in the application number (i.e. SP21022), click on "Search", then "Select", and go to "Related Documents".

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Lorrie Benson <lorriebenson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: comment re blight designation/TIF funds for Nine Mile Prairie area

Members of the Lincoln City Council,

It's our understanding that the original proposal to designate Nine Mile Prairie and other undeveloped grasslands in the area as blighted and allow TIF funds to stimulate development has now been revised to protect the undeveloped property. We are grateful for the revision and hope the City Council will protect the undeveloped areas.

Going forward, we encourage the City to make consideration of environmental and climate change issues a regular part of evaluating how real estate will be used and developed. Documents such as the city Climate Action Plan and the UNL Nine Mile Prairie Master Environs Plan need to come off the shelf and be actively used.

We see consideration of environmental and climate change issues as important ways to meet God's call to protect God's creation, including people and planet.

Please make our comments part of the official record. Thank you for considering our comments.

For the First-Plymouth Church Climate Action Team

Lorrie Benson, Chair

Angela M. Birkett

From: Judy Greenwald <jlbgreenwald@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: PROPOSED designation for uninhabited areas from NW 48th St. to NNW 57th St.

I understand you may be considering this designation for what is part of Nine Mile Prairie and adjoining prairie habitat, but also included in the TIF area. They are anything but “uninhabited” as they are home and habitat for an abundance of species indigenous to this land (just not humans) and constitute part of the most endangered ecosystems in America~our grassland prairies.

I therefore join with others in requesting that these properties be removed and excluded from any TIF designations, so that they may continue as part of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan which values them for their carbon sequestration and potential designation as Green Space or as an Environmental Resource and follow the recommendations of the UNL Nine Mile Prairie Environs Master Plan.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration as we all struggle to find ways to honor and protect our planet and our local resources.

Judy Greenwald

Angela M. Birkett

From: Connie Wostrel <cmwostrel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Local position candidate for Police Chief!

The Lincoln Police Chief position should be chosen from a local or Nebraska area rather than those from the big city coast forces! We are functioning from a different set of policing than those problematic huge cities with all sorts of issues. We here in Nebraska believe in supporting our law enforcement, not defunding them! We believe in fairness, honesty, integrity, and equality of all people's. Please consider only a local or Nebraska candidate for this key position to bring Nebraska values to our police force.

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Met Shafer Gallagher <metshafergallagher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:29 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Police chief search Second Request

Hi,

I had recently sent an e mail asking what the process is for obtaining the list of the 27 individuals who were not selected to be considered for this position. I have yet to receive a response.

I have attended the first three public sessions held at Auld and will be attending the last one tomorrow night. I would appreciate hearing back from one of you regarding how and where I need to submit my request.

My understanding is that city dollars were used to hire a firm to assist in the search. I would expect, as a tax paying citizen, that we would be entitled to see the qualifications of the individuals who did not make the cut as well as those that did.

I remain hopeful that I will receive a response. Thank you

Met Gallagher

June 23, 2021

The Honorable James Michael Bowers
Chair, Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Councilman Bowers,

Public safety is getting a short shrift in the City of Lincoln, and it shows.

Over the past five years, violent crimes are up 20%. Homicides are up 52%, while aggravated assaults are up 37%. And auto thefts? Up nearly 60%!

As you know, we need to replace our interim Police Chief with a permanent, well-qualified one, who has a proven track record. The appointed search committee lacked the law enforcement background necessary to ask the right questions, ensuring qualified individuals were forwarded to the Mayor.

In neighborhoods you represent, police officers are responding from one crisis call to the next. There's little time for routine patrols, which not only show a presence and deter criminal behavior, but also allows the police a chance to engage with the people of Lincoln.

Omaha has 1.9 officers per 1,000 residents, while Grand Island has 1.6. Lincoln stands at a paltry 1.15 officers per thousand, totaling around 330 officers. With a population of 300,000, Lincoln's needs at least 150 more officers, just to get to Grand Island's number! The lack of adequate staffing has caused a substantial morale problem.

Our crime problem's getting worse, not better. Prospective, as well as current businesses, have legitimate questions whether their family and employees will be safe here.

This is our wake-up call to make public safety a priority and we should reflect this commitment in the annual budget. The problem is here, it's now, and it must be addressed.

A City Leader's job to keep our citizens safe. If we don't do this, nothing else matters. Ignoring the problem won't make it go away. It will just get worse.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Nesbitt
Lincoln Safety Foundation

Cc: Richard Meginnis, Jane Raybould, Tammy Ward, Sandra Washington, Bennie Shobe, Tom Beckius