


DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA ADDENDUM

Monday, August 16, 2021

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From: Sandi Aden <ibshrt@aol.com>
To: Mayor Leirion Baird
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 6:03 PM EDT
Subject: Support Responsible Pet Ownership

Dear Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird,

Animal care and control is a vital function of local government, but it must be supported by responsible pet ownership practices. Each of us has a part to play in maintaining a safe and healthy community.

For the estimated 90 million dogs and 95 million cats owned in this country, local ordinances that support responsible pet ownership can maintain public and animal safety, foster humane treatment, and reduce costs for local communities and institutions.

I invite you and your colleagues to review our local ordinances to ensure that they sufficiently incorporate the following key components to support responsible behaviors in our community:

1. Abandonment of an animal should be prohibited in all cases.
2. Sterilization should be required unless an owner explicitly wants to breed his/her pet.
3. Identification, such as licenses and microchips, should be required for pets to help return lost animals to their owners.
4. Roaming pets should be prohibited for the safety of the animal and our community.

Responsible pet ownership reduces the financial and administrative burdens of local government and supports a safer community. I ask that our ordinances reflect and encourage these values.

Sincerely,
Sandi Aden
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Angela M. Birkett

From: George Wolf <gwolf1226@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Decatur, Georgia

This is a municipality that takes nondiscrimination seriously:

<https://www.projectq.us/decatgur-requires-city-vendors-to-have-non-discrimination-policy/>

George Wolf, for Fairness Lincoln

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Sandra J. Washington
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Angela M. Birkett
Subject: RE: TIF vs 9-Mile Prairie

Mr. Houchin: Thank you for sending your comments in support of Nine Mile Prairie. I apologize for my delayed response. Nine Mile Prairie is a treasure, and the City of Lincoln supports its continued preservation. The City's support for Nine Mile Prairie will be evident in the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, which is very soon, going to be open again for public feedback.

In the last month, I've met with a number of prairie proponents. Our conversations have been helpful in giving us all a better understanding of our perspectives. The specific parcels at the center of our conversations are controlled by the Airport Authority. They have been good conservation stewards of these lands from the time they moved them into the USDA conservation reserve program, turning them from corn and bean production to reestablished prairie. We met earlier this week and discussed, again, the desire for "buffer" around Nine Mile Prairie, and the multiple ways this could be done.

As always, the time and creativity lie at the heart of all meaningful solutions. I look forward to the resolution of this issue. —Sandra Washington

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From: [Angela M. Birkett](#)
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 8:13 AM
To: [Richard W. Meginnis](#); [Bennie R. Shobe](#); [Tammy J. Ward](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [Jane Raybould](#); [Sandra J. Washington](#); [Tom J. Beckius](#); [Richard Meginnis](#)
Subject: FW: TIF vs 9-Mile Prairie

Please see the email below received through Council email. Thanks.

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From: Alex Houchin [<mailto:alex.m.houchin@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 5:29 PM

To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>

Subject: TIF vs 9-Mile Prairie

Councilmembers,

I write today to implore the Council to remain true to the spirit of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan by ensuring that a sufficiently large buffer zone around 9-Mile Prairie remains uninhabited. No development is worth its degradation!

As human habitation continues to expand further into undeveloped areas, its mere proximity to pristine ecological habitats (such as prairies) invariably leads to a tragic degradation of said habitats. This is largely due to inadvertent spread of invasive plants, blown trash and debris, and various fauna (domesticated and otherwise) associated with human settlements.

The proper and thoughtful preservation of natural habitats benefits everyone, and I urge the council to take every precaution to protect this precious irreplaceable resource (and others like it).

Thanks,

Alex M. Houchin
Lincoln, Nebraska

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bobby A <txbobbya@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 6:39 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Just what I need ??

I got responses from two "Council People" - Both said that I should be looking elsewhere ("Who Me" position) - If all seven of you are "Zero Accountability Liberals" then I withdraw my request for your review of my situation - Ya-All probably don't even call Preble's actions "Insurance Fraud" (Sad for Lincoln!!) -

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bobby A <txbobbya@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 6:50 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I need
Attachments: Proof.gif

A formal City Council pronouncement as to whether Preble's actions constitute "Insurance Fraud", and if not, why-



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August 11, 2021

Hon. Leirion Gaylor Baird
Mayor
City of Lincoln
County City Bldg.
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: New Terminal/Transfer Building for StarTran

A recent article in the Lincoln Journal Star about the developer not proceeding with a remake of the Gold's Building gives a black eye to StarTran and to the City of Lincoln. He is quoted as saying that one of the problems is the failure of the city to build a new terminal/transfer facility away from Gold's and implies that no efforts have been made to do so. This was echoed by a Letter to the Editor in a later paper.

This information is inaccurate. StarTran has applied for Federal grants to build the new facility for years now. Those grants are highly competitive and Lincoln got aced out by Omaha several years ago so that Omaha could build its new ORBT express bus system on Dodge Street.

However, has the time come to not wait for Federal funding, bite the bullet and appropriate tax money to build the new terminal/transfer facility? A site has been chosen southwest of Gold's which will involve demolition of the old Dorsey Labs/Cengas/Police Station building and only awaits funding. I think the proposed new facility is a bit crowded at that location since there is a parking garage on the north end of the block which the owner won't sell. It seems to me the city should condemn this parking facility which would give StarTran a full square block for the terminal/transfer area.

The current Gold's location is unsatisfactory forcing StarTran to stage arrival of bus routes for transfers and causing poor connectivity. There are no public restrooms nearby and bus

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patrons have to wait out in the weather on the south and east sides of the Gold's Building for their buses.

A new facility would solve the restroom problem, perhaps include a coffee shop for riders and provide a climate controlled area for waiting bus riders. Also the new facility would make it easier to control behaviors of people in the area. Currently some people simply "hang out" at Golds with fights breaking out and drug deals taking place. The developer is correct that this devalues the site and any other developer would face the same issue.

In order to build bus ridership for StarTran a new terminal/transfer facility is needed and should have been built years ago.

On behalf of StarTran riders I urge you to take a hard look at the situation, make a new terminal/transfer station a high priority and include it in next year's city budget. Several years ago Des Moines, Iowa built a new downtown facility and their reidership jumped as a result.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD L. SCHMELING
President, Citizens For Improved Transit

pc - Liz Elliott, Transportation and Utilities
Mike Davis, Manager, StarTran
Members of the Lincoln City Council
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Independent Business Association
Editor, Lincoln Journal Star

Dear City Council:

The old clay sewer pipe
across the street & up the
curb from my house
at 3710 F has a hole in
it.

My question is where
does my responsibility
end? It is not beneath
my property.

If it is true, the cost
to me a senior in an
older neighborhood will
be \$3,000 - \$5,000!

What do you suggest?

Kindly care for
this difficult problem.

Best wishes
Nancy Russell
3710 F
Lincoln, Ne 68510

Angela M. Birkett

From: Laurie <laurie.fraser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Taxes

Dear Council,

As a businesswoman in the hospitality industry we've seen our revenues dip due to state and local shutdowns. 2021 has brought in new challenges with staffing forcing us and many others to turn down work.

As a city we need to rebound. You need tax dollars. This I understand, however you are continuing to tax and plan growth funded by taxes.

I also understand Property values are estimated to go up by 10.7% with the valuations being certified later this week

We have rising inflation. Now is not the time to increase taxes OR use the 3 million surplus on projects when it was intended for relief. I see that 100,000 is going towards property tax relief.. that equates to less than fifty cents per resident in Lincoln.

While I support taxation to fund city projects, I do not support them at this time. We are in recovery not expansion and the focus should be placed there.

Laurie Fraser

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Laurie A. Fraser