

# MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

City County Building Room 303, June 10, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

## Meeting Notes

### Welcome and Introductions; Volunteer to Take Notes

Tracy Corr, Chair, began the meeting with introductions. Kyle McLaughlin volunteered to take notes.

#### Attendees:

Mayor Gaylor Baird

#### Neighborhood Representatives:

Tracy Corr – Chair & 40<sup>th</sup> & A  
Kyle McLaughlin – Bethany  
Darby Lytle – Everett  
Jeff Graham – Everett  
Nick Hernandez - Havelock  
Andy Gueck – Indian Village

Mo Neal - Irvingdale  
Mary Unger – Prescott Area NA  
Mary Schwab – Witherbee  
Fred Freytag - Witherbee  
Heidi Uhing – Woods Park NA

#### City Staff:

Jon Carlson—Mayor's Office  
Wynn Hjermstad—Urban Development

#### Other's Present:

Tut Kailech—NeighborWorks Lincoln

### Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments

- City Pools are open as of Friday.
  - City is looking at opening earlier next year.
- Council voted on motorized vehicles on trails. E-bikes are allowed
  - Question – what about scooters?
    - Future will look at scooters.
  - Question- would like to understand what the numbers look like for how many e-bikes or scooters are on the trails.
    - Not sure about that data.
  - Question – Are trails grandfathered in for ADA, don't have to be accessible?
    - Currently looking into it.
  - Are mobility devices allowed on city streets if no sidewalks? Yes.

- Maybe a future round table topic, bringing in departments to discuss.
- Question- there is a house in my neighborhood that seems to be abandoned- kids are breaking in. 1- what can we do to address absentee landlords? 2- what can we do to provide activities for these kids?
  - There is a process for reporting buildings in disrepair. Could utilize UPLNK.
  - NeighborWorks provides up to \$1,000 grants for neighborhoods that could provide activities for kids
- Council and Parks and Recreation are working on what bodies of water people can be in. Fountains are not maintained for public safety and can be a health hazard. People should not be in fountains.

**2024-2026 Mayor's Recommended Budget** – Mayor Gaylor Baird: 402-441-7511; [mayor@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mayor@lincoln.ne.gov).

Mayor Gaylor Baird presented her proposed budget with a PowerPoint presentation. To view live presentations, click on one of these links:

Mayor's Budget presentation to City Council 6/10/2024:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BE2zrUSYqVo&list=PLj13AfdUD7Y9zpV12i3B-YGvjulp7xe5h>

Department budget presentations 6/11/2024:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RldQQDZBqp4>

Department budget presentations 6/12/2024:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0G0LyQs3Www>

Highlights include:

- The focus is on 5 general outcomes:
  - Safe and healthy
  - Economically and culturally vibrant
  - Strong and resilient
  - Equitable and inclusive
  - Innovative and operationally excellent (City government)
- The city gets only 0.17 of each \$1 of taxes.
- Attendees were particularly interested in trails and sidewalk funds.
- Attendees like the improvements in homeless programs.
- Attendees are encouraged to participate in public reviews as well as participating through the City Council.
  - Public hearing August 5.
  - Vote August 26.
  - New fiscal year begins September 1.

**Announcements**

- Irvingdale and Indian Village pool party July 23, 6:30-8:00 at Irvingdale swimming pool.
- Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July bike parade, Irvingdale, 16<sup>th</sup> and Otoe, 9:00 a.m.
- Juneteenth celebration this Saturday from noon – 4:00 at Woods Park.

**Next Meeting / Agenda**

The next meeting will be July 8, 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:36 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Kyle McLaughlin*