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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 11, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR JUNE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for June to Lincoln Police Officer Jason Brownell. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

Brownell was nominated by Police Sergeant Ann Heermann in the categories of safety and productivity. He has worked for the City since 2000. Brownell was chosen for this award for his work as a Lincoln High School Resource Officer or SRO. When the school’s SRO was injured, Brownell volunteered to fill the position from October 2004 until February of 2005.

During that time, Brownell responded to 150 calls for service, made six classroom presentations, wrote 250 traffic citations, made 85 misdemeanor and four felony arrests and served five warrants. His work with juveniles added another 23 misdemeanor arrests, and one felony arrest. Heermann said Brownell issued 84 percent more traffic citations, made 80 percent more misdemeanor arrests, and responded to 41 percent more calls for service than other high school SROs.

Heermann said Brownell focused on several long-term problems in the Lincoln High area, including students trespassing at nearby apartment complexes, resulting in property damage, fights and drug activity. Brownell wrote 11 juvenile referrals and 10 citations in this situation. In another area, he made 17 arrests and wrote two juvenile referrals for narcotics-related violations.

In response to rumors of an upcoming fight, Brownell contacted a suspect wanted in connection with a gun threat. After finding a loaded .38 revolver in the student’s pocket, Brownell arrested the student, who faces multiple charges. Heerman said Brownell’s actions helped to avoid a disaster and ensured the safety of everyone at the high school.

Lincoln High administrators praised Brownell for his listening skills, trustworthiness, long hours, professionalism and proactive approach. Associate Principal Pam Robinson and Administrative Secretary Deb McKinney wrote, “He treated everyone at Lincoln High with respect, and he took the time to work with staff, students and parents to help students to make better decisions about their behavior and to discuss what the consequences are when they make poor choices. He also took the time to patrol the area around the school, often making student contacts that prevented problems from entering the school.”
The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention and valor. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public.

Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
DATE: July 11, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will have a news conference at **8:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 12**
at the **southeast corner of North 27th and Apple streets**. Parking is available on
the lot at that location.

The Mayor will discuss fund raising for the City’s trail system, redevelopment on
North 27th Street and plans for Saturday’s “No Place for Hate” rally at Antelope
Park.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 12, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
                 Terry Genrich, Parks and Recreation, 441-7939
                 Beth Thacker, Great Plains Trails Network, 483-0514

FUND RAISING LAUNCHED FOR TRAIL BRIDGE OVER NORTH 27TH

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced that a new fund-raising effort is under way for the construction of a trail bridge over North 27th Street. The Great Plains Trails Network is spearheading the campaign for the MOPAC Trail Bridge, which will cross 27th Street near “Y” Street. The $1.76 million bridge will be funded through donations, grants and tax-increment financing generated by redevelopment on North 27th Street.

“The MOPAC Trail Bridge will be a very important addition to our outstanding trail system,” said Mayor Seng. “This link will provide a safe crossing for trail users over busy 27th Street as well as a connection between the downtown and east campuses of the University. It also is an important component of the Antelope Valley Project because it connects four major trails along its corridor.”

The Mayor also announced that Heartland Optical will open a new business at the corner of 27th and Apple streets. The new business and the trail bridge both are included in the North 27th Street Redevelopment Plan the City completed in September 2002. The plan is a guide for redevelopment along the North 27th Street corridor from “N” Street on the south to the viaduct over the railroad tracks on the north.

“It is important that we move this bridge project forward because of the safety issues involved,” said Lynn Johnson, City Parks and Recreation Director. “It also is important that we have matching funds available to apply for grants through the Federal Enhancement Program. That program has provided funding for many trail projects in and around Lincoln, including the 27th Street bridges for the Rock Island, Bison, Antelope Creek, Jamaica North and Homestead trails.”

Johnson thanked the GPTN for pledging $125,000 for the bridge project. The City will apply for $500,000 in federal grants, and other grant applications are pending. The tax increment financing generated from redevelopment on North 27th could provide an additional $1 million. Tax-deductible contributions for the bridge can be made through the Nebraska Trails Foundation, 5000 North 7th Street, Lincoln, NE 68521.

The City of Lincoln owns the trail corridor. Sections from 18th to 19th streets and from 24th to 33rd streets were purchased from the Union Pacific in 2001 for $250,000, with half of that provided by GPTN.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 12, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7711

WATER MAIN BREAK ON SOUTH 40TH CLOSES STREET

South 40th Street between Van Dorn and Normal Boulevard is closed to through traffic this afternoon because of a break in a 12-inch water main between Smith and Lake streets about 11:45 a.m. today. This section of the street may be closed for up to two weeks. Water service has been interrupted to about 20 homes in the area, but is expected to be restored by 7 p.m. this evening.

Southbound traffic on 40th Street is being re-routed to Normal Boulevard, east to 48th Street, south on 48th Street to Van Dorn, then west on Van Dorn to 40th Street. Drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes such as 27th, 33rd and 48th streets between South Street and Van Dorn.

Once the water main is repaired, crews will evaluate the condition of the roadway surface. Street and sidewalk repairs will begin immediately in an effort to reopen the roadway to traffic as soon as possible.

Those with questions about their water service can contact the Lincoln Water System at 441-7571.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 13, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Ken Smith, City Parking Manager, 441-6097
Rock Krzycki, Watershed Management, 441-4959
Hallie Salem, Urban Development, 441-5543

RIBBON-CUTTING TODAY FOR HAVELOCK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Havelock pedestrian link and parking lot project at 5:30 p.m. today from 61st to 62nd streets, just north of Havelock Avenue. The parking lot is the City’s first use of a “bioretention cell” system, which is designed to reduce the amount of pollutants discharged directly into the storm drain. The entire project was a joint effort of the Havelock Business Association; the Parking and Watershed Management divisions of the City Public Works and Utilities Department; and the City Urban Development Department.

“The project is an important reinvestment in the Historic Havelock District,” said Mayor Seng. “The pedestrian walkway and parking lot are just the beginning of other public and private investment we expect to take place along Havelock Avenue. I want to thank the Havelock Business Association and area residents for their commitment to revitalizing the commercial district.”

The pedestrian link features enhanced landscaping and lighting and a shaded seating area. The Havelock Business Association hopes the area will serve as a community gathering spot for possible farmers’ markets, art shows and other events. The walkway was funded through tax-increment financing generated from the Havelock redevelopment area.

The parking lot features landscaping and new brick signage. The lot’s bioretention cell system uses special plants in a conditioned soil bed to treat and manage stormwater runoff. Pollutants such as grease, oil and antifreeze are reduced through absorption, decomposition and filtration within the cell. In addition to slowing runoff and improving stormwater quality, the system also creates a garden to attract butterflies and birds. The City plans to continue using similar systems in other lots.

Today’s ribbon-cutting will include music, food and guided tours of the bioretention cell system.
July 8, 2005

Curtis Weller
3800 Orchard Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

Re: Street Tree Concern

Dear Mr. Weller:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on our telephone conversation of Wednesday, July 6, 2005.

As we discussed, you contacted the Community Forestry Division and requested that an Accolade Elm be planted as a street tree adjoining your residence. This request was included in the contract for planting street trees to be completed during the spring of 2005. The landscape contractor was not able to supply Accolade elms at the size specified in the contract, and it was agreed that Marshall Ash would be substituted. Thus, a Marshall Ash was planted in the right-of-way adjoining your residence. I apologize that you were not contacted to make you aware of this substitution, since you had specifically requested an Accolade Elm. We will replace the Marshall Ash with an Accolade Elm during the planting season this fall, and relocate the ash to a suitable location.

Please phone Steve Schwab, City Forester, at 441-7036, or me at 441-8265 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Lynn Johnson, Director
Parks & Recreation Dept.

Cc: Mayor Coleen J Seng
City Council Members
Steve Schwab, City Forester
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Effective: June 28, 2005
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July 13, 2005

Lyle Loth
ESP
601 Old Cheney Rd. Suite A
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Woodland View Final Plat #05022  Generally located at SW 37th St. and West Plum St.

Dear Lyle:

Woodland View generally located southeast of West "A" St & SW 40th St. was approved by the Planning Director on July 12, 2005. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tom Cajka
Planner

CC: Joey Hausmann
    Joan Ray, City Council
    Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
    Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
    Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
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9th/10th/Van Dorn Intersection - Project 702186

The City of Lincoln, Department of Public Works would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an open house regarding the 9th/10th/Van Dorn Intersection Project.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2005 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Dorn Park Shelter located on the southwest corner of the 9th and Van Dorn intersection, Engineers from the Public Works Department will be available to answer questions about the proposed project that will create two new northbound to westbound left turn lanes, other minor geometric improvements, signal modifications, and sidewalk construction.

Members of the public may attend anytime it is convenient between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and will be able to get information and provide input for the project which is currently only conceptually designed.

This project is proposed in an effort to eliminate northbound to westbound left turn crashes at the 10th and Van Dorn intersection by constructing two left turn lanes that will replace the existing single left turn lane at 10th and Van Dorn. This will improve vehicular safety and operations by reducing total crashes at the intersection. The project is proposed as a safety project which is eligible for 80% federal safety funding with 10% state funding and 10% local funding matches.

If you cannot attend the open house and have questions, please contact the project representatives listed below.

Kris Humphrey
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
(402) 441-7711

Scott Cockrill
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
(402) 441-7711
Dear Ms. Herrington,

I am writing in response to your recent correspondence to the City Council. The contractor told us they worked on the dirt around your fence on Saturday, July 9th. They have been very busy with many construction projects and issues around the City and I apologize for the length of time it took to resolve it. Hopefully this completes that issue.

There was seeding placed in the spring in the area, and in many cases it did sprout and is growing. We will be monitoring the condition of the right of way and make adjustments in the fall when conditions are better suited to establishment of grass.

I hope my response has adequately addressed your concerns. Please contact me if I can be of any further help.

Thomas S. Shafer, P.E.
Design/Construction Manager
441-7837

Thomas S Shafer/Notes

----- Forwarded by Thomas S Shafer/Notes on 07/06/2005 04:04 PM -----
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Dee Ann Herrington
Address: 1320 Aberdeen Ave.
City: Lincoln, NE 68512
Phone: 402-423-5816
Fax: none
Email: dherrin@lps.org

Comment or Question:
I live along South 14th Street between Old Cheney and Pine Lake. As you know this road was widened last Summer. I have been in contact with Charlie Wilcox (?) who works on these projects about the state of our property after the widening. We have a privacy fence which is on our property and did not have to be moved for the widening. However the ground has not been replaced to its former height and we have approximately 1-2" of dirt up against the fence. In some areas it is even more. I am afraid the fence is going to deteriorate much faster due to this. I was told that Pavers would be cut to take care of it and have yet to see or hear from them.

I also am concerned about the replacement grass. My husband and I spent about 12 hours last Fall pulling weeds in the parking (that was affected in front of our house) plus the water to get it re-established. Since the seed for the South 14th section was not put down until the end of May or beginning of June we cannot afford to get it established. And until the ground level problem is solved we will not spend the time or energy to pull the weeds.

I would appreciate your attention to the state of this road. The project has been done for awhile and the medians are full of weeds.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dee Herrington
Combined Weed Program  
City of Lincoln  
June 2005 Monthly Report

**Inspection Activity**
1,421 inspections on 565 sites were made during the month. 2,570 inspections on 1,306 sites were made this year.

**Weed Abatement**

**Noxious Weeds**
- Made 595 inspections on 291 sites on 2.091 acres.
- Found 260 violations on 413 acres.
  - 214 musk thistle
  - 24 leafy spurge
  - 3 Canada thistle
  - 16 purple loosestrife
  - 3 saltcedar
- Found no violations on 29 sites.
- Sent 57 notices, 155 letters, 3 trace cards and made 55 personal contacts.
- 97 control plans have been received.
- 147 sites controlled by owners.
- 15 sites controlled by inspectors.
- 6 sites controlled by contractors.
- Control is pending on 77 sites.

JUNE Activities
- 9 Mgt Team Mtg 7:30
- 9 Budget hearing 3:00 Rm 113
- 15 Region I Meeting
- 22 CRP Meeting
- 23 LPWMA meeting
- 30 Monthly activity report

Planned JULY Activities
- 5 Vacation
- 14 Mgt Team Mtg 7:30
- 29 LPWMA meeting
Bob:

Will check into this. Hope all is well with you!

Best regards,

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

-----Original Message-----
From: JRay@ci.lincoln.ne.us
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Mon, 11 Jul 2005 14:19:56 -0500
Subject: Fw: (no subject)

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July 7, 2005

Star Tran
710 J St.
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Gentlemen:

I called your office in the early part of May, 2005 about the timetables being removed from the inside of the Gold Bldg. I was told the new owners of the Gold Bldg. removed them because they were going to rent out that area to new tenants. I have called your office several times since and have received no response as to why the time tables have not been placed to inform Star Tran passengers of arrival and departure times of various bus routes. The management of Star Tran has had 4 months to post the timetables. There is an old stand where they were located several years ago. Your excuse for not using it is the vandals used to deface and make the timetables unreadable. This type of timetable area is used many other places in & Lincoln along Star Tran routes with apparently very little defacing.

You are very inefficient and need to get motivated. Quit making excuses and do something about this problem. Use The Old STANA, IT IS STILL THERE.

Sincerely

Charles W. Swingle

2800 Woods Blvd. m0 703
BUS USER

Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Copy to: Mayor Song
Copies to: Lincoln City Council Members

Copy Journal Star Newspaper

Copy Omaha World Herald Lincoln News Desk
Dear Mr. Franey: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray
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Hfraney@aol.com

I see the editor of the local paper is getting his or her knickers in a twist (as the British so aptly put it) over the crime wave occurring in the city. Many thousands of our citizens had a great, if somewhat noisy, weekend celebrating the birth of our country and nobody got killed or seriously injured. For a few others I guess you could call it schadenfreude (sp?) in reverse. For my part, if my neighbors are willing to blow a bundle on fireworks, I'll appreciate the spectacle from my driveway. Chief Casady's lads probably have more important things to do and I hope they didn't hurry too much to try to keep up with the complaints.

Harlan Franey
5523 S 73rd
July 10, 2005

Lincoln City Council
City County Building
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

City Council Members:

Certainly, no one likes to see the cost of services increase. However, one must analyze the increase as a part of the larger perspective of what we are getting for our dollar. First and foremost, we receive extremely reliable electrical power that is a major component of operating the schools and school district support facilities. The quality of our electricity is excellent, it comes to our school district sites via a quality and well maintained distribution system, and it is virtually free from interruptions. We have grown accustomed to this level of service and often take it for granted. We forget that there are costs associated with continuing the quality service we receive as the provider of those services faces the increased costs of doing business.

Secondly, as I compare the cost of this much needed service to the cost paid by similar size school districts, I find that Lincoln Public Schools is paying less and would continue to pay less than the comparable school districts. Those comparables include, Des Moines; Minneapolis; Wichita; Colorado Springs; Overland Park; Madison, Wisconsin; Boulder; and Cherry Creek, Colorado.

Thirdly, the value added for Lincoln Public Schools comes from close collaboration with LES staff. Some examples of that collaboration include:

1. Ten years ago, LES stepped forward and worked with the school district to find the most efficient and cost effective method of heating and cooling school buildings. Through this cooperative effort, LES helped fund the engineering study and design work that produced the first LPS geothermal ground coupled heat pump system. In addition, LPS was a participant in the LES heat pump rebate program at these schools and subsequent schools that utilized the system. This collaborative effort was recognized by the Oakridge Lab.

2. Currently, LPS and LES have a joint energy savings committee that explores on an ongoing basis methods of reducing energy consumption resulting in savings on energy cost. Not only does this save public resources, it is environmentally sound practice.
In summary, the value we get for our electricity dollar is excellent. I would encourage the LES board to continue to strive for excellence by investing in the maintenance, improvement and growth of the LES infrastructure. Further, I would encourage them to continue the collaborative efforts they have undertaken to encourage conservation and consumer education throughout our community.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Van Horn
Associate Superintendent
for Business Affairs
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Address:  2140 Breckenridge Dr.
City:     Lincoln, NE 68521
Phone:    402-476-3698
Fax:
Email:    bigley20@alltel.net

Comment or Question:
I just got home from the business at the Haymarket area. The meter took all my quarter and dimes. I have a pocket full of nickels but the meters won't take them. I had to walk about 24 block to get things done. I got back two minutes late and had a $10 parking ticket and it said if not paid immediately my car will be towed. I can see why there are so many businesses going out of business in the Haymarket. Hacketts, Now and Then, and the market. This ticket made me think, why would I want to shop here. I'll just go to the shopping centers where parking is free and there is much more selection. Does the cost of paying meter maids and driving business away even out? No one seems to care about anything except the all might dollar. It an example of penny wise and pound foolish.

I pay $7396.72 in property taxes, not the mention what it takes for car registration. In my neighborhood there are barking dogs at all hours and the barking ordinance is worthless. There are no city parks or swimming pools for miles from my neighborhood. You have to pay to get into the state lakes to have the privilege to be in toxic algae. Makes me wonder why anyone would like to live here. I guess we're stuck because you can't save any money to move away because of the high taxes. Thanks for the privilege of living in this city. Lyle
Dear Mr. Kraus: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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Joseph Kraus <jkraus1@unl.edu>

Dear Members of the City Council,

I write to urge you to reconsider your elimination of funds for the Lincoln Municipal Band concerts from the 2005-2006 city budget. These free concerts have a long history in the City of Lincoln and speak to the quality of life in our community. It would be a shame to see them discontinue for lack of support.

All best,

Joseph C. Kraus
5211 W. Chadderton Circle (District 4)
Lincoln, NE 68521-4323
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Dear Mr. Barrett: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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As a concerned citizen, I question the justification by LES for their rate increase. We are all customers of LES with no choice of electrical providers, but I continually see LES spending un-told dollars advertising their service. If they are in such dire need for a rate increase, why are they advertising to customers who have no choice in who they purchase their electricity from? Having dealt with the LES administration in the past concerning the street lights east of 33rd on Sheridan Blvd, I already know that we can protest their choice, but the administration at LES simply does what they desire. LES will raise their rates by 9% (or more) and the city council will simply be forced to rubber stamp their agenda.

LES should provide line detail in how they spend their monies, and actively pursue internal budget cuts (including administrative salary reductions), to demonstrate to the citizens of Lincoln that they are working for us in providing the best rates possible.

Thank you for listening.

Patrick Barrett
3860 Sheridan Blvd
Lincoln NE 68506
(402) 489-2922
Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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Jim Johnson
jjohnson@cornhusker.net

Dear Council members:

Please restore the $10,000 funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band, which was dropped from the Parks & Recreation budget in the Mayor's proposed budget. The summer Band concerts offer an affordable, free to the public, means of culture and entertainment to hundreds of families and senior citizens on summer Sunday evenings. It gives an opportunity for musicians, some established and some just out of high school, to showcase their talents, and for those of us in the audience it brings a sense of civic pride and patriotism. The concerts bring people to Antelope Park each week in the summer, and showcase the park in a way that few other events can.

Lincoln has recently, and justifiably, been working toward a revival of the arts, with the Tour de Lincoln, the 12th Street Corridor, and other initiatives. Discontinuing the grant to the Band would likely put the band out of business, and would fly in the face of the City's recent attempts to rejuvenate the arts in Lincoln.

From the patriotic "Star Spangled Sounds" which opened this year's series, to the Band's July 17 salute to Veterans, to their July 31 salute to senior citizens, to their August 7 salute to healthcare professionals, to their August 14 celebration of "Lincoln Through the Ages," and other warm themes, the band instills a sense of pride in the families and senior citizens who attend the concerts.

I would remind you that a past Council chose to name the bandshell itself
the "John Shildneck Bandshell," in honor of John Shildneck, a long-time conductor of the Band. The bandshell without the band would be only a shell.

I do understand that the budget is tight, and $10,000 is a big chunk of money. And I reserve the right on future occasions to give suggestions on how to spend other (larger) chunks of that money, some of which will probably be deemed partisan. But the grant to the Lincoln Municipal Band is a very worthy investment in the City and the Parks Department, and is most certainly NOT a partisan cause. The lists of "Friends of the Band" and the band's Board contain a few politically recognized people, of both parties: Kay Orr, Shirley Marsh, William Workman, Bill Harris, Barb Baier, and, well, ME. But for the most part it's just people about whom I have no clue about their politics - radio great Don Gill, long time UN-L band director Jack Snider, Dorothy Obbink, Don Bryant, Deb Van Horn Weber - lots of other good names too. And to date the name at the very TOP of the "Friends" list is "City of Lincoln." I'm proud of that name, and I urge you to help keep it there. Find the $10,000 somewhere and keep the Lincoln Municipal Band in business. (If you and the Mayor play your cards right, maybe they'll let you-all publicly present them with a big check at one of the concerts!)

Thanks!

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
I would like you to consider keeping the $10,000 in the 2005-2006 budget for
the municipal band concerts held at Antelope Park. I realize there has to be
cuts but this cut would lend to the disappointment to hundreds of people plus
take away the enjoyment on Sun. evening in the park. To take away something
like and in the same breath add 2 to 5 cents on the gas, $5 for wheel tax, 9%
increase in electric rates, and I'm confident there will be other increases!
Than take away what so many people want and enjoy, what's next?????
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I.  M A Y O R

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Plants Between Curb And Sidewalk Must Be Less Than 30 Inches Tall -(See Release)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Urged To Conserve Water -(See Release)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of July 16 through 22, 2005-Schedule subject to change -(See Release)

II.  C I T Y  C L E R K - N O N E

III.  C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

A.  C O U N C I L  R E Q U E S T S / C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

1. Response from Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works & Utilities Department received for Council RFI#1 on 7/18/05 - RE: Floodplain issues.

B.  D I R E C T O R S  A N D  D E P A R T M E N T  H E A D S

F I N A N C E / B U D G E T

1. Material from Steve Hubka - RE: Information requested at budget meetings - (Material forwarded to Council on 7/14/05) (See Material)

S T A R T R A N

1. Memo from Rod Griess, Chair StarTran Advisory Board - RE: Recommendations; Proposed Fare Increases -(Council received this Memo before their 10:00 a.m. Budget Meeting on 7/18/05)(See Memo)
C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Howard & Jeanette Richoux - RE: Final plat for South side of Shamrock Road-67th Street - (See E-Mail)

2. E-Mail from Shirley Anderson - RE: Deny LES a $4.00 a month rate increase -(See E-Mail)

3. E-Mail from Amanda Bartels - RE: Lincoln Municipal Band -(See E-Mail)

4. E-Mail from Bill Vocasek, President, West “A” Neighborhood Association - RE: SW 40th Street Overpass - (See E-Mail)

5. E-Mail from Dale Lange - RE: Budget - (See E-Mail)
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 441-7847, fax 441-8706

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 14, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Schwab, Parks and Recreation, 441-7030

PLANTS BETWEEN CURB AND SIDEWALK
MUST BE LESS THAN 30 INCHES TALL

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department reminds residents that according to City ordinance, plantings between the curb and the sidewalk must be less than 30 inches in height. This space is public right of way, but property owners may landscape within the area. To maintain safety, it is important that plants in the space not restrict visibility for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

In 2003, regulations regarding the types of plants that can be planted and maintained in the “sidewalk space” was broadened to allow turf, shrubs, annual and perennial flowering plants, ornamental grasses and vegetable plants.

“The City Council adopted a change in response to the growing number of people maintaining landscape plants in the street right of way,” said Lynn Johnson, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director. “In addition to limiting the height of the plants to 30 inches, the plants may not extend over the edge of the curb or sidewalk.” In areas without sidewalks, plants within 12 feet of the curb must not exceed 30 inches in height.

Those violating the height regulations may receive a notice from the City to trim the plants. If no action is taken, the property owner may be assessed for the cost of having the plants trimmed or removed.

A permit is not required to plant turf or ornamental landscape plants in the sidewalk space, but Johnson said residents should take the height limitation into consideration when selecting plants. A no-cost permit for planting a street tree can be obtained by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 441-7035.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 15, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 441-7571
John Mirivovsky, Lincoln Water System, 441-7571

PUBLIC URGED TO CONSERVE WATER

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today encouraged business and residential water customers to follow the City’s voluntary outdoor watering restrictions to conserve water. Property owners with street addresses ending in an even number, including zero, are asked to limit outdoor water use to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Those with addresses ending in odd numbers are asked to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

“Since flow is decreasing in the Platte River, which is the City’s primary water source, it is very important that we to do all we can to conserve water,” said Mayor Seng. “Following the designated day schedule for outdoor watering and car-washing will make the biggest difference.”

Jerry Obrist, Chief Engineer for the Lincoln Water System (LWS), said water usage has topped 80 million gallons six of the last seven days, going above 86 million gallons on Sunday. (The water main break on 40th Street July 12 resulted in a loss of about 200,000 gallons.) Water usage this month has averaged about 73 million gallons a day, compared to an average daily usage of 41.8 million gallons in July 2004.

“Unfortunately, the weather forecast is calling for more hot, dry weather,” said Obrist. “We are asking our business and residential customers to help lower the usage to no more than 75 million gallons per day to help us avoid mandatory measures.”

The public can track daily water usage on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov. The site also includes the City’s Water Management Plan, suggestions for water conservation and a description of water rates. LWS water rates are structured to encourage conservation – those who use more water are charged a higher rate.
Date: July 15, 2005
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule
Week of July 16 through 22, 2005
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, July 16
• “No Place for Hate” Rally, remarks - 1:30 p.m., Antelope Park Bandshell
• Pinewood Bowl production of “Grease,” welcome - 8 p.m., Pioneers Park

Tuesday, July 19
• Lincoln Independent Business Association luncheon, remarks - noon, Villager, Lincoln Ballroom, 5200 “O”

Wednesday, July 20
• KFOR call-in show - 12:30 p.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway

Thursday, July 21
• News conference on 40th anniversary of Folsom Children’s Zoo - 9 a.m., 1222 South 22nd Street
• International visitor from Ethiopia - 10 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street

Friday, July 22
• News conference on Kindergarten Kick-off - 10:30 a.m., Walt Branch Library, 6701 South 14th Street
Karen, please forward to the appropriate contact list this morning for the Director's Addendum:

PW/U has been in contact with NDOR regarding the issues outlined in this email from Mary Roseberry-Brown. DOR is in the process of preparing a response and will copy all parties who were copied on the original correspondence.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Council,

FYI - The Directors’ Agenda for July 18th already done. So, I will list this information on the Directors’ Addendum for July 18th. Any questions please let me know. Thanks.

Tammy Grammer

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 07/14/05 03:24 PM -----  
Steve D Hubka/Notes  
07/14/05 01:46 PM  
To: CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes  
cc:  
Subject: Information requested at budget meetings

Attached is some additional information as requested at our budget meetings this week.

The two attached files are the funding sources for autos and trucks in the Fleet Services budget and the contract with the UpDowntowners for the Star City parade.

Page 2-3 of the contract reflects the Updowntowner’s parade responsibilities, page 5 addresses insurance needs, and page 6 the City’s financial responsibility for the parade. - BFb050714-2.PDF - BFb050714-1.PDF
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provided by the City herein. Among other things, Updowntowners shall be responsible for the following under this Agreement:

(1) Fundraising to raise all necessary funds for the Event.

(2) Publicity for the Event in conjunction with the Citizen Information Center.

(3) Selecting and entering into contracts for performers mutually agreeable to the City and Updowntowners.

(4) Contracting for necessary goods and services to be used in the Event, including porta-potties, tents, public address systems, etc. following City purchasing procedures for purchases over $1,500.00 where applicable.

(5) Provide the Festival Executive Director, a named person who shall, on behalf of Updowntowners, be responsible for the following:

A. Coordinate solicitation of festival entries and selection of same according to the theme of the festival and consistent with the guidelines as may be determined by the festival sponsors.

B. Provide assistance and support to the festival steering committee including meetings, minutes and reports as the committee may require.

C. Coordinate festival administrative office functions including storage of records, inventory and file management.

D. Directly oversee and direct all support personnel including volunteers at the festival and parade.

E. Coordinate the Event budget, and authorize and approve payments in accordance with the approved budget.

F. Coordinate and meet with producers and entry representatives as necessary.

G. Coordinate logistics and meet with city staff to coordinate city logistics and support.
H. Coordinate and meet with festival steering committee to generate new ideas and support.
I. Prepare and distribute press releases and coordinate with news media and television coverage of the festival and parade.
J. Direct production of parade.
K. Evaluate and report to city and parade steering committee on festival and parade activities, budget, and goals.
L. Provide monthly progress reports to City, executive committee and festival steering committee.
M. Timely and professionally complete the Services as described above

(6) Furnish everything reasonably necessary to complete the festival Director’s duties unless specifically provided otherwise in this agreement. It is anticipated that the Event will provide necessary office supplies and administrative expenses as stated in the approved Event budget.

(f) Updowntowners or any subcontractor of Updowntowners shall not discriminate against any employee or any applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this contract, with respect to his compensation, terms, advancement potential, conditions, or privileges of employment because of such person’s race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, age, or marital status, pursuant to the requirements of Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 11.08 and Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1122 (Reissue 1988, as amended).

(g) To the fullest extent permitted by law, Updowntowners shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its agents, and employees from and against claims, damages, losses, and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, arising out of,
anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. The insurance required shall be written for not less than the following amounts and shall include an endorsement to provide the following spectator coverage:

**Commercial General Liability**

Bodily Injury and Property Damage
- $2,000,000 combined single limit
  - each occurrence
- $2,000,000 aggregate

(i) All liability insurance policies shall be written on an occurrence basis only, shall be endorsed to add the City of Lincoln, its agents, and employees as an additional insured as related to this Agreement and shall be maintained without interruption from the date of the commencement of the license authorized herein. All insurance coverages are to be placed with an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Nebraska and shall be placed with an insurer that has an AM Best rating of not less than A:VII, unless specific written approval has been granted by the City to deviate from this requirement. Updowntowners shall not commence on-site operations under this Agreement until Updowntowners have obtained all insurance required under this section and such insurance has been approved by the City Attorney for the City of Lincoln. All certificates of insurance evidencing such coverages shall be filed with the signed Agreement showing the specific limits of insurance coverage required and any deductibles required. Such certificate shall specifically state the insurance policies are to be endorsed to require the insured to provide the City of Lincoln 30 days notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or any material reduction of insurance coverage.

(j) Updowntowners shall attempt to limit participant liability exposure by requiring all companies, clubs or organizations participating in this event to provide evidence of general liability insurance and to list the Updowntowners and the City of Lincoln as
additional insureds, in relation to this agreement. All individuals working this event should also be encouraged to sign an individual waiver of liability that would hold the Updowntowners and the City of Lincoln harmless. These waivers are to be kept for at least four years by the Updowntowners, but are subject to review by the City of Lincoln upon request.

II.

The City agrees as follows:

(a) To pay Updowntowners $28,314.00 for the services under this Contract.

(b) To provide up to $15,000 for insurance.

(c) The City may also provide such assistance as facilitating and coordinating meetings between the City and Updowntowners, Executive Committee, Steering Committee, and additional parties involved with the Event and assisting Updowntowners where possible with various details of planning the Event.

(d) The City agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Updowntowners, its agents and employees from any loss, damage or any liability for or by reason of any act or omission of the City, its authorized agents, or employees.

(e) Provide Updowntowners with access to all festival records at CIC including tapes of previous parades, related computer and document files and historical documents.

(f) Provide graphic arts and video production services at its current rates for the Event consistent with previous years.

(g) Provide budgeted logistical support as needed.

(h) Waive applicable city fees for permits, licenses, or events where applicable.
To: Mayor Coleen Seng, Lincoln City Council Members
From: Rod Griess, Chair StarTran Advisory Board
Date: July 18, 2005
Subject: Recommendations; Proposed Fare Increases
cc: Jan Bolin - Finance Dept, Karl Fredrickson - PW/U Dept., Larry Worth - StarTran

In compliance with Chapter 2.38 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the StarTran Advisory Board conducted a public hearing on July 16, 2005 to receive testimony regarding the proposed StarTran fare increases included in the Mayor’s F.Y. 2005-06 City of Lincoln budget. The following addresses the public hearing, and the recommendations of the StarTran Advisory Board regarding the subject increases.

**July 16, 2005 Public Hearing**

Eight persons attended the public hearing, held in the 4th Floor Auditorium of Bennett Martin Public Library. Three of those in attendance testified regarding the proposed fare increases. The following summarizes those comments . . .

- Bill Crawford expressed opposition to the night HandiVan fare increase and asked that the HandiVan monthly passport be accepted as a fare device for the evening service.
- Daniel Hogan asked if StarTran is comparable to other cities in their fares. Mr. Worth stated StarTran is within the range of peer cities. Mr. Hogan asked that the Star Shuttle fare remain the same.
- Peter Blakeslee asked if there are any alternatives to raising StarTran fares. Mr. Worth stated other alternatives were to cut service or staff. Mr. Blakeslee thought that StarTran or the Advisory Board should go to the City Council with alternatives such as raising fuel or other taxes in order to keep StarTran fares the same. Mr. Blakeslee expressed a need for increasing ridership rather than increase fares in order to generate more revenue. Advisory Board member Beatty Brasch asked for suggestions to increase StarTran ridership, however there were no suggestions.

**StarTran Advisory Board Recommendations**

Following the public hearing, the StarTran Advisory Board considered the public testimony received and previously-received correspondence in this regard, the Advisory board agreed unanimously on the following recommendations:

- **Proposed Fare Increases** – The StarTran Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the StarTran fare increases as proposed in the Mayor’s F.Y. 2005-06 Budget.
July 15, 2005

City Council of Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to describe the situation regarding the final plat document for the southwest 4 acres of Shamrock Road (basically 67th and Shamrock). The original subdivision approval was introduced 3/18/85 (bill No. 85R-95) and a requirement was made that he final plat be submitted within 1 year. Due to oversight by Richoux and Waterbury, we failed to submit the required document, and the omission was discovered this month as the 6701 Shamrock house was being sold. 20 years ago, I was distracted by the joys of building a house and a new baby and 2 year old, and simply overlooked the clearly stated requirement for a final plat. I apologize for the oversight.

We submitted then application for final platting yesterday. The subdivision approval 20 years ago included a waiver for sidewalks and street paving was not required.

Shamrock Road (66th through 70th streets) is a single lane gravel road (cul-de-sac), in good repair with a border of mature elm trees and is satisfactory to all current residents of Shamrock Road (of which this subdivision is about 25% of the front footage of the road). The mature elm border is a canopy along one portion of the road and borders close to the road surface on both sides of the street and contributes greatly to a "country lane" effect. Paving to city specifications would require the removal of most of these trees. The current situation contributes to the quiet, rural atmosphere within the city, and insulates from the traffic noise of 70th St.

To our knowledge, there is no interest by any residents of Shamrock Road that the street be widened and/or paved. Several of the residents feel very strongly that widening and paving the road would be a bad idea since the unique rural nature of the area would be ruined. The direction that they would be more interested in exploring would be to take the street back over as a private drive, rather than expand it to a full roadway.

20 years ago, there was a tentative street in city drawings that
would have connected Shamrock Road with Park Crest to the south. Since that time, the Valentinos office park and new houses on Park Crest have eliminated that possibility. This means that Shamrock Road will not connect to any other streets, and traffic will only be local residential needs.

We request that the final plat be approved without a requirement for sidewalks, street paving, street lighting or ornamental trees.

We have sold the house to move out of state and the lack of a final plat prevents closing with the new buyer. We request that any approvals and requirements be done as quickly as is consistent with legal requirements and procedures. The new buyers are anxious to move in to the house, but the uncertainties of new paving or sidewalk requirements make them very nervous. A previous bad experience with a real estate transaction in another state make them want to avoid any surprises, and I fully sympathize with them.

Thank you

Howard and Jeanette Richoux
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Dear Ms. Anderson: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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----- Forwarded by Terry D Lowe/Notes on 07/14/2005 09:13 AM -----
InterLinc: Feedback

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Email: sranderson6@juno.com
Comments:
City Council: Please deny LES a $4 a month rate increase.
This is too much additional charge for people on fixed incomes.
Several for today
----- Forwarded by Joan V Ray/Notes on 07/18/2005 09:23 AM -----

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
I am very concerned about the proposed budget cut for the Lincoln Municipal Band. The concerts they put on in the park every year are a great service to the community. They have been doing this for several years. I moved to Lincoln a little over a year ago because I wanted to be able to attend events like this. I came from a small Nebraska community where opportunities like this are not available. I have loved attending these concerts and I believe, judging by the attendance, many other enjoy these concerts as well.

These concerts are attended by a wide variety of people, different ages, and different backgrounds. Many of the attendees probably could not afford to go to a concert of this standard every week for two months.

As I look at the youth of today I am very concerned by their lack of activity and interest in computer or video games. Music has been proven to stimulate one's mind. If children aren't given these opportunities to see what music has to offer I am afraid that the art of music will soon be lost and their academic performances will suffer as well.

Honestly, $10,000 does not seem like that much for a city budget. However, this amount is huge for a band that puts on many concerts for free. I realize that they do not receive all of their funding from the city. Considering that they are doing an amazing service to the community, I hope that you will reconsider cutting the budget of the Municipal Band.

I would also encourage you to attend one of these concerts if you haven't recently and see what you would be cutting.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
Amanda Bartels
To Lincoln City Council,

I was unable to attend the City Council meeting pertaining to the SW 40th Overpass. I wanted to voice that access to West A area is vital for the continued growth. I ask you where else in the city do you find so few of access areas. West A neighborhood is isolated by the Homestead Expressway and the Burlington Rail Yards. Traffic counts on SW 40th are not accurate because if we see a train we go on from SW 40th to Capitol Parkway which is over 20 blocks East before we have another way out of the area, and about 20 blocks West to get out. By building an overpass it will allow for growth to the West and if it is denied it will most definitely slow growth. I heard some of the council members talk about SW 48th Street as an alternative. That would be about 30 blocks for access and it would require purchasing all of the land with the SW 40th we already have the road so we have the main portion of the property. I am not saying that SW 48th might be a location for an overpass but we need one also between that location and Capital Parkway. Thank you for your consideration, at times it seems as though we are on an island and this gives us at least one more link to our city.

Thanks!!

Bill Vocasek
President
West "A" Neighborhood Association

ArlyLange@aol.com

7-15-05

All council members:

As a fifty year resident of Lincoln, home owner, investment property owner, retired manager of a very successful business, I find the proposed budget disturbing in many areas. My assessment is based upon the information that has been published in the Lincoln Journal Star.
First of all, our Mayor would like to have us believe that this budget has been cut lean and is waving a
magic wand when instead this proposed budget is nothing more than smoking mirrors in trying to deceive the average citizen by making them feel good by telling them there will be no property tax increase, when in fact she wants to blind side them with a 7% water & 9% wastewater increase for the operating budget, this increase would be on top of water & wastewater increases in each of the last three years which amounted to approx. 23% increase in that period of time. Along with this she would like to add a fuel tax to our already overtaxed fuel in this state, as well as increasing wheel taxes. Having not seen the official proposed budget I do not know if there are other areas that are being toyed with for a end run approach. We are told that she would eliminate the equivalent of nearly 18 full time employes, all but 2 or 3 of which are expected to be able to move into other city jobs. Eliminating 18 positions out of nearly 2000 employees is hardly considered a reduction. If she is serious about getting lean a 5% reduction in people would have some effect & probably would have no impact on any services although we would led to believe it would with the usual scare tactics. If our Mayor would get serious about a responsible budget, she would propose a 10% reduction in all department budgets with budget on demand for anything above this budget, this would help eliminate cushion spending in every department. It requires tough decisions to do the right thing, and as representatives of the citizens of Lincoln, I am sure you will act accordingly.

Sincerely

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489-3308