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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 6, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Mark Bowen, Mayor’s Office, 441-7511

MAYOR SENG ANNOUNCES PRESIDENTIAL EARMARK FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT

Mayor Coleen J. Seng announced today that President Bush’s fiscal year 2007 federal budget includes an earmark of $7.5 million for the Antelope Valley flood control project.

“This is the first time the project has been included as a line item earmark in the President’s budget,” said Mayor Seng. “The inclusion is an affirmation that the project meets the criteria and cost-benefit ratio established by the Army Corps of Engineers. Many people have worked very hard to obtain an earmark in the President’s budget, and we are very pleased to have this important project included.”

The funds are included in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fiscal year 2007 budget. The funds are designated for construction of the flood channel. In previous years, the Nebraska Congressional delegation has had to request funding because it has not been included in the President’s budgets.

The Antelope Creek flood control project is the centerpiece of Lincoln’s comprehensive flood control, transportation and redevelopment initiative. The channel, currently under construction, has been completed from Salt Creek south to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks near Holdrege Street. Most of the excavation work has been completed south to “Y” Street. The earmarked funds in fiscal year 2007 would allow continued construction of the new flood channel from “Y” to “R” streets, including the retaining wall between the waterway and the new roadway.

The Antelope Valley Project is a partnership among the City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. When the project is complete, 961 homes, 336 commercial and industrial structures and 50 acres of University property will be out of the 100-year floodplain.
CONGRESS

Agenda delayed by unfinished business, leadership election, and debate over lobbyists and earmarks. For the first time since the New Year, both the House and Senate were in session this week. Congress faces a busy year with which they will struggle to finalize legislation while accommodating a truncated election year schedule.

However, both chambers spent the week focused on old business, wrapping up work on the FY 2006 budget reconciliation bills before President Bush releases his budget next Monday and kicks off work on the FY 2007 budget (see related article). In the House, members were forced to once again vote on the FY 2006 Budget Reconciliation bill (S 1932) while the Senate spent most of the week focused on the tax portion (HR 4297) of budget reconciliation (see related article).

After the budget vote, House Republicans spent much of the rest of the week focused on the election to replace outgoing House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX), which was won by Rep. John Boehner (R-OH).

Prior to the GOP conference vote, Boehner endorsed a proposal by Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) that would require earmarks to be included in the legislative language of a bill rather than included as language in the committee report accompanying the legislation. Such a practice would make it easier for questionable earmarks to be removed from bills on the House floor.

The Senate will also turn its immediate attention to lobby reform. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) has set February 24 as the date by which the Senate will complete work on lobbying reform. However, his proposal is being challenged by a group of Senators led by John McCain (R-AZ) who want to focus on earmark reform, including a proposal that would potentially require separate authorizing legislation for congressional earmarks.

TAX AND ENTITLEMENTS

FY 2006 budget reconciliation process remains incomplete. Although President Bush releases his FY 2007 Budget next Monday, the House and the Senate both spent the better part of this week working on FY 2006 Budget Reconciliation bills. Budget reconciliation is a process designed to implement the broad spending and tax goals outlined in the yearly Budget Resolution. Under Senate rules, budget reconciliation bills that meet the criteria outlined in the Budget Resolution cannot be filibustered.

In the House, Members were forced to vote yet again on legislation (S 1932) that calls for slowing the growth of major entitlement programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, higher education loans and agricultural subsidies by $39 billion over five years. Facing potentially tough re-election fights, many moderate Republicans have struggled with the bill.

In the end, the bill passed by a vote of 216-214. The need for yet another House vote arose when the Senate made changes to the Conference Report for the bill just before adjourning for the holiday recess.

In the meantime, the Senate spent much of the week debating the second part of the FY 2006 budget reconciliation package: legislation (HR 4297) that would cut taxes by $60 billion over five years. The Senate vote sends the measure to a House-Senate conference committee. The cost of the bill will likely increase to $70 billion in conference committee as House members are
expected to insist that the final bill include an extension of the 15 percent top tax rate on capital gains and dividends through 2010.

Final action on HR 4297 should come in the next few weeks. However, passage of the conference report is not assured. Moderate Republicans in the Senate will likely balk at a more expensive bill.

Pressure to vote against the conference report will also likely increase in the light of the most recent budget deficit estimate released by the Congressional Budget Office, which forecast an FY 2006 deficit of $337 billion, which is $23 billion higher than the August estimate and does not include war and hurricane relief spending.

**BUDGET**

President Bush set to release FY 2007 Budget. President Bush will release his FY 2007 Budget on Monday, formally starting the FY 2007 budget process. The White House has kept its proposal close to the vest, so we will not know until Monday what the proposal includes, though the White House has let some clues slip out.

The White House announced yesterday that as part of its FY 2007 proposal, the President will request $90 billion in supplemental FY 2006 spending to cover the cost of military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, help with hurricane recovery and address avian flu.

This largesse is not likely to carry over to domestic discretionary spending. In his State of the Union Address, President Bush told Congress that his FY 2007 Budget will call for the elimination of more than 140 programs. The White House has not outlined specifically which programs will be targeted for elimination. However, rumors indicate that Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) will not be on the list, as it was last year.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Key Senators reaffirm the role of local government in the video franchise process. Two senior members of the Senate Commerce Committee, which has primary jurisdiction over the rewrite of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, released a set of principles this week that they believe are essential for the panel to consider.

The first principle, according to Senators Conrad Burns (R-MT) and Daniel Inouye (D-HI) is to “establish beyond doubt the prominent role of states and localities in the video franchising process.” Each are expected to have significant roles in the process -- Burns is the former Chair of the Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Inouye is the panel’s ranking Democrat - - so this announcement is not insignificant. Thus far, the telecommunications legislation that has been introduced in both the House and Senate has been designed to eliminate local franchises so as to ease the entry of telephone companies into the video services market.

Burns and Inouye made their announcement in anticipation of a Commerce Committee hearing on the issue of video franchising that is scheduled for February 15. The hearing was originally scheduled for this week but was postponed. The other two principles mentioned by the Senators this week were: facilitate competition by promoting speedy entry on mutually favorable terms, and promote fairness for both consumers and localities on a level playing field for providers.

Yet to be heard from on the subject is Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK). Stevens has not discouraged Senators from coming forward with their legislation, nor has he endorsed any concepts to date. His office has indicated that the Chairman will consider the proposals he hears in the series of hearings that are scheduled over the next several weeks, and then begin drafting a bill.

**TRANSPORTATION**

House committee guts high speed rail bonding measure. For the second time in just under three years, the House Ways and Means Committee stripped most of the funding mechanisms from legislation (HR 1631) that would assist with high-speed rail development.

In its original form, the “Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century,” or RIDE-21, would have authorized states to issue up to $12 billion in tax-exempt private activity bonds and $12 billion in tax credit bonds for high speed rail through FY 2015. The measure was approved last year by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, but Ways and Means has jurisdiction over bonding provisions and asserted its right to consider the bill as well. Ways and Means committee Chairman Bill Thomas (R-CA) believes that the $24 billion authorization is too expensive and also that there should be a comprehensive review of all tax credit and private activity bonds.

The bill still includes an authorization of $100 million annually through FY 2013 for high-speed rail planning and technology development, but without the bonding provisions, the future for the bill is unclear.

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

Local governments must comply with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by September 30, 2006 or forfeit their Federal preparedness funds in FY 2007. The NIMS, published in March 2004 by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is a framework within which government and private entities at all levels work together to manage domestic incidents, whether for prevention, preparedness, response, recovery or mitigation. The NIMS establishes an organizational structure as well as requirements for processes and procedures to improve interoperability among jurisdictions.

In implementing the NIMS at the local government level, public health, public works, emergency management, fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement, hazardous materials,
private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, medical organizations, utilities, and others must work together. DHS has released a schedule of implementation and certification for states and local governments to keep each entity on track towards compliance.

In FY 2005, local governments were encouraged to institutionalize the use of the Incident Command System, complete the NIMS awareness course, formally recognize NIMS and adopt NIMS principles and policies, establish a NIMS compliance baseline by determining the NIMS requirements that have already been met, and develop a strategy and timeline for full NIMS implementation.

DHS has once again published extensive information about local government action required for FY 2006 compliance, and this matrix is available at: http://www.fema.gov/pdf/nims/nims_tribal_local_compliance_activities.pdf.


Moreover, local governments will also forfeit their funds for preparedness from other departmental programs, such as COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program (Justice), bioterrorism preparedness programs (HHS), public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (HHS), and Airport Improvement program (DOT) Port Security Grant program (DOT)

The complete list of affected grant programs can be found at: http://www.fema.gov/pdf/nims/federal_prep_grant_prog.pdf.

See http://www.fema.gov/nims/ for general information on NIMS.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Shelby calls for reform Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) called for major reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program. Shelby cited serious deficiencies with the current program because of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) inability repay debt from the current program in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. FEMA faces claims of up to $23 billion in the wake of those storms, more than the total claims in the entire history of the program.

Shelby's call for reform came after the Government Accountability Office (GAO) testified before the Banking Committee that the current program suffers from poor flood mapping and the large number of property owners not required to have flood insurance.

GAO testified that the program needs improved mapping, expanded mandatory flood insurance to all potential flood hazard areas, and encouragement of increased voluntary purchase of flood insurance by property owners in low-hazard areas to increase. However, GAO cautioned, and Shelby concurred, that reform will require difficult policy choices and increased costs for property owners.

Shelby did not outline a specific timetable for reforming the program but promised that his Committee will fully review the issues and make necessary changes.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

National Archives and Records Administration: The National Historic Publications and Records Commission is accepting applications for the National Archives Electronic Records Projects to assist state and local governments among others in ensuring that their records are technologically up-to-date. The Archives plans to award six grants of between $50,000 and $300,000 depending on the type of project, and there is a 50 percent required match. Applications are due by June 1, 2006, although the Archives will comment on draft applications submitted before April 1, 2006. For more information, see: http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/electronic.html.

Department of Justice: The Office of Violence Against Women is accepting applications for the Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Assistance Program. The program targets victims of domestic violence who would choose to live with their abusers rather than become homeless. The program seeks to assist these victims and their children in finding alternative housing. The Office intends to award approximately 50 grants between $175,000 and $350,000, totaling $15 million. There is no required match, and the project period is three years. Letters of intent are due by January 26, 2006, and applications are due by February 16, 2006. The guidance is found at: http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/transitionalhousingfy2006.pdf.

Department of Health and Human Services: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is accepting applications for the Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment Grants for Adolescents and their Families (Assertive Adolescents and Family Treatment). These grants are designed to help awardees address gaps in their substance abuse services. There is $5.2 million available for up to 17 awards. There is no required cost share. Applications are due March 29, 2006. For more information, see: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_007_adolescent.aspx.
LOVE YOUR HEART - FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH

February is the month that is associated with valentines, hearts and love. February is also designated as “American Heart Month” by the American Heart Association. Cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, are the number one and number three causes of death in America. While many people believe that heart disease primarily affects men and older people, it accounts for one in five deaths in women.

The Lincoln in Motion coalition and the Every Woman Matters Program at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourage everyone to take steps this February to be “heart healthy.”

The Every Woman Matters program at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department now includes cardiovascular and diabetes screening for income eligible women, 40-64 years of age, along with the breast and cervical cancer screening. This service is provided at participating physician offices and at the Health Department.

The Lincoln in Motion coalition was created to encourage individuals and organizations in our community to adopt healthy behaviors regarding physical activity, to support public policy change to encourage increased physical activity, to promote and to develop community partnerships to increase physical activity, and to encourage social and environmental change to increase opportunities for physical activity.

High blood pressure and high blood cholesterol are two major risk factors affecting cardiovascular disease. A healthy blood pressure is less than 120/80. A desirable total cholesterol is less than 200. Other significant risk factors include diabetes, obesity and being overweight, smoking, and physical inactivity. Additional risk factors over which we have no control include gender, heredity, and age.

- more -
February is a great time of the year to remind everyone to take steps to be heart healthy. Some guidelines to help maintain a healthy heart and prevent heart disease:

- **If you smoke, stop.** According to the American Heart Association, a smoker’s risk for heart attack is more than twice the risk for nonsmokers.

- **Follow a heart-healthy diet.** Emphasize fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and limit foods with saturated and/or trans fats.

- **Practice good oral hygiene and visit your Dentist at least once a year.** People with poor oral health are at greater risk for heart disease.

- **Exercise regularly.** Daily physical activity reduces risk for heart problems and helps control risk factors like obesity and high cholesterol.

- **Have your physician check your cholesterol levels.** Risk for heart disease increases as certain cholesterol levels increase.

- **Keep your blood pressure under control.** High blood pressure can cause the heart and cardiovascular system to weaken over time.

- **Achieve and maintain a healthy weight.** Ask your physician or dietitian what a proper weight is for you.

The Every Woman Matters Program and the Lincoln in Motion coalition are encouraging women to “take a healthy step” by starting a walking program this month. There is a 16-week program that can help people get started on a walking program that will gradually increase the number of steps they take each day to a goal of walking 10,000 steps a day. If you are interested in the program, you will need to have a pedometer to count the number of steps taken each day. Pedometers are available at sporting goods stores across Lincoln or one can be purchased from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department for $20. The walking program is available through the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Knowing the risk factors for heart disease and adopting life-long heart-healthy practices can improve heart health and possibly extend your life. This Valentine’s Day, make time for your own heart and one that belongs to someone you love.
February 8, 2006

Terry Rothanzl
Engineering Design Consultants
2200 Fletcher Ave. Suite 102
Lincoln, NE 68521

RE: Vintage Heights 25th Addition Final Plat #05123 Generally located at S. 98th St. and Pine Lake Rd.

Dear Terry:

Vintage Heights 25th Addition generally located northwest of S. 98th St. and Pine Lake Rd. was approved by the Planning Director on February 8, 2006. 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,

Tom Cajka
Planner

CC: Fred Matulka
City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
File

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Construction of this project began in February. The project includes the widening of “O” Street from 46th to 52nd Streets to six lanes; dual left-turn lanes at the intersection of 48th and “O” Street; and safety and capacity improvements to 48th Street from “M” to “R” Streets. It also includes water main improvements along “O” Street from 33rd to 48th Streets and along 48th Street from “O” to “M” Streets.

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Villager, 5200 “O” Street (Lincoln Ballroom). The meeting will be held in open house format and construction phasing plans will be available to view. Representatives from the City of Lincoln, Olsson Associates (the design firm), and Hawkins Construction (the contractor) will be present to discuss the project.

For more information on the water main and street project, see the City’s website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: ostreet) or contact Larry Duensing, construction project manager, at 441-8401 or Holly Lionberger, design project manager, at 441-8400.
Memorandum

To: City Council Members

From: Public Works & Utilities

Subject: Bill No. 06-12, Sanitary Sewer District at Northeast Corner of South 84th and Old Cheney Road

Date: February 7, 2006

Attached is an aerial photo for Bill No. 06-12, to create and construct a Sanitary Sewer District at the northeast corner of South 84th Street and Old Cheney Road.

Please replace the storm sewer profiles from Schemmer Associates (for another project) that were mistakenly attached to the packet with this aerial photo.

Attachment
Sanitary Sewer District
Requested by: Jack Wolf for Knutson
Northeast Corner of 84th and Old Cheney Road

Assessment Limits
- Proposed 8 inch Sanitary Sewer
- Proposed Easement Area
- Petitioner
2006 Combined Weed Control Plan

The mission of the Lancaster County Noxious Weed Control Authority is: The education of the public concerning noxious weeds and to exercise the necessary authority to obtain effective control of noxious weeds county-wide and the education of the public concerning weed abatement and to exercise the necessary authority to cut and clear overgrown weeds and worthless vegetation in the city of Lincoln.

Management

Plans are to encourage voluntary compliance of required noxious weed control weed and abatement in the City of Lincoln by making inspections of 2,198 sites. 173 musk thistle sites will be inspected during the spring-summer season. This will include inspections of private lands, Union Pacific and BNSF railroads, of the Bluff Road and 48th Street landfills, of all complaints, all observed infestations.

- 100 purple loosestrife sites will be inspected. Streams in the City of Lincoln will be inspected for wild purple loosestrife plants.
- Inspections will be made on 2,000 sites for violations of City Weed Abatement Program. Notifications and needed follow-up will be made on all inspections.

Awareness

Several education efforts will be made to make the public aware of noxious weeds and City Weed Abatement.

- Publish this Weed Awareness Special insert to in the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service Nebline with a circulation of about 10,000.
- Maintaining and updating Internet Homepage at www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/weeds with over 40,000 hits in 2005.
- Special mailings to multiple violators, leafy spurge owners, owners of problem infestations, homeowner associations, public land managers, and Adopt-a-Clean Road volunteers.
- Prepare and display exhibit in lobby of County Cooperative Extension Service Conference Center and Nebraska State Fair.

January Activities

- Director evaluation 2:30
- Lower Platte Weed Management Area Mtng
- Commissioners approval of annual reports & plan
- NEBl ine insert deadline
- Submit required state reports
- Monthly activity report

February Planned Activities

- County staff meeting 11:00
- Commons Mtg Annual Report & Plan
- Legislative Hearing
- Mgt Team Mtg
- NWCA Conference Grand Island
- LPWMA meeting

![Graph of 2006 Inspections](image)
Tammy--for the Council

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

-----Original Message-----
From: buffmynun@aim.com
To: CAMP JON
Sent: Wed, 08 Feb 2006 14:57:21 -0500
Subject: I bet you could guess.

Well Sir Jon Camp:

First of all you seem like quite the pompous gentleman. Your proposed amendment is simply unreasonable. Think of all the promoters who hand out stickers. Are they going to end up in trouble if the stickers appear on public property? It's not like they are throwing the posters on the ground on purpose. Is this law even going to be enforced? Seriously do you think it's truly going to work? No, probably not. Why not? It's absurd. I think your mind is in the right place about reducing the litter situation. This is just an incongruous way about solving it. Making business owners and people who dispense the signs equally accountable isn't going to have an affect on the garbage problem. People will still continue to distribute the posters. Even if the papers aren't on poles they will still reach the ground. Not all of the garbage could be fliers. What about careless people who toss food wrappers onto the ground? How about the people who heave waste out of their automobile? All I'm saying is there has got to be a better more reasonable way to resolve said litter issue.

Sincerely,
A very concerned individual

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For Council

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

-----Original Message-----
From: CAMP JON  
To: buffmynun@aim.com  
Sent: Wed, 08 Feb 2006 16:11:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: I bet you could guess.

Greetings:

First of all, I am anything but "pompous".

Regardless, thanks for your email.

I agree with you, so am open to ideas. The primary problem is posting flyers on public right of way power poles.

Above all, do not forget that City ordinances already prohibit this type of littering. All my amendment does is increase the fine from $100 to $500 and make sponsors listed on the flyers as co-liable.

Again, I hope you can provide some substantive solutions to the problem.

So, who is my "fair maiden"?

Best regards,

Jon, your loyal servant

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-----Original Message-----  
From: CAMP JON  
To: queenothetwist@hotmail.com  
Sent: Wed, 08 Feb 2006 16:15:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flyer Ordinance  

Dear Queen of the Twist:  

Thanks for your thoughts. Would you be willing to contribute to a fund to erect special kiosks or boards on which people could post flyers?  

Currently the City ordinances already prohibit this activity. . .my proposed amendment just makes it more expensive if one is caught.  

I am glad you are concerned and took the time to email. I look forward to your suggestions.  

Best regards,  

Jon  

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

-----Original Message-----  
From: Elizabeth Hitt <queenothetwist@hotmail.com>  
To: campjon@aol.com  
Sent: Wed, 08 Feb 2006 07:28:50 -0600
Subject: Flyer Ordinance

This flyer proposal is not a popular one. I feel that if the city wants to do something about litter, hire more guys with pointed sticks. Or have volunteer options for community service deal more with litter. Hire students for the jobs. Posters are inexpensive and popular for getting the word out for local events, political ideology, commercial ventures, etc. Poles covered with flyers has never been something I've looked at as "litter" but signs that a city has a heartbeat and blood in its veins. When I moved to Lincoln it was the first means of finding out what was "going on" in town. Don't alienate young people with crabby laws. There are already enough of those.

Don't make flyers go away. We like them.

Liz Hitt, voter with an opinionated husband and friends who also vote.

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http://messenger.msn.click-url.com/go/onm00200471ave/direct/01/
Hi Jon-
Thanks for the quick reply! I'm not sure if I understand why raising the fine would make a difference. It sounds like the current fine would be enough to deter people- is the real issue here a problem of enforcement? Penalizing the venue for something out of their control will only hinder Lincoln's music and art scenes. I first saw information and a link to the LJS article on Tery Daly's StarCityScene.com message board. We have a fairly active and responsible music scene in Lincoln. There are definitely ignorant people in the community but for the most part people are generally friendly and welcome the opportunity to discuss problems and solutions to help the scene grow. I would love to be a part of the bigger conversation about this.
Thanks-
Ben

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<< creative design concepts - innovative technology solutions >>
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To: campjon@aol.com; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov; robine@neb.rr.com; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 09:59:40 -0600
Subject: Flyer Ordinance Concerns

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Tery:

Thank you for your additional email.

As we discussed by telephone, I will be pleased to meet with a group you and others can put together that will be "constructive".

I take a certain amount of "offense" at your characterization of this as a "Jon Camp" issue. I again remind you that CURRENT City ordinance prohibits these types of littering--my proposed amendment only (1) increases the fine and (2) makes parties listed on the advertisements/litter co-liable.

I encourage you, other band promoters and members, and the general public, to engage in lawful conduct and offer constructive solutions. In the defense of law-abiding citizens, bands and businesses, it is not equitable for them to have to follow the law while others are violating the law.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with interested parties.

Jon

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-----Original Message-----
From: Star City Scene <info@starcityscene.com>
To: council@lincoln.ne.gov; campjon@aol.com
Sent: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 12:32:49 -0600 (CST)
Subject: Flyer Ordinance Comments

TO: Jon Camp and The Lincoln City Council,

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Malcom:

Thanks for your email and article. I agree about the "many elements that make a city dynamic". I anticipate future and immediate discussion to address these issues and look forward to positive and constructive results that benefit all Lincolnites.

Jon

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From: malcom miles <malcom50@hotmail.com>
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Sent: Tue, 07 Feb 2006 19:42:49 +0000
Subject: The Creative Class and litter

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your ordinance regarding fines for "littering." There are many elements that make a city dynamic. Traditional businesses are a vital interest but by no means the only one.

I urge you to look over the below article about Richard Florida, who recently spoke in Omaha at a Young Professionals Summit. His work on the importance of talent, technology and tolerance for the health of a community is a good framework for how the city of Lincoln should encourage vibrant local arts, music, theatre, social action, literature, cultural happenings, etc.

All these activities are potentially threatened by your current ordinance, not to mention any businesses or non-profits that may try to support them. Please find a way to promote these types of events and not hinder their ability to promote themselves.
Creatives must bring everyone along, says Florida

I was wrong about Richard Florida's *Rise of the Creative Class*....I, and apparently a lot of people, thought that the book was elitist, that it was about the need for cities to bring in the amenities that would appeal to the creative-class workers that Florida says are the backbone of the new economy.

But that's not what he said yesterday when he gave the keynote "Engaging Creative Communities: The New Global Competition for Talent" here at CPSI. His main point, made yesterday in his speech and in his newest book *Flight of the Creative Class*, seems to be that all people are creative and that the way a community can attract jobs and economic prosperity is to engage the creativity of everyone in that community, not just the 30% of people who are actually in creative-class jobs.

Here are some highlights of his talk. Some of them are linked to appropriate short video clips:

"What powers economic growth? It's not technology -- technology is a raw material. What makes human being unique is one thing -- creativity. All else are subsets. Creativity powers economic growth."

"Political polarization is the recoil from the rise of the creative economy. And the blame [for stoking the fears] goes on both sides of the aisle." Paraphrase of what followed: Part of this political polarization is because of the widening gap between the creative haves and the have-nots, expressed in such statistics as the cost of housing, which is increasingly out of reach for lower- and middle-income people in high-creative areas.

"It's *not* about the creative elite, but about the creativity of *everyone*. It's the collective intelligence of [all the workers] that gives companies....For real economic impact, we must tap into the creativity of the 70% of the people who are not in the creative class."

"In order to attract creative-class jobs, a community needs technology (high-tech businesses), talent (the ability to educate the local talent as well as to keep talent and attract talent), and tolerant (must be proactively inclusive of all kinds of people, not just grudgingly accepting)."

"The real competition is for global creative talent...If you ask people in their 20s where they would like to move, the list [of places] is international. The world is an open system and friendship networks are international among 20-somethings."

Reacting to Thomas Friedman's *The World Is Flat*, Florida said, "the world is not flat, but simultaneously incredibly concentrated and spiky...there are two dozen spiky places in the world that account for 98% of innovation.

Solutions: According to Florida, the political class at the national level is clueless, which he says not a U.S.-specific problem but "the same all over the world." He urged everyone in the audience that the work must be done at the local level, by councilpeople and mayors.

"The models that we have to build on are those that build a more inclusive, creative society, such as Helsinki, Stockholm, Melbourne, Sydney....and Minneapolis-St. Paul is a good model."

Following Florida's talk, Minneapolis councilman Don Samuels spoke about the challenges of building the creative talent in inner-city neighborhoods, where often "the brightest and most
creative often end up on the wrong side of the law -- the frustration of creativity attacks the brightest first." There was a very interesting discussion that followed, about how the kids that "get out" of challenging childhood circumstances are usually those who are smart, but not "street-smart" and entrepreneurial..."the really bright, tough, smart kids are the ones who don't get out" which Samuels attributed to the attitude that "there has always been a group of people in this country that it's not OK to educate....[and] every day I have to re-educate myself as to the value of the kids in my community." Florida's comment: "The society that solves its crime or gang problem will be an economic engine."
The starting points for solutions: 1) See every individual as creative; 2) Be open; 3) Leave no one behind.
Ben:

You have addressed an important issue. Some how I hope interested parties can discuss reasonable approaches to accommodate the music scene yet be respectful of anti-littering laws. Please continue to offer your input.

Jon

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Subject: Flyer Ordinance Concerns

Hi, I have recently read your proposed ordinance concerning the placement of fliers on street poles, public phones etc. I have been around the Lincoln music scene for the past six years both as a musician and supporter of local music. With all due respect the music scene in Lincoln is already in trouble because of the closure of all but two all age venues over the past years. If your proposed ordinance passes I am very afraid that it will be the straw the breaks the camels back and you will have effectively started the beginning of the end for the Lincoln music scene. My younger brother and his friends eat, sleep and breathe music and they love nothing more than going to local shows. The way they find out about shows they want to see are mainly because of the fliers and posters they see up downtown or from friends who have been there(fliers) downtown then spread the word. Even though fliers may not be aesthetically pleasing, they do offer high school kids information for a safe, fun place to go on the weekends. If nothing else I would ask you to consider who this oridance really effects.
Musicians doing what they love, but most importantly the kids in Lincoln. Thank you for your time. Sincerely- Ben Francis
Lincoln City Council,

I respectfully urge the Council to vote against expanded gambling in the city. The social expense is 70% costlier than any purported revenue.

Thank you,
Steve Ashby
245 S 29th Street
Lincoln, NE 68150
HI Council members, My name is Jeremy, and I think it is very unethical for the poor and middle class to forgo the brunt of the increase when big business should be paying for their fare share because you know as well as I do they use the majority of KWs. Remember you can always be voted out of office, so just worry about the real reason you are in office as a public official. "The salvation of the state is the watchfulness of its' citizens." Thanks so much for your time.
2006 Annual Health Challenge

The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) is sponsoring Lincoln's 5th Annual Health Challenge.

The Health Challenge, a three-week incentive program, will be held March 5-25, 2006, to raise community awareness of healthy behaviors and lifestyles. The concept is simple: residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County participate in healthy activities, earn points, and become eligible for thousands of great prizes including computers, bikes, trips, children's activities, gift certificates, and much more!

Bruce Dart, Executive Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department says: "The Health Challenge is a fun way to encourage individuals or families to consider making healthy choices and participate in healthy activities. I plan to participate in the 2006 Health Challenge, and I encourage all city/county employees and their families to participate as well!"

The Health Challenge a simple and FREE way to emphasize healthy activities and have fun while doing it! The Health Challenge is open to anyone age 3 and above who lives, goes to school or works in Lincoln or Lancaster County.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jodi Loos, Health Challenge Coordinator at jodi.loos@chelincoln.org to request a scorecard or click on the following link to print out a scorecard CHElincoln.org. Click on Health Challenge which will direct you to the scorecard. Scorecards will be available at partner and sponsor locations in mid-February.

We hope you will join us in making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation! If you have any questions, contact CHE at 436-5516.

Sponsors for this year's event are: Valentino's, KLKN TV, Lincoln Journal Star, US Bank, Cornhusker Bank and the Lancaster County Medical Society.

Partners include: Girl Scouts, City of Lincoln, KFRX, KFOR, KLMS, 95Rock, Lincoln Public Schools, Human Services Federation, WorkWell, Inc., Russ's Markets, Community Learning Centers, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Youth in Action Center, Lincoln Children's Museum, YWCA, LIBA, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America and the YMCA.

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Dear Mr. Jergensen:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to Council Members and to the City Law Department for a response. Thank-you.

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I am concerned about an ordinance regarding "flyers". Could somebody please get back to me regarding the ordinance and its potential enforcement. Any information that you could give me would be very greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.
Bob Jergensen
Owner, P.O. Pears
476.8551
I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Coventry Healthcare medical plan implemented by the City of Lincoln for its employees effective November 1, 2005. I feel the plan contains some specific medical exclusions that make it sub-standard for participants who are affected by several relatively common medical conditions.

I am speaking specifically of section 6.2.78 which reads, “Treatment for mental retardation and disorders relating to: learning, motor skills, communication, pervasive developmental conditions such as, but not limited to, autism, feeding and eating disorders in infancy and early childhood.”

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handicapped too. I personally know of at least three other families in the Police Department alone who are affected by these conditions.

I understand that the City of Lincoln has a responsibility to obtain the highest quality healthcare at the lowest cost for its employees, and I support that objective. I also understand that the costs for medical care have skyrocketed over the past few years, and that organizations are taking sometimes extreme measures in order to provide affordable insurance coverage. However, I would ask that the City carefully review the medical plans chosen to ensure that those plans do not discriminate against an inordinate number of people. The financial burden of paying for these therapies out of pocket is enormous and will cause hardships for my family and the others affected.

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Cc: City Administrator
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Seriously??? We need a flyer ordinance???

Sounds silly to me...we can not have a rule for everything in this world...some day those who break the rules, in this case those littering, need to take responsibility for their own actions. The only reason the bar would be punished is because that is who could be found...they didn't litter.

Stephanie Darnall
What did you find out?

It’s a rip off…….

How about getting some competition to bid against this Time Warner monopoly?

Larry J.

Please forward this note to the City Council Members
and especially those on the Cable Franchise Negotiation Committee.
Hello:

I recently purchase a High Definition Television.

I had Time Warner come out and install a high definition card in my set.

After installation I realized that I was only getting 4 local channels in high definition

( Etv, NBC, CBS, ABC)

I called Time Warner and said “Hey I pay for ESPN, why am I not getting ESPN in High Definition”?

They told me I have to pay another $6.95 per month to get ESPN high definition.

I told them I am already paying for ESPN.

They said if I want ESPN in high definition it is another price tier up and would cost me more money.

This is a total rip off…..If we pay for a cable channel, then we should get it in high definition. if it is offered.

Bottom line is that I am paying extra to get the ESPN channel, but I cannot get it in
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Time Warner has a monopoly and is taking advantage of the consumer…..

It is time to bring in competition and make them treat us fairly.

Please take action.

Larry Jablonski
Tery Daly - Star City Scene,

Outrage much to strong of a reaction to this suggested ordinance change. Outrage is an appropriate response that we as venue operators should have toward our peers who ignore the existing ordinances and rules that the City has established. I understand the frustration and concern that anyone, property owners and general citizens would have toward the practice of blanketing posts and other public surfaces with handbills and posters for upcoming event. Jon Camps ordinance change, while not perfect, conveyed to me and it should convey to others in the industry the need for us to self police and express through peer pressure the need to follow the rules already established regarding the placement, distribution and after the event clean up of our promotional messages.

We can't continue to condone "gorilla style" marketing practices that deface light poles, telephone poles, fences and sidewalks. Tape residue and 500 staples left in every telephone pole is not a responsible way for us to promote our businesses. This spirit of the ordinance change is not aimed at McDonalds trash bags or yard sale signs, although those are legitimate concerns. The ordinance change is aimed at a few bars and clubs that ignore common decorum and repeatedly choose to oversaturate an area with fliers advertising upcoming bands at their establishments.

We can argue and point out difficulties with the ordinance all day long. We can complain that it doesn't treat everyone fairly, but we can't hide behind the fact that the business of promoting bands and events has left some areas of our city a mess. We need to start by finding a solution to the problem and encouraging more organized and legal forums and location for the posting of our upcoming event's messages. We need to show that we are responsible after the event by removing those promotional pieces from the kiosks and billboards where we posted the material originally.

One of my main points of discussion at City Council on Monday was that we as venue owners and operators can't alway control who makes and distributes material pertaining to an upcoming concert or show at our venue. We can control our communication with those acts and our reaction to the community when we find that our client or patrons have inappropriately posted or discarded promotional material tied to our events. We can and should be concerned about how our neighborhood look and by showing the community we can self monitor and that we care, then we won't be faced with ordinances that seem unfair but are actually reasonable responses to a situation that has not gotten better over time.

Tery, I implore you to re frame the discussion to one of positive suggestions and pledges by venues to refrain from ignoring the current city ordinances prohibiting placing advertising on light poles, phone poles, unauthorized fences and public spaces. Let's suggest solutions for where we can build kiosks or message boards where our messages can be posted. I don't suggest we advertise less, I suggest we find ways to advertise within the rules established by the city and in ways that
don't offend the very persons we hope to convince to patronize our venues by their attendance at our events. Jon isn't the bad guy for suggesting this change, we are culpable for allowing this situation to continue to escalate to the point where this kind of legislation makes sense to some as a method to cope with a situation that detracts from the aesthetic environment of our city.

Tom Lorenz
General Manager / Pershing Center
When it comes to venues, that isn't where the problem is. It is among promoters, bands, and street teams. The only place our venue fliers is in the venue, in approved locations on campus bulletin boards, the kiosks that the downtown association hangs, and record stores. For us that equals 13 (fliers) locations. We have approximately 80 bands a month at our venue. Each band averages four members. With the new ordinance that makes me responsible for approximately 320 people every month who may put up a flier that I disapprove of. That doesn't include promoters and friends of the bands. I don't see how I can control what takes place outside of the venue. There all ready is a law in place against plastering fliers. Enforce the law and don't put the blame where it doesn't belong.

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Well said Thomas,

When I first read the original post I was very frustrated at the fact that Jon Camp would consider penalties for the venue when a band hangs it's flyers. Then as I sat and really looked at what the problem is I really have to agree with Thomas Lorenze from The Pershing Center.

There are certain establishments out there that hang posters on their walls/fences every week and they should be able to do that since it is their property. Some of these locations even take it a step further and take down their old posters when they put up new ones. This is being responsible unlike many others.

To fight this thing with the defense that one should have the right to hang flyers where they want seems rather radical and juvenile. Then again, my guess is that the bands that are doing this stuff is most likely the more radical and juvenile bands/bars around town.

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Tom

PartyDogz wrote:
Well said Thomas,

When I first read the original post I was very frustrated at the fact that Jon Camp would consider penalties for the venue when a band hangs it's flyers. Then as I sat and really looked at what the problem is I really have to agree with Thomas Lorenze from The Pershing Center.

There are certain establishments out there that hang posters on their walls/fences every week and they should be able to do that since it is their property. Some of these locations even take it a step further and take down their old posters when they put up new ones. This is being responsible unlike many others.

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Thank you for all you do.

Mike Fitzgerald
3794 H St.
After reading the editorial "Time to move on city plan for wireless Web",
http://www.journalstar.com/articles/2006/02/05/editorial_main/doc43e54b6560bab766990735.txt

I was excited to find that something I've been whispering to government officials, colleagues, and business groups had finally come to the forefront and hopefully in result will be taken with a stronger consideration.

For the past several years, I've been promoting expanded technology use in our community. The below e-mail and attached letter I sent in 2005 which outlined a integrated re-development/technology strategy that I envisioned to promote our downtown as a high-technology business/citizen center. It's a win/win situation for businesses, customers, citizens, and government.

I'm glad you have brought the issue to light, and I hope it serves as a wake-up call to re-development design efforts underway and to the future.

Kind Regards,

J.R. Brown
> From: jrbrown3@hotmail.com
> To: kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov
> CC: Council@Lincoln.NE.Gov; Mayor@Lincoln.NE.Gov
> Subject: Technology and the Downtown Master Plan
> Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2005 16:33:20 -0500
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> Dear Mr. Morgan,
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> I was told by City Planning staff that you were ultimately responsible for
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> if you would read my attached letter and pass it on to the rest of the
> Downtown Master Plan committee. If you have any problems viewing it, please
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RE: LES Rates

TO WHOM IT MAY CONERN:

My letter is reference to the new rates for residence in Lincoln, Nebraska. Not to long ago, LES was going to raise the rates on businesses in Lincoln. Based upon this please answer the following questions?

1. When was the last audit conducted for LES and what was the results?

2. Is LES audited yearly?

3. The results from your vote seem to me similar what the Democrats say about the rich – they pay less then the rest!

4. When LES decided to place Fiber Optics underground in Lincoln, what was the cost to the tax payer and did the cable get sold or rented to users?

5. Is LES being managed properly for the best cost for Lincoln residence?

I have many other questions; however, if the above are answered in full, this will take care of my comments for now.

Thank you advance for your response to my questions.

Sincerely,

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Global Eye -- Vanishing Act

By Chris Floyd

The American vote-count is controlled by three major corporate players -- Diebold, ES&S, and Sequoia -- with a fourth, Science Applications International Corporation, coming on strong. These companies -- all of them hardwired into the Bushist Party power grid -- have been given billions of dollars by the Bush Regime to complete a sweeping computerization of voting machines nationwide by the 2004 election. These glitch-riddled systems -- many using "touch-screen" technology that leaves no paper trail at all -- are almost laughably open to manipulation, according to corporate whistleblowers and computer scientists at Stanford, Johns Hopkins and other universities.

The technology had a trial run in the 2002 midterm elections. In Georgia, serviced by new Diebold systems, a popular Democratic governor and senator were both unseated in what the media called "amazing" upsets, with results showing vote swings of up to 16 percent from the last pre-ballot polls. In computerized Minnesota, former Vice President Walter Mondale -- a replacement for popular incumbent Paul Wellstone, who died days before the vote -- was also defeated in a large last-second vote swing. Convenient "glitches" in Florida saw an untold number of votes intended for the Democratic candidate registering instead for Governor Jeb "L'il Brother" Bush. A Florida Democrat who lost a similarly "glitched" local election went to court to have the computers examined -- but the case was thrown out by a judge who ruled that the innards of America's voting machines are the "trade secrets" of the private companies who make them.

Who's behind these private companies? It's hard to tell: The corporate lines -- even the bloodlines -- of these "competitors" are so intricately mixed. For example, at Diebold -- whose corporate chief, Wally O'Dell, a top Bush fundraiser, has publicly committed himself to "delivering" his home state's votes to Bush next year -- the election division is run by Bob Urosevich. Bob's brother, Todd, is a top executive at "rival" ES&S. The brothers were originally staked in the vote-count business by Howard Ahmanson, a member of the Council for National Policy, a right-wing "steering group" stacked with Bushist faithful.

Ahmansen also has major holdings in ES&S, whose former CEO is Republican Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. When Hagel ran for office, his own company counted the votes; needless to say, his initial victory was reported as "an amazing upset." Hagel still has a million-dollar stake in the parent company of ES&S. In Florida, Jeb Bush's first choice for a running mate in his 1998 gubernatorial race was ES&S lobbyist Sandra Mortham, who made a mint installing the machines that counted Jeb's votes.

Sequoia also has a colorful history, most recently in Louisiana, where it was the center of a massive corruption case that sent top state officials to jail for bribery, most of it funneled through Mob-connected front firms. Sequoia executives were also indicted, but escaped trial after giving immunized testimony against state officials. The British-owned company's corporate parent is private equity firm Madison Dearborn -- a partner of the Carlyle Group, where George Bush I makes millions trolling the world for war pork, privatizations and sweetheart deals with government insiders.

Meanwhile, the shadowy defense contractor SAIC has jumped into the vote-counting game, both directly and through spinoffs by its top brass, including Admiral Bill Owens, former military aide to Dick Cheney and Carlyle boss Frank Carlucci, and ex-CIA chief Robert Gates. SAIC's history of fraud charges and security lapses in its electronic systems hasn't prevented it from becoming one of the largest Pentagon and CIA contractors -- and will doubtless pose little obstacle to its entrance into election engineering.

The mad rush to install unverifiable computer voting is driven by the Help America Vote Act, signed by Bush last year. The chief lobbying group pushing for the act was a consortium of arms dealers -- those disinterested corporate citizens -- including Northrop-Grumman and Lockheed-Martin. The bill also mandates that all states adopt the computerized "ineligble voter purges" system that Jeb used to eliminate 91,000 eligable black voters from the Florida rolls in 2000. The Republican-run private company that accomplished this electoral miracle, ChoicePoint, is bagging the lion's share of the new Bush-ordered purge contracts.

The unelected Bush Regime now controls the government, the military, the judicary -- and the machinery of democracy itself. Absent some unlikely great awakening by the co-opted dullards of the corporate media, next November the last shreds of a genuine American republic will disappear -- at the push of a button.


See also: http://www.commondreams.org/views03/0131-01.htm
Series of http://www.blackboxvoting.com
Election glitches still talk of the county

Officials consider response after software-plagued vote count.

BY MARK THIESSEN
The Associated Press

Larry Woodman is ready to put Nebraska's general elections behind him. Problem is, it doesn't appear many others in Adams County share the same sentiment.

"Out here, news is kind of slow," the County Board chairman said from his home in Kenesaw.

That means the county's status in the Nov. 5 elections will remain the hot topic until something bigger comes along.

Computer software glitches ended up delaying election results in the county for two days. Woodman said it will take something big to top all the talk about those problems.

"Everybody wants vengeance," Woodman said.

The delay did not make any difference in statewide races, but residents didn't know the outcome of local races—like the vote on a new city water park in Hastings, city councils and school boards—until Nov. 7.

The County Board will discuss the election at length Tuesday when it meets with County Attorney Donna Fegler Dauss and County Election Commissioner Chris Lewis.

They may consider asking for a refund from the county's election contractor, Election Systems and Software of Omaha.

"So much of that stuff, you pay your bucks and it's yours somehow," Woodman said.

If the county pursues reimbursement, Woodman said it may lead to lawsuit.

"I don't know if we're going to go through that," he said.

They may not have to:

Election Systems Vice President Todd Urosevich said when the company has not delivered on time or provided the quality expected, it has offered concessions to customers.

"It obviously wouldn't be out of line to ask for concessions or our company to grant concessions," he said.

Lewis thinks discussions about lawsuits are premature. She plans to visit with company officials in Omaha early next month.

Adams County's problems began when Election Systems' ballot-counting software did not arrive at the county courthouse until the day before the election.

No one has an easy answer as to why that happened.

Lewis said she provided Election Systems with the sample ballots about a month before the election so the company could code its software program.

Urosevich said the company likes a 14-day turnaround period for software. He did not know exactly what caused the delay for Adams County.

The company tries to maintain a first-in and first-out policy when it receives sample ballots, but it dealt with thousands of them before the election.

"It's always a frantic pace toward the last week of the general election," he said.

The company's machines counted about half the ballots cast across the country on Nov. 5. The company's clients include 48 of Nebraska's 93 counties, and no other election problems were reported in the state. However, election results were delayed by seven hours in Davison County, S.D., because of a problem with a computer chip provided by Election Systems.

Woodman called the day before the election delivery of software the only real problem with the company's handling of the Adams County elections.

"Then the clerk found out right away it wouldn't work," Woodman said.

The Election Systems software contained a coding error that incorrectly tabulated results in some local races, Urosevich said.

Attempts to clear up the problem, including using a backup machine, failed.

The company eventually fixed the coding bug in Omaha and delivered the new software to Hastings two days later.

Urosevich said it was not a simple case of changing a single line of coding. Whatever changes were made to the hard-wired computer chip had to be tested. Programmers had to be sure the race in question was fixed and that the new coding didn't cause other errors.

With the fix, it only took about two hours to count the nearly 6,700 ballots cast in the county.
Black Box Voting Blues

Electronic ballot technology makes things easy. But some computer-security experts warn of the possibility of stolen elections

Nov. 3 issue — After the traumas of butterfly ballots and hanging chad, election officials are embracing a brave new ballot: sleek, touch-screen terminals known as direct-recording electronic voting systems (DRE). States are starting to replace their Rube Goldberg-esque technology with digital devices like the Diebold Accu-Vote voting terminal. Georgia uses Diebolds exclusively, and other states have spent millions on such machines, funded in part by the 2002 federal Help America Vote Act. Many more terminals are on the way.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE machines have “a fatal disadvantage,” says Rep. Rush Holt of New Jersey, who’s sponsoring legislation on the issue. “They’re unverifiable. When a voter votes, he or she has no way of knowing whether the vote is recorded.” After you punch the buttons to choose your candidates, you may get a final screen that reflects your choices—but there’s no way to tell that those choices are the ones that ultimately get reported in the final tally. You simply have to trust that the software inside the machine is doing its job.

It gets scarier. The best minds in the computer-security world contend that the voting terminals can’t be trusted. Listen, for example, to Avi Rubin, a computer-security expert and professor at Johns Hopkins University who was slipped a copy of Diebold’s source code earlier this year. After he and his students examined it, he concluded that the protections against fraud and tampering were strictly amateur hour. “Anyone in my basic security classes would have done better,” he says. The cryptography was weak and poorly implemented, and the smart-card system that supposedly increased security actually created new vulnerabilities. Rubin’s paper concluded that the Diebold system was “far below even the most minimal security standards.” Naturally, Diebold disagrees with Rubin. “We’re very confident of accuracy and security in our system,” says director of Diebold Election Systems Mark Radke.

After Rubin’s paper appeared, Maryland officials—who were about to drop $57 million on Diebold devices—commissioned an outside firm to look at the problem. The resulting report confirmed many of Rubin’s findings and found that the machines did not meet the state’s security standards. However, the study also said that in practice some problems were mitigated, and others could be fixed, an attitude Rubin considers overly optimistic. “You’d have to start with a fresh design to make the devices secure,” he says.

In the past few months, the computer-security community has been increasingly vocal on the problems of DRE terminals. “I think the risk [of a stolen election] is extremely high,” says David Dill, a Stanford computer scientist. The devices are certified, scientists say, but the process focuses more on making sure that the machines don’t break down than on testing computer code for Trojan horses and susceptibility to tampering. While there’s no evidence that the political establishment actually wants vulnerable machines, the Internet is buzzing with conspiracy theories centering on these “black box” voting devices. (The biggest buzz focuses on the 2002 Georgia gubernatorial election, won by a Republican underdog whose win confounded pollsters.) Suspicions run even higher when people learn that some of those in charge of voting technology are themselves partisan. Walden O’Dell, the CEO of Diebold, is a major fund-raiser for the Bush re-election campaign who recently wrote to contributors that he was “committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes for the president next year.” He later clarified that he wasn’t talking about rigging the machines. Whew.

To remedy the problem, technologists and allies are rallying around a scheme called verifiable voting. This supplements electronic voting systems with a print-out that affirms the voter’s choices. The printout goes immediately into a secure lockbox. If there’s a need for a recount, the paper ballots are tallied. It’s not a perfect system, but it could keep the machines honest. If Representative Holt’s proposed Voter Confidence Act is passed, verification will be the law of the land by the 2004 election, but prospects are dim, as the committee chairman, Bob Ney of Ohio, is against it.

Read Message

From: "Jew" <jwunderlich@neb.net>
Date: 2006/01/27 Fri PM 08:01:16 CST
To: <directed@alltel.net>
Subject: FW: Programmer Jeff Dean worked for chief of White House Plumbers unit.

> steal the vote
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> PERMISSION TO REPRINT GRANTED, WITH LINK TO
> http://www.blackboxvoting.org
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> Convicted of 23 felonies for computer crimes, Jeffrey Dean
> was sent to prison for four years. Shortly after his release
> from incarceration, his company was awarded one of the
> largest ballot printing contracts in history.
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> In a 2003 deposition, Dean states that he was a scapegoat
> who was left holding the bag in a series of unapproved payments
> from Culp, Guterson & Grader, one of the most politically connected
> law firms in Washington state.
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> One of this firm's partners at the time was Ed "Bud" Krogh,
> who headed the White House "plumbers" unit under Richard Nixon.
> Krogh ordered the burglary of Pentagon Papers whistleblower
> Daniel Ellsberg.
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> Dean claimed that other persons from the firm were involved in
> a scheme, and upon discovery of illicit payments (averaging
> $14,000/month) he was made to take the blame. Krogh was a
> partner at Culp Guterson & Grader during the time period that
> Dean was receiving illicit payments of approximately $15,000
> per month.
>
> Like Jeffrey Dean, Krogh did time in prison -- four months for
> Watergate-related crimes. He was disbarred, but after a fight
> from a Culp Guterson & Grader attorney, his credentials were
> restored. At the time, the firm was called "Culp Dyer Guterson
> & Grader."
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> 'He [Krogh] was hired on the merits of his character, intelligence
> and skills as a lawyer,' said William L. Dyer, the firm's senior
> partner, who had represented Mr. Krogh in his disbarment fight.
> Dyer became a U.S. district judge.
>
> DEAN BECOMES A BALLOT PRINTER
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> Shortly after Jeffrey Dean was released from prison a company
> owned by his wife (but run by Jeffrey Dean) was awarded one
> of the largest ballot-printing contracts in history, with King County,
> Washington. In SEC documents, this company (Spectrum Print & Mail
> Ltd.) lists assets located in the Seattle area, British Columbia, San
> Francisco and in the Norwalk (CA) location that houses the Los Angeles
> County Elections Division.
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> DEAN DEVELOPS COMPUTERIZED ELECTION SYSTEMS
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> According to depositions taken in 2003, Jeffrey Dean programmed
> the ballot sorting software used to process incoming and outgoing
> mail-in ballots; he also developed the Vote Remote software used
> to track and authenticate mail-in ballots.
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> Key logs from King County Elections show that Jeffrey Dean was
> given intimate access to the GEMS server (Diebold central tabulating
> software); internal memos from Diebold refer to an ongoing consulting
> arrangement with Dean, and document that he had management

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Two Sides of the Software...
Charlie Matulka 
916 N 21st St 
Beatrice, NE 68310 

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for contacting me to share your thoughts about protecting the integrity of our country's elections. I understand your interest in this issue and appreciated hearing from you.

Historically, elections in the United States have been administered at the state and local level. After the widespread problems that occurred in the November 2000 election, Congress, the states, and various commissions examined election procedures, voting technologies, whether national standards are necessary, and the federal role in the election process.

In October of 2002, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) which set requirements for voting and voter-registration systems and other aspects of election administration, but does not supplant state and local control over election administration. Beginning in 2006, voting systems used in federal elections must provide for error correction by voters, manual auditing, accessibility to disabled persons, alternative languages, and federal error-rate standards. Systems must also maintain voter privacy and ballot confidentiality, and states are required to adopt uniform standards for what constitutes a vote on each system.

Currently, five different technologies are in use - paper ballots, lever machines, punchcards, optical scan, and electronic systems - and most states use more than one kind. Each has advantages and disadvantages with respect to error rates, cost, speed, recounts, accessibility to disabled persons, and other characteristics. Differences in actual performance in elections are difficult to measure accurately, and they depend on many factors other than the technology, such as the familiarity of voters with the equipment, the complexity and design of the ballot, local standards and practices, the condition of the equipment, and the level of competence of pollworkers.

The HAVA included a number of provisions that concern military and overseas voters, specifically requiring the Secretary of Defense to provide appropriate resources for voting action officers in the services and to ensure postmarking of military absentee ballots. The law also requires states to report the number of absentee ballots sent and cast in the election, as well as to provide an explanation for rejecting an absentee ballot or voter registration application. Congress has also provided over $3 billion to states for election administration improvements.

While I share your concerns about voter fraud, I also believe in the full participation of our electorate in the exercise of their fundamental right to vote. Over 115 million people across the country, and over 780,000 Nebraskans, voted in the last election. While there have been some minor disparities and irregularities in some states, a number of the problems that occurred
Reasons to be worried about electronic voting machines

AUSTIN, Texas — Heads up, team! The voting machine situation requires sustained attention, but not panic or paranoia. There is time to act, but act we must.

Yes, it is high time to "view with alarm" (an editorial page cliché validated only by "point with pride"), and with bipartisan alarm at that. It's in everyone's interest to have the cleanest, fairest elections possible—that's one of those things you can watch even the most partisan politicians serving on legislative elections committees figure out in no time. The only way to make sure nobody's or get one is to keep it clean. If you don't think there are just as many bright, 14-year-old hackers who would rig a vote in favor of Democrats as there are who would rig it for Republicans, you've been neglecting the 14-year-old hacker set.

I suppose I've been calmer about the possibility/probability that electronic voting machines can be rigged than some others who are now looking at the bad news because it's an old story to me. Ronnie Dugger, a veteran Texas journalist (despite the fact that he's taken to living in, of all places, Cambridge, Mass.), has been on this case for years. I suppose I mentally assign it to some "Ronnie's taking care of that" category.

But as Dugger's questions and predictions keep turning out to be more and more eerily prescient, it's clear this is something about which the general public needs to be aroused and even plenty upset.

The problems with electronic voting machines are numerous and grave, starting with the fact that the software that runs them is considered "proprietary information" by the companies that make them. In other words, they won't tell anyone what it is, how it works or anything else about the systems, meaning we have no way of knowing if they're clean, reliable or even functional.

That uncomfortable situation was rather dramatically underscored when Walden (Wally) O'Dell, chairman and CEO of Diebold Election Systems and a Bush campaign "pioneer" (meaning he raised at least $100,000), wrote in a 2003 fundraising letter that he is "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president." At the time, Diebold was trying to get on Ohio's "favored vendor" list and is now on it. Elections Systems and Software, the country's largest maker of the machines, also has a Republican pedigree.

It's a shame Diebold isn't a big Democratic fundraiser who said he was committed to delivering Ohio for Kerry, so the Republicans could see how they like that. But I'm sure there are enough Republican conspiracy theorists to contemplate the happy proposition that, while chairmen and CEOs may lean Republican, there are any number of partisan Democrats lurking in engineering departments and liberal moles in software-writing offices.

Last July, a team of computer scientists from Johns Hopkins and Rice universities studied the Diebold machines and concluded they are "a threat to democracy."
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of February 11 through February 17, 2006-Schedule subject to change -(See Advisory)

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Abraham Lincoln Celebration events from Noon to 5:30 p.m. held on Feb. 12th - Schedule -(See Advisory)

3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will make a major announcement concerning downtown at a news conference at 10:00 a.m. TODAY, Feb. 13th - (See Advisory)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP

1. E-Mail from Tery Daly sent to Jon Camp - RE: Flyer Ordinance Comments - (See E-Mail)

2. Response E-Mail from Jon Camp to Skyler Reising - Flyer Ordinance Comments - (See E-Mail)

3. E-Mail from Lyle Bigley sent to Jon Camp - RE: Flyer Ordinance -(See E-Mail)


5. Response E-Mail from Jon Camp to Jeanette Smith - RE: Sex offenders and where they can live... -(See E-Mail)
B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Letter from Randy Hoskins to Scott Loos - RE: Old Cheney Road from Salt Valley View to the Railroad Tracks-Parking -(See Letter)

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Peggy Struwe, President, Hawley Area Neighborhood Association in the Malone area - RE: Litter Ordinance, Amending Chapter 8.22 of the Lincoln Municipal Code -(See E-Mail)

2. E-Mail from Jeff Witkowski - RE: Level 3 Sex Offenders -(See E-Mail)
Date: February 10, 2006
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of February 11 through February 17, 2006
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, February 11
- Lincoln East Rotary, annual park equipment painting project - 8:30 a.m., University Place Park maintenance building, 49th and Garland streets

Sunday, February 12
- Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration, proclamation and remarks - 2 p.m. Lincoln North Star High School, 5801 North 33rd Street
- University Place Community Organization annual meeting - 3:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2723 North 50th Street

Monday, February 13
- Mayor's Award of Excellence, present award - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street.

Tuesday, February 14
- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee - 3:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street

Wednesday, February 15
- African-American Heritage Month luncheon, remarks, Key to the City presentation - 11:30 a.m., Spirit of 76 Armory, 1776 North 10th Street
- Spay/Neuter Month proclamation with St. John's third-graders - 4:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street

Friday, February 17
- St. Monica's open house - 3:30 p.m., 120 Wedgewood Drive
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: February 10, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, cell 525-1520

Members of the media are invited to cover all the Abraham Lincoln Celebration events from noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 12 at North Star High School, 5801 North 33rd. The schedule is below, and more information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

The information desk will be just inside the east entrance to the school. I will be available on my cell phone most of the day and can help arrange interviews with the performers.

SCHEDULE (All events except storytelling are in the commons area.)

Noon to 5:30 p.m. Children’s games, toys, and activities; historical exhibits; souvenirs for sale; free refreshments

Noon to 2 p.m. Dancing with the Smith Family Band joined by the Roundhouse Band

1 and 1:30 p.m. Story Time with Greg Welch in Theater

2 p.m. Birthday Ceremony with Mayoral Proclamation, sponsors’ remarks, impersonators awards

2:30 p.m. LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE - Michael Krebs and Larry Diemer
Moderator: Cleve Reeves, Chair, Celebration Steering Committee

4 to 5:30 p.m. Traditional Music with Chris Sayre

IMPONERATORS CONTEST
Contestants in the Abe Lincoln Impersonators Contest can register at the east information desk from noon to 1:30 p.m. Judging will take place at 1:30 p.m., and contestants should meet at the information desk. Awards will be presented during the 2 p.m. Birthday Ceremony.
Gifts will be presented to all contestants, with a special prize for the top impersonator.
DATE: February 13, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will make a major announcement concerning downtown at a news conference at 10 a.m. TODAY, Monday, February 13 in the second floor lobby just outside the Mayor's Office, 555 S. 10th St.
Jon,

In fact, the e-mail had been sent hours before the phone call, and before I had all the details. At that point I was only going off of what was reported in the article in the Journal-Star, which only named you as the sponsor of the amendment to the ordinance.

I'm waiting to hear back from a few band members and venue owners and as soon as I have confirmation I'll contact you back to schedule a time to meet.

Thanks,
Tery

> Tery:
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> Thank you for your additional email.
> 
> As we discussed by telephone, I will be pleased to meet with a group you and others can put together that will be "constructive".
> 
> I take a certain amount of "offense" at your characterization of this as a "Jon Camp" issue. I again remind you that CURRENT City ordinance prohibits these types of littering--my proposed amendment only (1) increases the fine and (2) makes parties listed on the advertisements/litter co-liable.
> 
> I encourage you, other band promoters and members, and the general public, to engage in lawful conduct and offer constructive solutions. In the defense of law-abiding citizens, bands and businesses, it is not equitable for them to have to follow the law while others are violating the law.
> 
> I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with interested parties.
Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: Star City Scene <info@starcityscene.com>
To: council@lincoln.ne.gov; campjon@aol.com
Sent: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 12:32:49 -0600 (CST)
Subject: Flyer Ordinance Comments

TO: Jon Camp and The Lincoln City Council,

I saw an article in today's Lincoln Journal Star about the issue of
Flyers/Handbills and
holding the venues liable with littering fines for any that are found.

I understand from the article that there had already been a meeting about this
issue. Unfortunately, I hadn't heard anything about this issue until now, but have some
VERY
strong feelings about it, and I think that there are several issues that hadn't
been
taken into consideration regarding this issue and would like to discuss it and
provide
some input.

First let me give you a little background. I run Starcityscene.com, an online
community
that covers and promotes the Lincoln, NE original music scene. We include
interviews
with local artists, reviews live shows, CD's, and have a streaming radio
station
of
Lincoln bands and provide forums for the bands and fans of Lincoln music to
discuss
issues.

Obviously bands are one of the many people who go out and put up flyers and
handbills
for their shows, so this is something that affects all of us in the local music
scene.

There is a lot of opportunity for improvement and clarification with this
ordinance.

- First off, how and why does a flyer that's put up on a telephone poll or light
post or
whatever qualify as litter just because Jon Camp doesn't like it.

- does this include Garage/Yard sale flyers that hang on telephone poles and streetlights from one end of town to another and outnumber band flyers by about 1000 to 1.

- What about when Wal-Mart, Target, any local restaurant, or any other business send out their teams to put flyers under windshield wipers of thousands of cars in their parking lots. Those are far more likely to end up flying around on the ground than show posters that are stapled or tape up downtown.

- There are many places downtown, restaurant, record retailers, coffee shops, etc that allow bands to put 4x5 handbills in their businesses. What happens when a customer in one of those places picks one up for something they want a reminder for, and later accidentally or intentionally drops it on the ground? How/why should the venue be held liable?

- Publications from The Reader, The City Weekly, and many others charge businesses bands to insert 8.5x11 inserts to advertise anything they want. Those inserts are notorious for falling out of the papers.

On my drive home from work everyday I must see a dozen plastic bags from Super Saver, Russ' IGA, and other supermarkets or stores caught in tree branches flapping in the breeze. Are they liable for those?

If I were to thoughtlessly toss a Burger King cup out the window of my car while driving along (I never would) is Burger King responsible?

The concept of holding a venue, or a band, or a business liable for something with their name on it becoming litter, despite the fact that they had nothing to do with it seems incredibly short-sighted, and very poorly thought out.

It would appear that Jon Camp is thinking of no one but himself in the proposal
of this ordinance, and is obviously looking to punish someone for something that sticks in his craw. He's not on a "clean up litter" campaign, he just wants to punish someone for something he doesn't like. The concept of punishing the venue, or the band, the person having the garage sale or the business owner that generated a flyer advertising something, is beyond ludicrous.

I'm not sure that anyone other than Jon Camp considers this a problem, but if it is considered to be a real issue, I personally would be very open to and interested in participating in coming up with a logical and realistic solution to this problem.

Feel free to contact me.

Teryl Daly
6100 Vine St. Lincoln
402-466-7866 (after 5 pm)
http://www.starcityscene.com

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http://www.myspace.com/starcityscene
Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

-----Original Message-----
From: CAMP JON
To: temperedlevel@hotmail.com
Sent: Thu, 09 Feb 2006 17:44:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Ordinance Concerns

Skyler:

Thanks for your well written email. I do not disagree with you and will be meeting with a number of parties/band members/business owners, etc. to further discuss my proposed amendment.

As the father of a 22 year old son at UNL, I appreciate the need to promote music alternatives. Surely our creative minds can fine-tune the situation and formulate a good alternative.

Again thank you for your input. Stay tuned.

Jon

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

-----Original Message-----
From: Tempered Level <temperedlevel@hotmail.com>
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Thu, 09 Feb 2006 21:38:14 +0000
Subject: Ordinance Concerns

Dear Mr. Camp,

My name is Skyler Reising. I'm a sophomore music education major at the University of Nebraska, I'm also a redshirt freshman decathlete on for the Huskers. I recently read in an article at journalstar.com that you have proposed legislation to discourage littering. I'm glad that someone is taking the initiative on an environmental issue, but I would also like to bring your attention to something else.

I am unaware of any famous music acts that come from Lincoln, or have ever came from Lincoln. Most recently, and notably, there have been 3 from Omaha. 311, Maroon 5, and Bright Eyes. These bands have gained notoriety not just because they were making good music, but also because they were able to get people to come out to shows and see them. Lincoln and Omaha, in the opinion of Sophia John, program director at 89.7 The River out of Omaha, have the best setup for success in the United States because we have local record dealers that will let us put our music in their stores, venues to play at, people who love to listen to music, and a radio station, that if we're good enough, will play our music.

Legislation that is this hard on the distribution of flyers would hinder efforts of many hard working, poor musicians in Lincoln, and yes there are many of us, and some of us are even still trying to balance a full college class schedule, along with the demands that come with competing at the Division 1 athletic level. I think bands and promoters should pick up their flyers after their shows are completed, but flyers are how people hear about bands.

It seems like everyday I see more and more things that push music further away from Lincoln. Recently we lost the Royal Grove, which besides being a dive, was a place where bands could play and get paid. People knew about the Grove, and would go their frequently to watch local music. Now there is 1 place in Lincoln you can go and play and know you will get paid by how many people you are able to get through the door, and that's Knickerbockers. (at least for rock bands, I know there are other places to play, like the Zoo bar, but mostly blues acts play there)

If you could, please come up with a better way to hold people accountable for their litter. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to email me at sumpinboutsunday@hotmail.com I will be out of town until Sunday for a track meet at Iowa State, but I will try to check me email while I'm there. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Skyler Reising
For the Council.

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

-----Original Message-----
From: DO NOT REPLY to this- InterLinc <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
To: Jon Camp <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 16:28:14 "GMT"
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name: Lyle Bigley
Address: 2140 Breckenridge Dr.
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 402-476-3698
Fax:
Email: bigley20@alltel.netComment or Question:
I agree that something needs to be done about those trashy signs. I had lived on a corner and my yard was filled with those trashy garage sale signs. This is getting to a point that something needs to be done. Thanks

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attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and privileged information. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply e-mail and destroy all copies of the original message.
Fred:

Thanks for your input. I will be delaying this measure and visiting with a number of interested people to consider revisions.

Since the City ordinance already prohibits even garage sale signs, I want to be careful not to open a can of worms and encourage even more illegal flyers, etc.

Jon

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

-----Original Message-----
From: Fred Freytag <fredfreytag@binary.net>
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 13:49:33 -0600
Subject: Re: Litter ordinance, Amending Chapter 8.22 of the Lincoln MunicipalCode

Jon
What do I need to do to get an amendment in on this ordinance? I am all for litter control but I also think we need some verbiage that tells what is allowed and for how long and where. Holding advertisers accountable for where some trash ends up with their name on it is unacceptable.

One thought is to have public places for people to post signs. That might help curb the litter on
poles etc. Like with garage sale signs, it's something people want and will continue to do. Let's come forward with something that will make it acceptable and regulate it.

Respectfully

Fred Freytag
435-2465 Home 464-5257 Work
For Council

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

-----Original Message-----
From: CAMP JON
To: jeanettepribylsmith@earthlink.net
Sent: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 17:58:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Sex offeners and where they can live...

Jeanette:

Great questions! We need to consider the impact this might have on existing property owners as well as new businesses. If someone started a day care center, that could have ramifications on a sex offender who already lived at a location--would he/she have to move?

Thanks.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany
-----Original Message-----
From: jeanettepribylsmith@earthlink.net <jeanettepribylsmith@earthlink.net>
To: coleen seng <mayor@ci.lincoln.ne.us>; Jon Camp <campjon@aol.com>; Ken Svoboda <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>; Marion Price <mprice@unicam.state.ne.us>
Sent: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 14:37:59 -0600
Subject: Sex offeners and where they can live...

Hello, In regarding to the new rules for where sex offenders can live: 2000ft from a school, playground, park or day cares, etc.

I have a question, if I would buy a house within the 2000 ft. from one of the offenders and want to start a Day Care and don't know about this person living there...Am I suppose to know before hand whether to rent or purchase this house??
Will all realtors have a listing and "sold by owner "?
Will people have a tough time selling their home if known offender is next door??

I am confused and not understanding how this will all turn out.

I know this is a tough problem, and good luck.

Jeanette D. Smith  4311 South 46 Lincoln, Ne. 68516-1124   489-1908
This letter was also sent to the following individuals.

Jack Loos, Joannie Miller, Paul and Kathy Arndt, and John Zimmer IV

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City of Lincoln Engineering Services
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Lincoln, NE 68528
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----- Forwarded by Maggie Kellner/Notes on 02/10/2006 09:16 AM -----

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02/09/2006 07:10 PM

To mkelner@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
Subject OLD CHENEY -SALT VALLEY -RR
February 9, 2006

Scott Loos
5735 Limestone Road
Lincoln, NE  68512

RE: Old Cheney Road from Salt Valley View to the Railroad Tracks - Parking

The City would like to thank you for voicing your concerns and recommendations on this proposal. We always appreciate hearing from citizens who care enough about a situation to express their thoughts as you have.

In response to comments the City has received concerning the proposed prohibition of parking on the north side of Old Cheney Road from Salt Valley View to the railroad tracks, we would like to respond to the points that were raised:

The one concern that was prevalent throughout your responses was that the speed will greatly increase “from the current 50 to 60 MPH” if the parking is prohibited.

The City has made periodic field observations of this area. It has been noted that there were at most 2 vehicles parked in the area during the evening. During the day, there was generally one parked vehicle, and that vehicle was parked with 2 wheels north of the curb. This seems to indicate, that at least during the day, the speed of the vehicles is not being greatly influenced by parked vehicles. It can be concluded that the evening speeds are probably not significantly different than those found in the afternoon and morning if we follow the premise that parked vehicles slow the speed of moving vehicles. We conducted 2 standard radar speed studies to determine the speed of traffic in this area. These studies showed an average speed of 36 MPH for both directions of traffic. This is very good compliance with the posted speed limit. The maximum recorded speed was 46 MPH.

These speed studies showed that drivers are driving close to the 35 MPH limit and that the removal of parking would probably not increase the speeds much, since during the 2 studies there were periods of no parked vehicles and other periods where there was only one parked vehicle. There were no instances during our studies where more than one vehicle was parked on Old Cheney. This means that the conditions studied were fairly similar to those if there was a parking prohibition in place.

Is the current parking situation causing any traffic accidents?
There were 2 reported crashes in the last 5 years in which a parked vehicle was involved.
Most crashes were rear-end crashes which may be related to traffic stopped for the railroad crossing or left turning traffic.

Should the speed limit be reduced or a school zone installed?
School zones are only installed for schools. Day cares such as the one operated by the church are not classified as schools. We are not aware of any children that are
walking to the day care. Students crossing Old Cheney would be one of the requirements before a school speed zone would be installed.

Posted speed limits generally do not have a significant effect on driver behavior, as far as speed goes. People will typically drive at the speed at which they are most comfortable, based on roadway characteristics. The speeds found in the radar study at this location indicates that most motorists find the existing speed limit to be reasonable.

The City plans to change the alignment of Old Cheney Road at Warlick Boulevard and not have access to Homestead Expressway. This plan will also divert traffic from Old Cheney to Warlick. How does spending any money on this make any fiscal sense? The City hopes that some Old Cheney traffic will be diverted but realizes that it is up to the individual driver on which route one takes. If there is a bridge built on Old Cheney over Homestead Expressway, then there will likely be a similar volume of vehicles using Old Cheney as development occurs to the southwest.

The cost to install signing to prohibit parking as proposed is approximately $500.

How are these decisions made? Is there any consideration given to future plans and of a responsibility to the taxpayers regarding reasonable spending? The City has been following the concept of “improving traffic flow as much as possible on existing arterial streets with minimal or no reconstruction if possible.” One type of improvement we can do along these lines is to remove parking from arterial streets.

The City looks at the Comprehensive Plan and other future plans when considering these actions. The reconstruction of Old Cheney at Homestead Expressway and Warlick Boulevard are not scheduled until at least 2012, with no guarantee that it will happen that soon. Therefore, we need to look at what is happening now. We do not believe this is unreasonable spending to improve the safety and efficiency of this roadway.

How come railroad traffic was not referenced in your letter? Send traffic down Warlick. Railroad traffic does not have anything to do with the proposed parking prohibition. We agree that the safest route for traffic is down Warlick, since it is grade separated from the railroad tracks. The City can not control whether a vehicle uses any roadway or not as long as it is a public roadway. We are not aware of any existing traffic control device encouraging traffic to use Old Cheney Rd.

To prevent back-up because of trains, an overpass will have to be built. There are no plans at this time to build an overpass over the railroad tracks. This would be very expensive and would encroach upon Wilderness Park. Until a decision is made as to whether or not Old Cheney will be extended over Homestead Expressway, no decision will be made on providing a crossing over the tracks. The disruption in traffic caused by the existing railroad does discourage some traffic from using Old Cheney.

As a property owner, who will have a substantial loss in value, due to this parking prohibition, I believe this is the taking of private property for public use and is prohibited by our constitution. The area in question is not private property, it is City right-of-way. A property owner’s land usually begins about 4 feet back of the sidewalk. This proposal to remove parking is not like a widening project where private land is bought from the property owner. If the area that allowed parking was private property then compensation would be justified. Since this is public right-of-way, compensation is not justified.
Need a traffic control device (traffic signal or “Stop” sign) to slow down traffic.
Traffic signs and signals must meet Federal warrants before being installed. No intersection in this area will meet those criteria. Stop signs are not used to slow down traffic per Federal standards. Attempts to use Stop signs to slow traffic generally result in vehicles running the Stop signs, making for a situation that is more unsafe than it was before the installation of the signs.

This will invite more traffic to use Old Cheney including 18-wheelers
We doubt there will be a significant increase in volume of cars or trucks due solely to the prohibition of parking. The lack of existing parking on-street, the availability of Warlick and the railroad tracks are all reasons for traffic not to increase on this street. As the City grows in the southwest part of town, the volumes of traffic will be increasing on all streets, including Old Cheney.

How come the City is violating its own principles by taking convenience and capacity over safety?
The removal of parking on this street is largely a safety factor. As previously noted, several crashes have occurred due to the on-street parking. Old Cheney Road is 27 feet wide. Allowing an 8' lane of parking leaves only 19' for vehicles in opposing directions to pass each other. We typically like to provide 12' wide lanes, occasionally dropping that to 11' lanes where space is tight. On-street parking also is less safe for pedestrians in the area who might walk or run out into the street between parked vehicles, reducing the opportunity for them to be seen by approaching vehicles.

The decision to remove parking was done for these primary reasons:
There is an average daily traffic of 9,200 vehicles on this section of Old Cheney Road. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, published by the Federal Highway Administration, states that any street with more than 6,000 vehicles per day on it must have a centerline marked in the roadway. This roadway is 27' wide with parking allowed. The width of the street is inadequate for safe, efficient movement of traffic with the addition of a centerline being marked.

Old Cheney Road is no longer operating as a low volume residential street as it has for years. Traffic volumes are expected to continue to increase on this street unless Old Cheney is closed at Homestead Expressway. In the event that happens, we will re-evaluate the situation and determine if on-street parking can be restored.

After carefully weighing the concerns of you and your neighbors and reviewing your suggestions, the City is going to prohibit parking as proposed. Should you have any further questions on this matter, feel free to contact me at Rhoskins@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-7711.

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City Traffic Engineer

cc:  Mayor Coleen Seng
     City Council
     Karl Fredrickson
     Roger Figard
     Scott Opfer
     Al Lee
Dear Council members,

Please do not amend this ordinance as it is presented. It will not take care of the problem and possibly penalize neighborhood associations.

What we do need is a board in different neighborhoods where people can post notices of missing cats or dog and garage sales. It would be more convenient for everyone.

We also need a small fee added to every take out fast food order to cover the cost of trash littering the streets in the more dense areas of Lincoln. That is our number one problem with litter, not flyers or newsletters. If you would collect a few cents on all take out orders, the city could afford to fund positions to clean the litter.

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Comment or Question:
I have a concern about a Level 3 Sex Offender. I got this information from the State Patrol web site. This person's name is Keith Lashawn Moore and has several other names he uses. His address is 920 W Custer here in Lincoln, NE and is a few blocks from my child's school. This man has a motion hearing court case in Lancaster County on Feb 16th for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. This man has a long criminal history background. The main reason I bring this information to your attention is that after doing some checking on the internet and actually calling Ramsey County to verify what I found (they were very helpful) I learned this man has an ACTIVE CURRENT FELONY ARREST WARRANT FOR PROBATION VIOLATION IN RAMSEY COUNTY IN ST.PAUL MN. under one of his other names he uses (Douglas Moore) So this is my dilemma. The MN county attorney has decided that he does not want to extradite this person to face charges. A MN court decided this was serious enough to issue this warrant but because the county attorney from Ramsey County decides to do nothing here is a Level 3 Sex Offender sitting a few blocks away from my home and child's school and can by all rights legally be arrested for the warrant but because of financial reasons NOBODY (Lincoln Police Dept. or Ramsey County Attorney) will do anything about it. PLEASE HELP ME UNDERSTAND how and why this can happen. This man needs to be arrested and sent to MN to face charges. If money really is the issue I will be more than happy to contact my neighbors and I'm positive I would be able to raise the money that is needed to have him transported to MN. Please explain in detail how something like this can be allowed to happen.
I look forward to your reply to my concerns. Thank you for your time
Jeff Witkowski