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MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 10, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR SAYS RESPONSE TIME AND QUALITY CONTINUE TO BE EMS PRIORITIES

In response to the EMS report released today by Councilman Jon Camp, Mayor Seng said, "The fact is that the federal government pays only about 55 percent of its bill to transport Medicare patients. This situation has put ambulance service in Lincoln and many other communities in the position of subsidizing the federal government and in a financial bind. This is not fair to the City, and it is costing Lincoln taxpayers money.

"I appreciate the effort put forward by Mr. Camp's committee to examine our City's emergency medical services system. City staff contributed hours of time preparing information, which the committee analyzed. Portions of the report will be helpful, such as the suggested changes on billing. However, some of the committee's recommendations, such as the proposed rate increases, need further scrutiny.

"The citizens of Lincoln expect and deserve quick response time and a high quality of care from our ambulance service, and those are my top priorities. I am concerned that some of the operational proposals might cost more, slow response times and decrease the quality of care.

"I look forward to seeing which of the committee's proposals Mr. Camp will bring forward for further consideration. Our goal continues to be an effective and efficient ambulance service."

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 12, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 441-8265

MAYOR INVITES PUBLIC TO KICK-OFF OF
ROSE GARDEN CAMPAIGN

Mayor Coleen J. Seng invites the public to the kick-off of a fund-raising campaign to renovate the City’s Municipal Rose Garden in Antelope Park. The event begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20 at the Rotary Pavilion in the Sunken Gardens at 27th and Capitol Parkway. Parking is available in the lot at 26th and “D” streets. Plans for the renovation project will be available for review, and Mayor Seng will announce the first major donation to the campaign. For more information, the public can contact Anna Seekman in the City Parks and Recreation Department at 441-8252.

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By a vote of 27-4, the Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee cleared legislation that would allow cable television providers to operate under a national franchise. The lopsided vote belies the deep divisions that were revealed as the Subcommittee spent the better part of a day wading through 26 amendments and engaging in vigorous debate over a number of issues.

Dubbed “The Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Efficiency Act of 2006 (COPE),” the bill is largely designed to ease the entry of regional bell operating companies such as AT&T, Verizon and BellSouth into the cable television market. Under the bill, any company seeking to provide cable television service could do so under a national franchise administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and would not have to obtain a franchise from a local government. In addition, the bill would allow incumbent cable television providers to abandon their local franchises and seek a national franchise the instant a competitor begins providing service to a single customer in a local franchising area.

The bill includes language requiring payment of a five percent of gross revenue franchise fee to local governments plus an additional one percent for PEG channels and in-kind services. It also includes language affirming the authority of local governments to manage their public rights-of-way. However, local government organizations criticize the bill, saying that the bill’s definition of “gross revenue” would rob local governments of franchise revenue, that the lack of enforcement provisions would stymie their ability to manage their public rights-of-way absent a local franchise and that the bill includes a giant loophole that would exempt “information services” from the payment of franchise fees or right-of-way regulation.

The Subcommittee adopted a substitute amendment offered by Subcommittee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) that he says addresses the concerns of local governments (local government organizations haven’t seen it yet). However, local government advocates on the Subcommittee disagreed and vigorously pursued amendments designed to keep local governments whole.

The Ranking Member of the full Committee, Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) began the markup with a strong defense of local government concerns and a classic display of parliamentary skill as he forced the Subcommittee’s Counsel, Upton, and full committee Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX) to answer a slew of difficult questions designed to demonstrate the bill’s flaws. Most notably, Dingell produced a letter he received from AT&T saying that the cable television service they plan to roll out nationally will technically be an “information service” not subject to any of the bill’s requirements regarding payment of franchise fees and regulation of public rights-of-way. Barton (R-TX) acknowledged the letter but responded that the bill’s intent is clear regardless of what AT&T attorneys claim.

Dingell’s display came as the Subcommittee debated an amendment offered by Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) that would bring “information services” that are cable television under the bill’s purview. The amendment was defeated on a largely party line vote of 13-17.

The committee also defeated, 11-22, a Dingell amendment that would have required new cable television providers to gradually build out their service to all parts of a local franchising area. Dingell, joined by Eshoo
and Subcommittee Ranking Member Ed Markey (D-MA), argued that absent his amendment only wealthy, suburban neighborhoods would receive the benefits of competition and improved service. Barton and Upton countered that build out requirements were necessary when cable was a monopoly but that the market will take care of build out with competition. Rush added that low-income households are heavy consumers of cable television and that they would thus receive competition and upgraded service.

Another Dingell amendment, designed to give local governments enforcement authority in rights-of-way disputes, failed by a party line vote of 14-16. Opponents argued that it would give local governments too much power, saying that many local governments abuse their rights-of-way authority to discriminate among providers. Rep. Mike Doyle (D-PA) offered a similar amendment that would give local government enforcement authority in consumer complaints but withdrew it after obtaining a commitment from Barton to work on the issue.

The Subcommittee did approve, by voice vote, an amendment offered by Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) designed to give local governments more leverage in collecting franchise fees. The Subcommittee also engaged in a vigorous debate over the bill’s “net neutrality” provisions. The bill would prohibit the outright banning of any legal content from an Internet provider’s network but would allow them to give preference to certain providers. Rep. Mike Doyle (D-PA) offered a similar amendment that would give local government enforcement authority in consumer complaints but withdrew it after obtaining a commitment from Barton to work on the issue.

In the end, only Dingell, Markey, Eshoo and Doyle voted against the bill. However, the Subcommittee markup revealed there are concerns about the bill’s potential effect on local governments, consumers and content providers. These concerns will only deepen as the bill proceeds through the House, especially if local governments, content providers and consumer groups feel that their concerns are not being addressed.

The full Energy and Commerce Committee is scheduled to consider the bill week of April 24, immediately after the two-week congressional recess.

**BUDGET**

House leaders fail to get agreement on budget resolution. The House of Representatives left Washington for a two-week break this week without having a final vote on the FY 2007 budget resolution. GOP leaders felt that they did not have enough votes to approve the measure and were unable to unravel intra-party differences among the conservative and moderate wings of the party, as well as the Appropriations Committee.

With Democrats united against the budget resolution, Republican leaders could not afford too many defections and opposition by a majority of any one of the above-mentioned groups would have scuttled the measure on the floor. As has been mentioned in previous weeks, conservatives have been insisting on tight budget caps, as well as a reform package that would place restrictions on “emergency” spending for disasters, institute rules on the earmarking process, and create line-item rescission power for the President. Moderates, on the other hand, were demanding an additional $7.2 billion in spending for domestic discretionary programs similar to a package approved by the Senate last week. Appropriators, for their part, opposed the reform package pushed by conservatives.

House leaders have not announced whether they will try to bring a budget resolution to the floor after the recess. However, the Appropriations Committees have indicated that they will proceed with their FY 2007 spending bills with or without a resolution using the President’s domestic discretionary budget cap of $873 billion (see March 31 Washington Report for additional details).

**IMMIGRATION**

Senate fails short on immigration package. Hours after bi-partisan Senate leaders announced that a deal had been completed to allow a final vote on a comprehensive immigration bill, the compromise faltered over disagreements related to parliamentary procedure. With Senators scheduled to begin a two-week recess today, there is fear that the carefully crafted compromise will unravel as public opinion of the deal is allowed to solidify.

At issue was a compromise deal on guest worker provisions in the bill that was brokered by Senators Chuck Hagel (R-NE) and Mel Martinez (R-FL) that would create three levels of the 11 to 12 million illegal immigrants currently residing in the U.S. Those immigrants that have been in the country more than five years would be allowed to stay and obtain a green card in six years, those in the country between two and five years would be eligible for temporary work visas, but would have to obtain them through one of 20 ports of entry, and those in the country less than two years would be required to return home and could apply for a temporary work visa with no guarantee that it would be granted.

While Democrats agreed to the deal, they feared that Republicans would offer amendments to the compromise that would change its provisions. In fact, Senators Jon Kyl (R-AZ) and John Cornyn (R-TX) indicated their intention to do just that. Democrats had also asked Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) to announce who he would choose as his representatives to a House-Senate conference committee on the bill prior to final vote being taken in the Senate, something that is rarely done prior to passage of a bill. Democrats are concerned that some Senate GOP conferees might be inclined to support the more stringent House bill (HR 4437) and scuttle the hard-fought Senate compromise.

As a result, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) used a number of parliamentary tactics to slow progress of the bill and deny the consideration of amendments, making it difficult for any
more votes to be taken prior to the Spring recess.

**FLOOD CONTROL**

House subcommittee considers levee inspection program. The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing this week on legislation (HR 4650) that would create a federal levee inspection program and inventory.

The legislation would direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to inspect every levee in the United States that it has constructed, as well as any additional levees identified by a state governor. Levees that are determined to not pose a significant threat to human life or property could be excluded from the inspections. Then, the Corps would submit an annual list of priority damaged projects and would also have to periodically publish an inventory of projects and inspection results.

The bill would authorize $10 million per year from FY 2007 through FY 2011 for levee safety improvements. A representative of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies testified at the hearing that the level of funding was much too low for an undertaking of that size.

There is currently no Senate companion to HR 4650 and no further action on the bill has been scheduled in the House.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Department of Health and Human Services:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is soliciting applications for the *Prevention of Methamphetamine Abuse* program. The program aims to help communities to expand prevention interventions and develop infrastructure to prevent, reduce, and delay the spread of methamphetamine abuse. Applications are due May 16, 2006, and for more information, see: [http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/S P_06_005_prevmeth.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/S P_06_005_prevmeth.aspx).

**Department of Health and Human Services:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is accepting applications for the *Targeted Capacity Expansion Program for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS Services* program. Funds are available for the outreach, pretreatment, and expansion of substance abuse treatment in conjunction with HIV/AIDS services in minority populations. Funds will be targeted to communities disproportionately impacted by substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. There is $5.3 million available to award approximately eleven grants of up to $500,000 each year for no more than five years. There is no cost share. Applications are due May 16, 2006, and the guidance can be found at: [http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_010_tcehiv.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_010_tcehiv.aspx).

**Department of Transportation:** The Federal Transit Administration, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of the Agriculture’s Forest Services jointly operate the new *Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands* program. The program aims to fund capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems in parks and public lands to reduce traffic delays and noise and air pollution that detract from the visitor’s experience and from the protection of natural resources. There is $21.7 million available for grants. Applications are due May 5, 2006, and for more information, see: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/17973_18187_E NG.HTML.htm](http://www.fta.dot.gov/17973_18187_E NG.HTML.htm).
April 11, 2006

Larry Hudkins, Chairman
Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Prohibition of Concealed Weapons, Signage

Dear Larry:

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission take action to prohibit concealed weapons in all properties under its management, and post signs as needed to give the public conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed weapon is prohibited in such properties. This request is in response to the passage of 2006 NEB. Laws LB 454, which has an effective date of January 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

Deb Schorr, Chair
Lancaster County Commissioners

cc: County Board
   Lincoln City Council
   Mayor Coleen Seng
   Don Killeen, Property Management
April 12, 2006

Mr. Ken Svoboda, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Ken:

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners took the following action at their regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2005:

**MOTION**: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to remove Resolution 05-0109 regarding the creation of a joint public agency to provide for the design, acquisition of land and construction of improvements for the Rural to Urban Roadway Transition Streets Program (RUTS) and the design and acquisition of land for the East Beltway from the agenda. Heier, Workman, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Stevens voted no. Motion carried.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 10, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Beth Mann, Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator
                                       441-6235
                                       Meghan Sittler, Environmental Health Educator
                                       441-8084

CAUTION: SPRING CLEANING IN PROCESS

FIRST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22, 2006

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) has scheduled the first of six Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections on Saturday, April 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at State Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex to assist Lincoln and Lancaster County residents in disposing of household hazardous wastes. The five events for households within Lincoln and Lancaster County are scheduled through October 14th at several different locations in the city and county.

Dates and times of the Household Hazardous Waste Collections in 2006 are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, April 22: State Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Saturday, May 20: Pfizer Inc, 601 W Cornhusker Hwy 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Friday, June 9: Malcolm Fire Station, Malcolm 3 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 10: Nebraska Wesleyan University, 56th & Huntington 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Saturday, September 9: Goodyear Tire & Rubber, 4021 N 56th St. 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Saturday, October 14: State Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

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“Many of the common items that you may find during your spring cleaning can pose potential risks to your health, the health of your children and the environment if they are not properly handled,” according to Meghan Sittler, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Environmental Health Educator, “So it is very important to always look at the labels of the products you purchase and those that may be in your home or garage to identify words such as caution, warning, flammable, danger and poison, which let individuals know care must be taken in handling, storing and disposing of those products.”

Items accepted at the HHW collection include: turpentine, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, oil-based paints, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, mercury-containing items including thermometers, upholstery cleaners, grease removers and brake and power steering fluids. Items that can be recycled locally and will not be accepted at the HHW collection include: latex paint, motor oil, gas grill cylinders, electronics, computers and lead-acid, button, mercury and lithium batteries.

**Wastes from businesses will not be accepted.**

For recycling information, advice on how to dispose of other items that are not accepted such as medicines, fertilizers, explosives and ammunition, or for other information on the use and disposal of hazardous products and alternatives contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021 or log on to [http://www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) and search on keyword, “households”.

Please use this as an opportunity to help us in safeguarding the health of our community and environment!
PUBLIC HEALTH AIR QUALITY ALERT

Agricultural burning in southern Nebraska and a large portion of eastern Kansas combined with low velocity winds from the south are creating high levels of particulate matter in our air. People with asthma, emphysema, or other respiratory conditions should be aware that these conditions may cause discomfort or other more severe reactions. Strenuous outdoor activity should be avoided if possible for individuals with respiratory health conditions. LLCHD will continue to monitor air quality and will provide updates as necessary. The current weather pattern may continue for the next several days, so the situation may be present for an extended period of time.

For additional information, please contact Rick Thorson at 441-6236.

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April 11, 2006

Marcia Kinning
E.S.P.
601 Old Cheney Road, Suite A
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Vavrina Meadows 26th Addition Final Plat # 06021 Generally located at Executive Hills Drive and Cody Drive.

Dear Marcia:

Vavrina Meadows 26th Addition generally located northeast of the intersection of 14th Street and Yankee Hill Road was approved by the Planning Director on April 11, 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,

Joe Rexwinkle
Planner

CC: R.C. Krueger Development Company
City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
Steve Nosal, Parks and Recreation
Jean Walker, Planning
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission

FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous No. 06001
Proposed Amendments to the Planning Commission Rules and Procedures

DATE: April 12, 2006

cc : Mayor Coleen Seng
     City Council
     Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
     Development Community E-Mail List
     Carol Brown, Chair, Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable

On April 26, 2006, the Planning Commission is scheduled to discuss and take action on the attached proposed revisions to the Planning Commission Rules and Procedures.

The proposed revisions to Rule 8 are being submitted at the request of the Planning Commission as a result of the Zucker Systems report and recommendations. The remainder of the proposed revisions are merely clarifications or revisions reflecting how the Planning Commission has been conducting its business.

This proposal does not require a public hearing. However, the Planning Commission may wish to invite public testimony when the item comes up at the April 26th meeting.

Please contact Jean Walker in the Planning Department at 441-6365 or jwalker@lincoln.ne.gov, if you have any questions or comments.

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Rules and Procedures

Rule 1. Meetings

The Commission will meet regularly on alternating Wednesdays and shall begin its meetings at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the County-City Building. As required by the Charter, five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Rule 2. Filing of Applications

All applications for preliminary plats, community unit plans with a plat and final plats shall be filed with the Director of Planning no later than 4:00 p.m. five Mondays preceding date the applicant requests the matter to be placed on the Commission's agenda for public hearing:

All applications for zoning matters (except community unit plan with a plat) shall be filed with the Director of Planning no later than 4:00 p.m. four Thursdays (27 days) preceding date the applicant requests the matter to be placed on the Commission’s agenda for public hearing:

All other matters applications to be heard by the Commission shall be filed with the Director of Planning no later than 4:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon four Thursdays preceding the date the applicant requests the matter to be placed on the Commission’s agenda for public hearing.

Rule 3. Notice

3.1 Legal notice of all matters to come before the Commission requiring such legal notice shall be given as required by law.

3.2 In addition, the Commission will endeavor to give written notice to owners of property affected by any proposed zoning changes instituted by the County Board, City Council, Planning Department or Commission. The notice shall be sent by regular U.S. mail at least ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing on such changes, or as required by resolution of the County Commissioners. In circumstances where too large an area is involved or too many people affected, effort will be made to inform the public through the news media.
Rule 4. Procedures

Public hearing will be held on all matters on the Wednesday the matter is scheduled on the agenda. Action will be taken at that meeting if the Commission feels there are no outstanding facts requiring a continuance. Action will be taken at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on each item, except as provided for in Rule 5, below.

Rule 5. Agenda

An agenda of the matters to come before the Commission will be prepared by the Planning Director and mailed to all Commission members and known interested parties on the Thursday prior to the next scheduled meeting. Items not on the agenda will not be heard by the Commission unless a 2/3 majority of the Commission determines that an emergency exists and that the public interest dictates that the matter be heard.

There will be an addendum listing of items that are pending as a result of a referral by the City Council or the County Board, or have been postponed deferral from previous meetings, or have been requested by the Commission for action but have not yet been placed on the agenda.

Applications dealing with community unit plans and plats will not be heard by the Commission unless the Planning staff has had an opportunity to discuss all questions with regard to such plat or community unit plan with the proponents thereof, and has received reports from other city and/or county departments.

The matters shall be heard in the order that the items appear on the agenda, however, the Chairperson may adjust the order of the agenda unless a majority vote of the Commission in attendance quorum present decide otherwise may rearrange the order of the agenda. In the event that an item which is set for public hearing is adjusted to an earlier time on the agenda, the public hearing will remain open at least until its previously scheduled time in order to assure an opportunity for all interested persons to present testimony. Upon a majority vote of the Commission members (5 votes) an item which has not previously been placed on the agenda shall be included on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting:
Rule 6. Consent Agenda

The Planning Director shall prepare a Consent Agenda comprised of those matters upon which there is consent as to request and recommendation and which shall be listed as the first item on the agenda. The Consent Agenda may be voted upon in total at the same meeting. Any item on the Consent Agenda shall be removed by the Chairperson if there is a request to speak on the matter or at the request of a Commission member. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be placed as the second item on the agenda and will be voted on at the same meeting, provided it is not continued to another date.

Rule 7. Nature of Testimony

The role and function of the Commission is to advise the legislative and administrative branches of government concerning planning matters and to take final action upon those applications where the Planning Commission has final action authority. Testimony before the Commission should be relative to the planning aspects of the matter being heard. A written statement supporting or opposing an agenda item may be submitted to the Commission as a part of the public hearing in order to be included as a part of the public hearing minutes.

A copy of Rules 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 should be distributed to each applicant to appear before the Commission at the time of mailing the agenda to the applicants.

The Commission may ask questions of persons testifying. There shall, however, be no cross-examination or direct questioning in front of the Commission between proponents and opponents. All questions and testimony shall be directed to the Commission.

Material and testimony submitted should be as factual as possible.

Rule 8. Presentation of Testimony

1. The planner handling the application will briefly summarize the nature of the request, any relevant history, surrounding land uses and zoning, existing/planned infrastructure, staff recommendations and plans or policies supporting those recommendations.
2. The applicant will be requested to present his/her testimony first. The applicant, or his/her representative shall first state his/her name and address and if the party appearing is not the applicant, the nature of his/her representative capacity. The applicant or representative should state as succinctly as possible:

A. Why the applicant desires the action requested.
B. Why the application is in accordance with sound planning practices.

3. Following the applicant’s testimony, other persons wishing to speak on that particular agenda item will be called upon to present testimony in the following order:

A. Proponents of the application;
B. Opponents of (or those seeking information about) the application; and
C. The planner handling the application or other staff assisting the
   Commission may make brief comments on the testimony and
   respond to questions; and
D. Rebuttal by the applicant.

Each person should first state their name and address. Such individual should then present his or her reasons why the application is or is not in accordance with sound planning practices.

The Commission shall attempt to provide a proportionally equal time for presenting testimony to an application for both proponents and opponents.

Five (5) minutes for testimony is preferred as a maximum; however, no more than 30 minutes should be taken by either proponents or opponents. The Chairperson may grant additional time in advance of the meeting for items of major significance. Speakers may request more time and the Commission may grant or deny such requests.
It is requested that large groups in attendance concerned with an application choose one or two spokespersons to present the group's testimony. The spokesperson may have the group stand to give the Commission an idea of the number of persons sharing similar viewpoints. It should be recognized, however, that the Commission is interested in factual information.

Individual speakers for themselves and also groups' spokespersons should not present testimony previously given. The Chairperson of the Commission shall reserve the right to discontinue at any time repetitious or irrelevant testimony.

A sign-in sheet may be circulated in order that persons in attendance may indicate their desire to testify or merely indicate their position on an application.

Rule 9. Withdrawal or Deferral

Any matter which has been advertised for public hearing and final action may be withdrawn or deferred prior to preparation of the agenda on the Thursday before the Commission meeting. Once the agenda has been prepared, items may be withdrawn with the approval of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson if the Chairperson is out of town or unavailable. Any other matter which has been advertised for public hearing may be withdrawn at any time.

Immediately following the Consent Agenda, the Planning Commission will take up any written requests for deferrals which have been made prior to the scheduled and advertised public hearing. In the event that an item which is set for public hearing is deferred at this time, the public hearing will remain open at least until its previously scheduled time on the agenda in order to assure an opportunity for all interested persons to present testimony.

If applicants request deferrals after written notice of the public hearing has been mailed, the property has been posted, then such deferral shall be for a period to be determined by the Chairperson, however, a majority vote of the Commission quorum present may determine a different deferral period. The vote on the request for deferral may be taken prior to requesting testimony on the application.
Rule 10. Action

As required by the Charter, five affirmative votes are required for action on the main motion for final action on any matter. "Final Action" is defined as any vote on a main motion which results in a favorable or unfavorable disposition of any agenda matter. All subsidiary votes and procedural votes, such as amendments, additions, and/or deletions, may be determined by the majority vote of the quorum present at any meeting.

If, due to the absence of one or more members of the Commission, a vote on final action on a matter not receiving five or more votes either for or against, said matter shall be deemed to have received neither approval nor disapproval and shall, without further order of the Commission, be continued from regular meeting to regular meeting and voted upon once at each such meeting until such time as it shall receive five votes either for or against.

The Commission may vote at the same meeting to reconsider or rescind that action if a motion to do so is made by a Commissioner who voted on the prevailing side of the action and approved by five affirmative votes of the Commission. If an action is rescinded or reconsidered, the Commission may proceed immediately to consider new motions on the application.

Rule 11. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the commission may be called by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or three members of the Commission.

Rule 12. Suspension of Rules

Any and all rules may be suspended by five affirmative votes of the Commission.

Rule 13. Amendment of Rules

These rules may be amended by five affirmative votes of the Commission.

Rule 14. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

A majority of the Commission (5 votes) shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for two-year terms each August of odd-numbered years. In the event of a vacancy by either the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, a majority of the
Commission (5 votes) shall elect a replacement to fill the unexpired term at the
next regular meeting. Should the Vice Chairperson be elected to fill the unexpired
term of the Chairperson, a majority of the Commission (5 votes) shall thereupon,
immediately elect a replacement for the Vice Chairperson.

In the event of a vacancy by the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall act as the
Chairperson until a replacement is elected.

In the event of a temporary absence by the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson will
act as the Chairperson during such absence.

In the event that both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are temporarily
absent, the Chairperson may appoint a temporary Chairperson. In the event that
the Chairperson has not appointed a temporary Chairperson, the Planning Director
shall call the meeting to order for the purpose of electing a temporary Chairperson.
A majority of the members present shall elect the temporary Chairperson.

Either the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson may be removed from office by a
2/3 majority vote of the entire Commission prior to the expiration of the regular
term.

Rule 15. Vote of Member Mandatory; Exceptions.

Every member of the Commission who shall be present when a question is put,
shall give his or her vote.

**Exception 1. Conflict of Interest.** If such member has a conflict of interest
on the pending question, he or she shall refrain from voting thereon, unless
their vote is needed to obtain the required five affirmative votes, and shall
file an official conflict of interest form with the City Clerk and with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

**Exception 2. Right of Abstention.** If such member believes he or she has
an appearance of partiality on the pending question, such member may
abstain from voting thereon unless such vote is necessary to obtain the
required five affirmative votes for final action.
Exception 3. **Right to Abstain on Approval of the Minutes.** If such member did not attend a meeting, such member may abstain from voting on the question of whether the minutes of said meeting should be approved unless their vote is needed to obtain the required five affirmative votes.

**Rule 16.**

Except as otherwise specifically set out herein, all business before the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

**Rule 17. "Ex Parte" Communications**

The Planning Commission has now been given more authority in certain situations and the advisory role has been converted to an administrative, legislative or quasi-judicial role, i.e. use permits, special permits, final plats.

With quasi-judicial actions, the requirements of procedural due process necessitate a fair hearing before a reasonably impartial body. Any decision must be based upon what is in the official public record. Ex parte communications could create legal problems if the courts feel that the ex parte contacts have biased the commission holding the hearing.

Ex parte communications are defined as talking, either in person or by phone, to a commission member when the other side is not present or presenting information to the member which the other side does not receive.

Many hearings before the Planning Commission are legislative and strictly advisory in nature. Though not quasi-judicial, these hearings should also be conducted in a fair manner. Everyone should be operating on the same base of information in making a decision.

The Planning Commission recognizes that the prevention of ex parte communications may be impossible. In order to do our best to insure a fair and open hearing and decision making process, the Planning Commission will use the following protocol when involved in contacts with the public outside of the public hearing:
1. Keep such contacts to a minimum in those areas of concern, especially when the issue involves final action by the Planning Commission.

2. If there are ex parte contacts with the applicant or opponent that result in new information, such contacts and the information should be disclosed on the record to give the other side the opportunity to refute. After a public hearing is closed, such contacts should be kept to a minimum.

3. On final action items that are likely to generate a request to defer the vote for additional information or continued discussion between the hearing and the vote, the Commission should consider continuing the public hearing.

4. The Commissioners will request that comments or additional information be put in writing and sent to the Planning Department for distribution to all Commissioners and the applicant and his/her representative.

5. Commissioners may contact staff to ask questions about upcoming applications. Staff shall endeavor to send written responses to all Commission members and applicants/representatives before the hearing, in addition to presenting the information at the hearing.
The City of Lincoln Department of Public Works and Utilities would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an open house regarding the L55X and Cornhusker Highway Safety Improvement Project.

On Thursday April 20, 2006 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Dawes Middle School, 5130 Colfax Avenue, Engineers from the Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to answer questions about the safety improvement project that will modify the geometry of the intersection and Cornhusker Highway by widening Cornhusker Highway to the south to allow construction of dual left-turn lanes for the eastbound to northbound turn movement. A right turn lane for the westbound to northbound turn movement will also be constructed and digital message signs will be installed along Cornhusker Highway and L55X. Construction of the project is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2006. Members of the public may attend anytime it is convenient between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and will be able to get information and provide input for the project which is currently in the design stage.

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

Kris Humphrey  
City of Lincoln  
Engineering Services  
(402) 441-7592

Erika Nunes  
City of Lincoln  
Engineering Services  
(402) 441-5675
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT
50TH AND “R” STREET
52ND AND “Q” STREET
PROJECT #702200

The public is invited to an open house from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2006 at the Villager Hotel, 52nd and “O” Street in the Plaza Room to discuss proposed stormwater system improvements in the area of 50th and “R” and 52nd and “Q”. There will be a formal presentation at 5:15 p.m. and repeated at 6:15 p.m.

The projects are in the preliminary design stage and will address flooding issues that affect streets and buildings during and after heavy rainstorms. The project at 52nd and “Q” Street will evaluate potential overland flow routes to the existing open drainage channel. The project at 50th and “R” Street will address flooding issues that impact vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the immediate area.

Representatives from the City of Lincoln and HDR will be present to discuss the project and answer questions. The design team will be seeking public input on the proposed improvements.

If you have any questions regarding the open house, please contact one of the following:

John Cambridge
HDR Engineering
(402) 742-2900

Holly Lionberger, City Project Manager
Public Works and Utilities Department
(402) 441-8400
For City Council distribution

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: DO NOT REPLY to this- InterLinc <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
To: Jon Camp <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Mon, 10 Apr 2006 19:39:05 "GMT"
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name: H. Arnold Wassenberg
Address: 8101 Dundee Dr.
City: Lincoln, NE 68510
Phone: 402-489-4645
Fax: 402-489-4659
Email:

Comment or Question:
The committee report is a joke. Raise the rate. No brainer. Let's recommend that the city privatize the ambulance service like it was. It will be faster, cheaper, and won't cost the taxpayers a dime. Admit it, the city erred in taking over this business.

Didn't the fire chief stand before the council and say that if he could not make money ($500,000.00, I believe) he would resign. Let's accept his resignation. If he is a honorable man, he will give it as promised. If he is not an honorable man, fire him.
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Please share with my colleagues.

Jon Camp  
Lincoln City Council  
City Council Office: 441-8793  

-----Original Message-----  
From: Roberta Poppe <rbpoppe@alltel.net>  
To: campjon@aol.com  
Sent: Mon, 10 Apr 2006 21:47:44 -0500  
Subject: Ambulance Reforms  

Dear Councilman Camp:  
Just a quick note to say thank you for the work that you have done on the ambulance issue.  
Personally I have always felt that we should have left this service in private hands with oversight.  
Again thanks for your diligence.  
Sincerely  
Bernard (Bernie) Poppe  
6927 Old Post Place  
Lincoln, Ne 68506  
488-7133
Tammy:

Please share this with my colleagues in their Thursday packet.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: Anand V. Rau <rauav@alltel.net>
To: lpd@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov
Cc: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; mayor@lincoln.ne.gov; 'Michael Kastens' <mikek02@NEFB.COM>; jdousharm@alltel.net; 'Anand V. Rau' <rauav@alltel.net>
Sent: Tue, 11 Apr 2006 11:10:43 -0500
Subject: Reporting an observation of irresponsible driving in Lincoln AND A NEW PROPOSAL

Dated: April 11th, 2006
To Who it May Concern
I am writing to bring to your attention one observation of irresponsible behavior while driving on the streets of Lincoln, NE.

Last evening (April 10th), about 7:20 pm I was driving northbound on 70th street on the outside (or right lane) on my way from my residence to Taekwondo Academy (located at the intersection of 70th Street and Van Dorn).

As I came up to the intersection of 70th and Pioneers, proceeding Northbound, I was at the traffic light waiting for light to change to green. At the traffic light, I was VERY concerned by what I observed: A young lady in a black Hyundai coupe (Nebraska Plate 11-J270) on the inside lane (left lane), also Northward bound on 70th street, was smoking a cigarette, speaking on a cellular phone, and attempting to drive all at the same time.

Those three actions (driving, smoking, and using a cell phone), taken individually, may be very well within that drivers right to exercise. However, the act of driving on public streets, in combination with holding a cigarette in one hand and a cell phone in the other hand, in my opinion, is a prime example of irresponsible behavior on public streets. Such behavior have a high probability of posing a serious hazard to other users of the streets, both pedestrians and other vehicles.
In this email, I am merely trying to bring such behavior to your attention, the kind of which I find rather prevalent in Lincoln, NE.
After having observed such behavior on Lincoln streets on numerous instances, I have decided to report the **most egregious of such behavior through this channel** to alert the Lincoln Police Department of their existence. If nothing else, my reporting may serve to help LPD compile data for your own use, from requiring more officers or other resources to effectively enforce compliance with acceptable and responsible driving behavior.

**A NEW PROPOSAL**

Further, I would like to make a suggestion on **A NEW APPROACH TO ENFORCING RULES OF THE ROAD: BY REWARDING GOOD DRIVING BEHAVIOR, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNGER CITIZENS OF LINCOLN**

MY PROPOSAL CALLS FOR A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LPD, CITY OF LINCOLN, INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND LINCOLN RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR BUSINESSES(PIZZA, ICE CREAM/ COFFEE SHOPS ETC) AS CO-SPONSORS OF THE PROGRAM.

I PROPOSE THAT LPD OFFICERS MAY HAND OUT COUPONS FOR FREE PIZZA OR SOME FORM OF A FREE "LUNCH" TO GOOD DRIVERS ON THE STREETS OF LINCOLN PICKED/OBSERVED AT RANDOM BY THE OFFICERS.

THE OFFICERS WHO OBSERVE GOOD DRIVING BEHAVIOR CAN RECORD SUCH BEHAVIOR ON THEIR VEHICLE VIDEO CAMERAS, PULL OVER THE DRIVER, AND AWARD THEM A COUPON (FOR PIZZA OR COFFEE OR ICE CREAM) AND A CERTIFICATE DULY SIGNED AND DATED BY THE OFFICER.

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS "PAT ON THE BACK", THESE GOOD DRIVERS NEED TO FOLLOW ALL RULES OF THE ROAD AND, IN ADDITION, ALSO DEMONSTRATE COURTEOUS AND DEFENSIVE DRIVING BEHAVIOR.

**THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD/EXISTING PRACTICE OF APPROPRIATELY CITING VIOLATORS OF THE LAW - FROM SPEEDING, RECKLESS DRIVING, ENDANGERING OTHERS, AND OTHER NON-COMPLIANT BEHAVIORS. THE TICKETING WILL STILL CONTINUE.**

I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL NOT BE GIVING OUT MORE THAN 4-5 COUPONS EACH DAY SPONSORED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANIES WHO INSURE THESE DRIVERS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES.

FURTHER, THE "AWARD-WINNING" DRIVERS MAY SUBMIT THEIR CERTIFICATES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR "DEFENSIVE DRIVING CREDIT" (this is for the insurance companies to consider).

IF THERE IS AN INTEREST IN THIS APPROACH, I AM HAPPY TO VOLUNTEER IN HELPING TO PULL THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER, WORKING WITH LPD, THE INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND CITY/STATE GOVERNMENT.

JUST AS WE USE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN TO FOSTER GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND BEHAVIOR, I THINK THE SAME APPROACH CAN BE UTILIZED TO MAKE LINCOLN, NEBRASKA THE MOST COURTEOUS AND SAFE DRIVING COMMUNITY IN THE NATION. **WE SHOULD AIM FOR THAT GOAL AND WORK TOWARDS IT.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENT READING.
Sincerely,

Anand V. Rau, Ph.D.
5510 S77th Street
Lincoln, NE 68516
(402)327-2047
TO: City Council

RE: Dan Marvin RFI#2 - Annexation Agreements

DATE: April 6, 2006

The table below lists the 12 annexations awaiting City Council action. These include one case heard on April 3 and scheduled for action on April 10, two cases scheduled for hearings on April 10, and two cases on the City Council pending list. The properties to be annexed total about 2,137 acres or 3.3 square miles.

The table also lists the proposed total infrastructure contribution for each of the annexations, which add up to over $31 million for the 12 cases. In all of the agreements, developers are being asked to provide bonds equal to the estimated amount of impact fees that their developments are expected to generate, if all the impact fees were to be paid according to the 2006 fee schedule. The bonds are intended to substitute for impact fees if the state Supreme Court strikes down the City's ordinance. If the ordinance is upheld, the bonds will be released.

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Calculating the amount of impact fees that would be directed back to these developers to repay some or all their cost of advancing infrastructure projects requires more work; we expect to complete and send you that information later next week.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
tel 402.441.6366/fax 402.441.6377
From: Dan Marvin RFI#2

To: Marvin Krout, Planning Director; Michaela Hansen, Public Works & Utilities; OR Steve Henrichsen, Planning

RE: Annexation Agreements

Dan Marvin would like the following information:

1.) There are 12 (or so) annexation agreements coming forward. These annexation agreements are estimated to produce what amount in impact fees to the City of Lincoln?

2.) Of these 12 (or so) annexation agreements, what is the amount ($) of "directed impact fees" for these projects.

If you will send your response to the Council Office at CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov, in a pdf format, I will distribute your response in the usual manner on the Directors' Agenda. The Subject line need only read DMarvinRFI#2. Thank-you.
Thanks Ron. I'll pass this on. I've heard many people say that the B&S folks are wonderful. Thanks for letting us know.

Tammy: please put this in the packet for other councilmembers.
Patte

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Ronald Wall
To: Patte Newman
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 7:35 AM
Subject: city hall

Patte,

I want you to know how impressed I was yesterday when I went to get a building permit at the building and safety department at the City of Lincoln. I arrived at closing time, although I did not know what time they closed. The person who helped me was very considerate and as I drew the plan myself, had to have a lot of help with some alterations to fit the needs of a plan and permit. The permit said the reviewer's name was TOPP, I think.

This person walked me through this, helped with the site plan and when I had left had the permit in hand. I was really impressed with the courtesy shown me when I was there. There is no better PR for the city than that.

Ronald Wall, Ed.D, Educational Consultant
8025 Garland Street
Lincoln, NE 68505-3612
Phone 402.464.2066
Cell 402.525.6699
email rwallne@earthlink.net
Dear Council Member,

Democracy, when relevant, reflects the values and character of a community.

Please consider due diligence and take appropriate action to set a clear standard for the city that represents public expectations regarding concealed weapons.

"If senators’ views mirror those of their constituents, count Lincoln as the city most adamantly opposed to a law passed last week that will allow residents to carry concealed handguns.

Of the 12 senators who voted against the law that Gov. Dave Heineman is expected to sign, five represent Lincoln districts: Sens. Chris Beutler, David Landis, Marian Price, Ron Raikes and DiAnna Schimek. The Lincoln opposition bloc is almost completely unified — there are only six senators from Lincoln."

Sovereignty of local resolve is key to securing who and what our community character is and the example we set for others.

kindly,
3612 S 75; 68506
April 04, 2006

Lincoln City Council  
555 So. 10th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: City Planning Dept.

Dear Council Members:

I wanted to share a very positive experience that I recently had with a couple of Lincoln City officials.

I represent a client who was having some problems with a solution regarding restrooms and plumbing issues for a project we are working on.

My thanks to Robin Eschliman, Mike Merwick and Bob Siemsen for taking the time to set up a conference call, work through our concerns and help us come to a solution that allowed us the opportunity to go forward with our project.

We laud their courtesy and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Dennis Thaemert
April 18, 2006

Mr. Ken Svoboda
Lincoln City Council
City-Council Building
555 South 10 Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is a copy of the letter written to Her Honor the Mayor Seng on a later date.

"YOU made it possible for me to meet Captain Douglas Srb and Sergeant Chris Peterson, both of whom must represent the TOP LINE of Law Enforcement in Lincoln. THANK YOU!

"Chris", my appointed escort, a darling, hitting all the right buttons, kept me in the COMFORT ZONE on April 3rd. This was my FIRST journey into the City-Council Building (shame on me!) and to participate as a "University Placian" at the Lincoln City Council meeting.

I had been invited to EXPRESS my opinion on the proposed Police Sub-Station, 49th & Huntington Avenue.

I did: delighted!...and Why, running over the allotted five minute speaking time. Apology accepted by Chair Ken Svoboda.

Madam Mayor Seng, for EVERYONE'S benefit, I hope, hope, hope, For, For, For unanimous AGREEMENT."

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Leanda A. Shike
2503 North 49th St.
Lincoln, NE
68504-2886

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Copies to Svoboda, Srb, Peterson
Dear Mayor, Dear City Council, and Whomever it may concern,

On Wednesday, April 5, 2006, the right to carry a concealed weapon was made into law. Governor Dave Heineman signed the bill.

Already the Lancaster County Board wants to keep the weapons out of their buildings. “We need to protect our employees,” one board member said. There was the unanimous vote by the commissioners. They are already urging the ban on weapons in the County-City Building and all other buildings jointly owned by the county and city and promptly posting signs informing people of the ban.

Perhaps people think they will be safer, having less chance of being victimized. In general, however, there will be more guns around. More people will be trained and carrying them. Either they are carried to commit something illegal or harmful or perhaps in anticipation of aggressive acts. The fear of violence will change many things about our lives. The need to prove that no one is carrying a concealed weapon in designated places will force many changes.

Without a city ban on concealed weapons, our gun-free citizens are at risk in many ways. Consider the danger of a person who has intent to harm or force illegal activity when that person carries a weapon. That person now has power over whomever they wish. If you add alcohol or drugs to the situation many innocent people could be affected. Even the mention that they have a gun is now a possibility.

Where in public events or schools or churches or shopping areas would persons be safe? How many more freedoms will we lose when we have to install check points similar to what we now see at airports in every area where there are large numbers of people. If guns are found, then what happens, will they be stored under lock and key and guarded when they need to be confiscated. Will they be left in cars and locked?

And what of areas of smaller numbers of people such as homes or apartments? Anyone would have the right to come to your door and into your home with a concealed weapon.

If you now think you need to own a gun, and you are a woman or young adult, will you always have to wear it to the door or into the yard or with you into the work place or school or a restaurant? Where will you wear it? In the sports coat pocket or other pocket or back-pack or purse. How will you access it quickly? Are you going to aim to merely wound the person because you do not wish to take someone’s life. And what if you do merely wound that person...what then? Are they now enraged and full of strength to overtake you. Are they willing to back off and must you now get them to the hospital? Who pays for that injury and care? Will the one who used the gun be able to prove that they were using it justly in self-defense? Who pays for all the court cases?

How will the guns be kept away from children? Even now we hear so many times about children using guns fatally.

When one considers the thought process of one who has a weapon, it is not one of peace and love, open discussion, nor freedom from fear.

At this time Omaha and Kearney have bans on weapons for reasons which seem obvious. Please do help us here in Lincoln to remain a city that promotes “the good life” instead of the “concealed -weapon life.”

Thank You
Murray woos Lied Center crowd

BY JOHN CUTLER
for the Lincoln Journal Star

Some voices are instantly recognizable, whether on CD or the radio, a music system or television.

One of those voices is that of Anne Murray, Saturday night at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Murray and her entourage showed a capacity crowd of nearly 2,000 she still has what it takes to belt out the music.

For more than two hours, the Murray hits, country classics and a couple of unfamiliar songs streamed from the stage.

"It's been too long since we've been here," Murray quipped. Her last Lincoln show was at the 1988 Nebraska State Fair.

With that the music began. Several perennial Murray favorites, including "Dreaming," "Shadows in the Moonlight" and the one that started it for Murray, "Snowbird," brought smiles to patrons faces.

Murray had a great compliment for Lincoln's efforts at recycling.

"We've been on the road for eight days, eight concerts, and Lincoln is the first city we found where we can recycle our stuff," Murray told the crowd.

"You can't imagine how all that plastic collects in the bus over a week's time."

Murray also had praise for the musicians of the Nebraska Symphony Chamber Orchestra.

"They're doing a great job," Murray said.

To give the orchestra a break, Murray and her principal helpers played an "unplugged" segment featuring favorites and new songs.

This was the place for "California Dreaming," the old Mamas and Papas favorite, "(I Want to Sing You a) Love Song," an old country favorite called "He Thinks I Still Care," and Gordon Lightfoot's "Cotton Jennie."

The love affair between the stage and audience grew stronger during the second half of the concert, with an early medley of country classic hits.

These included Ray Charles' "I Can't Stop Loving You," "All I Have to Do Is Dream" of the Everly Brothers, Guy Mitchell's "Singing The Blues" and the Eddy Arnold classic "Make the World Go Away."

A patron sitting next to me pondered the Murray costume change.

"Wonder if she'll come out with that white country outfit on," she said.

When the singer walked through her center rear stage entrance door, she was dressed in a dazzling white jacket and pants.

Favorites continued with "Time (Don't Run Out On Me)," "You Needed Me," and "Daydream Believer."

With this set, a change came in the crowd's attitude. Patrons really began to bond with Murray and the music. Murray could tell, it was evident in her smile and stage demeanor.

A gentleman told me at intermission his wife was with him at the concert, a great effort for her to attend, since she was suffering from cancer in her leg. He brought her to hear Murray sing their favorite song, "Can I Have This Dance (for the rest of my life)."

"It'll come near closing," he told me.

Murray did sing the song as one of the closers. I looked back to see the man and his wife holding hands.

Cheers, whistles and standing patrons urged an encore. Murray sang "Danny's Song," and a song of personal interest, "Marion Bridge." The lyrics told of the joys and heartaches of small town life in Newfoundland.

It was the perfect closer for an excellent concert. Murray still has a great vocal instrument and uses it extremely well.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Tammy Hurlbut
Address: 700 Lyncrest Dr
City: Lincoln, NE  68510

Phone:
Fax:
Email: wonderwoman@inebraska.com

Comment or Question:
I would like to know why the city council continues to sink money into the ambulance service? I heard this morning that the fees were going up again. Where is it going to end. If a private business were run the way Fire Chief Spadt has overseen the ambulance service, they would be out of business. A private business can't turn to a city for funds, especially when they already owe a huge amount and haven't yet been able to operate in the black. Why not let it go back to a private company. This way sure isn't working, and I as taxpayer of Lincoln am tired on funding it.
Dear Planning Commission and City Council,

I am writing to oppose change of zone # 06012 generally located at 9th and Van Dorn St. I live at 2643 S. 10th Street and will be negatively impacted by this project. The Planning Staff Report conclusion is that this area is no longer suitable for residential purposes. To put it bluntly, this is a real slap in the face to my neighborhood. I would like to remind you that the people who live in this neighborhood do not need the increased traffic and congestion the rezoning/development creates. It will be my community that has to live with greater congestion/traffic, decreased safety and decreased property values. Many people in this area were able to afford these houses as their prices are already slightly depressed from location, i.e. being on a busy street. This plan does nothing but add to this existing problem in an area that is already highly prone to accidents and will decrease property value for my home and all of my neighbors. This plan allows business’ right to make a profit to trump homeowners maintaining their equity. I have spoken with most of my neighbors regarding this issue and all are opposed to the plan.

Please refer to the guiding principles written in the Planning Staff Report. “More intense commercial uses (gas stations, big box stores, car wash, fast food, etc.) may not be compatible due to impact on nearby housing. Expansion in existing centers should not encroach, or expand to encroach, on existing neighborhoods, and commercial areas must be screened from residential areas.” According to the developer you are planning to allow fast food and a drive-thru coffee store. I don’t see any plan to screen the neighborhood from these proposed businesses. The rationale used to declare this area unsuitable for residential purposes is the busy traffic. This plan shifts traffic patterns north a block by making Hill Street busy. The rationale used to justify the rezoning will simply apply to my block next.

I would greatly appreciate you going back to the drawing board and rethinking this plan. Please think about the people, the families in the area and how this will impact their lives, my life. An alternative development plan could include an apartment complex. This would allow the block to remain residential and will truly take my neighborhood into account. It would buffer us from encroaching commercial interests that are not wanted here. Thank you for your time concerning this matter.

Sincerely,
Zemis Sedriks
2643 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE68502
(402)202-5289
April 10, 2006

TO: Lincoln City Council Members, Deena Winter (Lincoln Journal), Fire Department Chief

FROM: Fred L. Matulka, Recent recipient of emergency services provided by the Lincoln Fire Department

RE: Article in today’s Lincoln Journal entitled “Ambulance reforms in offing?”

On February 28, 2006, I had need of the emergency services of the Lincoln Fire Department. At the time, the firemen wrote down all of my insurance information; AND I assumed they would file the bill with Medicare (my primary carrier) and Aetna (my secondary insurance carrier). Why would one think otherwise?

Recently, I received a bill for $270.00 for this service. (My blood sugar had dipped extremely low due to my efforts to prepare for an upcoming colonoscopy - the doctor did not tell me to cut back on my insulin at that time.) My wife, Janet, called the billing agency in Omaha (1-800-926-6985) to inquire as to whether this bill had been filed with Medicare and Aetna. She was told that they DO NOT FILE WITH MEDICARE AND AETNA BECAUSE MEDICARE DOES NOT COVER A “NO TRANSPORT”. AND BECAUSE MEDICARE DOESN’T COVER THE BILL, THEN AETNA WILL NOT PAY EITHER. She was told that this bill was entirely my responsibility. Janet has now sent a letter with a payment of $10.00 requesting that the billing agency file this claim with Medicare and Aetna. (Recently, we have learned that Aetna pays for some things that Medicare refuses.)

I was a “no transport” because I seemed to feel better and I thought I was saving money for Medicare and the insurance companies by NOT going to the hospital. Now, I find out I am going to be penalized for my efforts to save money. I feel this is completely UNFAIR.

My point to you with this memo is that perhaps you might want to look into the billing habits of the billing agency (for at least financial results) before you make a lot of wholesale changes elsewhere in the emergency services. If I’m not mistaken, I believe this whole billing process was in question about a year ago and everyone said everything was going to change and that all the billing was going to be done “good and proper”. In other words if they billed the proper insurance carriers, perhaps their bills might get paid and their financial woes might be over. What do you think?

If you need any further information or comments, please contact me at the above address and telephone numbers. Thank you.
Glenn Friendt, Director, The Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, notified Scott Miller, President, Telesis, Inc., that Telesis, Inc. has received the 2006 Established Entrepreneurial Company of the Year Award. All the companies of Telesis, Inc. were mentioned at the awards ceremony held on April 6 during the New Ventures World Competition at Lincoln's Embassy Suites.

The Telesis companies were represented by David Federspiel, sales manager, Data Security, Inc., Scott Boles and Jay "Lazlo" Jarvis, co-founders of Lazlo, Inc., Dr. (and Mrs.) Rodney Basler, commencement chairperson, Telesis, Inc., Aaron Funk, corporate counsel, Telesis, Inc., Reba Schafer, charity administrator, Telesis, Inc., and myself.

Congratulations to all who participated in the achievements which precipitated this recognition.

Sincerely,

Wayne

E. Wayne Boles
Director of Corporate Relations
Telesis, Inc.
729 Q Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 434-5973
FAX: (402) 434-3292
wboles@telesis-inc.com
www.telesis-inc.com
Dear Sirs,

I am writing to ask for your favorable support of the zoning request for property on 21st Street on the south side of K Street. Glenn Hillhouse and Glenn’s Body Shop have been forced by the City of Lincoln to relocate their current operations at their long held location at 21st and P Street, due to the Antelope Creek project. They are seeking to rebuild at 21st and K Street as a result of this relocation mandate.

Traditions of integrity, professionalism, courteousness and convenience have been integral to this family owned business since its creation over 40 years ago. In its new location, this business will continue its high standards for an aesthetic, professional appearance that will benefit the neighborhood. I understand they have extensive plans for an attractive building and landscaping for their new location at 21st and K Street. This business will truly be an asset to the neighborhood.

Transportation support services of this kind are a necessity for car owners and placement of this business near downtown will be a valued convenience for citizens working and living in and near downtown Lincoln. Loyal customers of Glenn’s will find it convenient to come to this address near downtown.

Please support this zoning change and make downtown Lincoln a better place to work and live!

Sincerely,
Darin Rich
3030 Pointe Circle
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-488-4741
I thank you for considering this request. Time is very important for your approval of this move.

I hope you will be able to take positive action on this request as soon as possible.

Thank You

- Glens letter City Council.doc
April 13, 2006

Lincoln City Council  
City of Lincoln  
555 South 10th, Room 111  
Lincoln NE 68508

The purpose of this letter is to support Glenn Hillhouse and Glenn’s Body Shop in the request to relocate this business on his new property on 21st and K Streets in Lincoln Nebraska.

I have chosen to have Glenn do all of the body work on my vehicles for at least the last 10 years. I know that he does quality work and this is acknowledged by State Farm Auto Insurance as they have an agreement with him to perform this work without requiring a series of estimates from other shops.

Glenn has been doing this form of work for a great number of years. He has selected this market area to service his customers. The bulk of his customers come from the south and east portions of Lincoln. His chosen location is convenient to them as they travel to and from their work in downtown Lincoln. This location along Capitol Parkway is extremely convenient for them. Although I live at Capitol Beach, this location is also good for me as it is near downtown.

About concerns of this location being near Lincoln High School. Glenn and I are both Alumni of LHS. I suspect his family also attended this school. My parents, children and grandson also attended or attend LHS. There is nothing about this project that will detract from the grand old school. In fact, his project will provide cleanliness and a sense of stability to this neighborhood. LHS used to offer Auto Body classes (Probably still does). This business may offer additional incentive to students searching for a career.

Glenn didn’t go looking to move his business. The need to move was caused by the Antelope Valley Project. Glenn entered into a difficult search for a place that would allow him to continue his business and service his customers. You probably know that land that meets the requirements for this business is scarce. I believe Glenn deserves some additional consideration as a result of the trying times that city has put him through as the result of this project. He has gone over and above the norm to put together this solution.

I work for the State Department of Roads and was formerly in the Right of Way Division. I find it hard to believe the minimal amount of “Relocation Assistance” available from the Antelope Valley Project Team to aid displaced people and businesses. It seems to me that the City should be out front trying to help business and individuals to cope with the city’s growth.

As you know, yours is the final and most important approval in this process. Time is running out on Glenn and his business. I personally request that you approve this application to relocate this business to the requested location. I vouch for Glenn and his business as being of highest integrity. I’m sure that State Farm and other Insurance Companies will do the same if asked.

Thank you in advance for your consideration  
Egon (Bill) W. Fagerberg Jr.  
2011 Surfside Drive  
Lincoln NE 68528
Robert Schurtz  
300 N 27th St  Ste 1  
Lincoln  NE  68503  
April 12, 2006

Lincoln City Council  
555 South 10th  Ste 111  
Lincoln  NE  68508

Re: Glenn's CARSTAR Body Shop

Dear Lincoln City Council,

I would urge you to recommend a change of zone in favor of Glenn Hillhouse.

I have been taking my cars to Glenn for almost 20 years. He has always done superb work in a timely and courteous manner at a fair price. I would hate to see him forced out of business over this issue and I think it would be a great loss to the community.

Please work with him to fairly resolve this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Schurtz
LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
ROOM 111
555 SOUTH 10
LINCOLN, NE. 68509

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER WITH HOPES THAT YOU WILL HELP THE SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE IN
LINCOLN STAY IN BUSINESS.

GLENN'S BODY SHOP WAS ONE OF THE BUSINESS THAT IS BEING FORCED TO CLOSE OR
HOPEFULLY RELOCATE IN LINCOLN. AS YOU KNOW HIS BUSINESS IS ONE OF THE BUSINESS THAT
HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT. THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN
ACQUIRED AND THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE HAVE GIVEN HIM TIME TO RELOCATE IF HE FINDS NEW
PROPERTY. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN ACQUIRED AT 21st. & K STREET ON THE SOUTH EAST
CORNER.

GLENN'S CARSTAR IS ASKING FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING FOR THIS PROPERTY SO THEY CAN
ERECT A NEW BUILDING AT THIS LOCATION. THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE IN
BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN.

AS YOU KNOW THIS HELPS WITH EMPLOYMENT AND TAXES IN OUR CITY AND WE HOPE AND
PRAY THAT YOU HELP THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN OUR CITY BY GRANTING THIS REQUEST
OF ZONING AT THIS LOCATION.

BEST REGARDS

[Signature]

GARY BLATTERT
PRESIDENT
Dear Board Members:

Attached is a chart that shows the status of the coal stockpile at Laramie River Station.

Our target stockpile is a 30 day supply, or about 700,000 tons. If we ever drop below 125,000 tons (a 5 day supply) we would reduce output by about 20% with further reductions being implemented if the stockpile continued to go down. At full load, the plant needs 1.5 trains per day, or about 24,000 tons of coal per day.

We have seen a steady decline in the stockpile over the last year. And as you know, we sounded the public alarm when we dropped below 250,000 tons. We appreciate the support of our Congressional Delegation and many local businesses to try to turn the trend around. Recently we have seen some modest improvements to over 180,000 tons as of last night. We are by no means out of the woods. If you look at the chart for the 6th and 7th of April, you can see what a drop the stockpile takes when we get no trains in a day. We probably won't really start breathing any easier until we are above 300,000 tons, especially when we understand that the railroads are about to start taking some track out of service for maintenance.

For several years we were able to maintain a 600,000 - 700,000 ton stockpile running 3 trains of about 135 cars each. A fourth train went into service for the plant in early March and right now there are 5 trains running for the plant with only small progress on building stockpile. Having the two extra trains in service adds over $100,000 per month to the plant's cost ...... but that is better than having to reduce output and buy energy on the market at about six times the cost of production at Laramie River Station.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Terry

(See attached file: LRS Stockpile-4-11-06.pdf)

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LRS Coal Inventory Levels - 2006

- 2-Jan, 443,228 tons
- 11-Apr, 181,149 tons

- 500,000 Tons
- 125,000 Tons

- BNSF 3/9/06 Verbal Commitment

- Output Reduction Level

- 11-Apr, 181,149 tons
April 12, 2006

Bob Boyce
735 S. 27th St.
Lincoln, NE 68510

Dear Mr. Boyce:

Thank you for your recent letter. I applaud your enthusiasm for the bike lanes plan and appreciate that you took the time to write.

Right now we still are working on some of the practical issues bike lanes present and are not ready to plan the opening. I did not know that you had the bicycle used when the Billy Woolf trail opened. But I certainly will keep your creative suggestion and your kind offer to use that bicycle in mind as we move ahead.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln

CS/ah

cc: Lincoln City Council
ADDENDUM TO DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of April 15 through 21, 2006-Schedule subject to change - (See Release)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Invited To Open House On Stormwater Improvements -(See Release)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Traffic To Move To West Lanes Of 48th Between “M” & “R” Streets -(See Release)

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Set For Safety Improvements To 56th & Cornhusker -(See Release)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Cancer-Learn To Put Prevention First -(See Release)

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Harvey Schwartz - RE: Support for Change of Zone for Glenn Hillhouse at 21st & K St. -(See E-Mail)

2. E-Mail from Jerry Sieck - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05082 Glenn’s Carstar Body Shop -(See E-Mail)
3. E-Mail from John Huff - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05082 Glenn’s Carstar Body Shop -(See E-Mail)

4. E-Mail from T. Carl Knoell - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05082 Glenn Hillhouse’s Carstar Body Shop -(See E-Mail)

5. 2 E-Mail’s from William Baker [same e-mails] - RE: Support for Zoning Change- Glenn’s Carstar Body Shop -(See E-Mail)
Date: April 14, 2006
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of April 15 through 21, 2006
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, April 15
• University Place Community Organization Easter Egg Hunt - 10 a.m., UPCO Park, 40th and Adams

Monday, April 17
• Health Department luncheon - noon, Valentino's, 35th and Holdrege
• Mayor's Award of Excellence presentation - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street
• Lincoln Police Department fund-raiser for two families affected by illness - 4 p.m., Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane
• Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, remarks. Key to the City presentation - 6:30 p.m., UNL East Campus Union, Great Plains Room, 37 Fair Street

Tuesday, April 18
• Fair Housing Conference, remarks, proclamation - 8 a.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street
• Employee Service Award Breakfast, remarks - 8:30 a.m., Windsor Stables, 1024 "L" Street
• International visitor from China - 11 a.m., Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street
• KFOR - 12:30 p.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway
• Newcomen Society of the U.S. honors BryanLGH - 6:15 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 South 13th Street

Wednesday, April 19
• Kimiko Kitagawa, Japanese Tea Ceremony - 6:30 p.m., Asian Pacific Heritage Center, 333 North 14th Street

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Thursday, April 20
• Ribbon-cutting for new U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Nebraska Service Center - 8:45 a.m., 1301 Highland Boulevard
• News conference, Rose Garden campaign kick-off - 10 a.m., Sunken Gardens Pavilion, 27th and Capitol Parkway
• 2006 Technology Expo, remarks - noon, wick Alumni Center, 15th and "R" streets
• International visitors from Brazil - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Office, 555 South 10th Street
• Sharp Building Open House, remarks - 5:15 p.m., 206 South 13th Street

Friday, April 21
• Nebraska Press Association state convention, remarks - noon, Cornhusker Marriott, 333 South 13th
• North Central Region of Soroptimist conference, welcome - 7 p.m., Country Inn and Suites, 5353 North 27th Street
• Lux Center for the Arts 15th annual Art Auction - 7:30 p.m., 2601 North 48th Street
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 14, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lionberger, Engineering Services, 441-8400

PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE ON STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, April 20 to discuss proposed stormwater system improvements in the areas of 50th and “R” and 52nd and “Q.” The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m. with presentations at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. It will be at the Villager Hotel, 52nd and “O” streets in the Plaza Room.

The projects now in the design stage will address flooding issues that affect streets and buildings during and after heavy rainstorms. The project at 50th and “R” street will address flooding that impacts vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the immediate area. The project at 52nd and “Q” streets will evaluate overland flow routes to the existing open drainage channel.

Representatives from the City of Lincoln and HDR will be present to discuss the projects, answer questions and take comments.

For more information on the projects or the open house, see the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, or contact Holly Lionberger, Project Manager, City Public Works and Utilities Department at 441-8400 or John Cambridge at HDR at 402-742-2900.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT  
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 14, 2006  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Duensing, Engineering Services, 441-7711

TRAFFIC TO MOVE TO WEST LANES OF 48TH BETWEEN "M" AND "R" STREETS

Beginning about 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, the two east lanes of 48th Street from "M" to "R" streets will be closed to traffic for pavement and water main reconstruction. Two-way traffic will shift to the west lanes of 48th Street in this area. Access to all businesses will be maintained from either 48th or "R" streets. This phase of the project is scheduled to be completed in early September.

The project is part of the major street and water main project in the 48th and "O" Street areas. "O" Street remains closed from 44th Street to 52nd Street, and traffic is being rerouted using 44th, "R" and 52nd Streets. The intersection of 48th and "O" streets is open to north-south traffic, but not to east-west traffic. The closure is expected to be in effect until August 31.

The south two lanes of "O" Street from 32nd Street to 44th also remain closed until mid-June for water main construction. Two-way, single-lane traffic is being maintained on the north lanes of "O" Street.

For more information on the 48th and "O" Street project, including maps and driving directions to businesses, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: ostreet).
CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

NEWS RELEASE

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 14, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 441-7711

OPEN HOUSE SET FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO 56TH AND CORNHUSKER

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, April 20 on a safety improvement project at the intersection of Cornhusker Highway and 56th Street (also called L55X). The meeting is set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the lobby at Dawes Middle School, 5130 Colfax Avenue.

The project will create two left-turn lanes for eastbound traffic turning north and a right-turn lane for westbound traffic turning north. The improvements also include the installation of new traffic signals and dynamic message signs. As a result of these improvements, Cornhusker Highway will be widened to the south through the intersection. This safety project is eligible to receive 80-percent federal safety funding, with 10-percent state and local funding matches. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in fall 2006.

At the open house, representatives from the project team will be available to explain the improvements and answer questions.

For more information on the project, see the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: L55X) or contact Kris Humphrey or Erika Nunes with the City Public Works and Utilities Department at 441-7711.

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CANCER - LEARN TO PUT PREVENTION FIRST

Cancer awareness and education is the goal of the “Cancer, Put Prevention First” cancer information health fair to be held on Saturday, April 22, from 11am-2pm at the Hy-Vee on 48th and Leighton Streets. This event is being held in conjunction with National Minority Cancer Awareness Week. Physician consultation, blood pressure screenings, healthy eating grocery store tours, information on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and a variety of other information on cancer prevention, screening and management will be available. Food and prizes will also be a part of this event. Spanish and Vietnamese interpretation will be available.

Derrick Anderson, M.D., Chair of the Lancaster Community Cancer Awareness Group states, “Public awareness of cancer and the need to ask health care providers about screening exams are important steps in the early diagnosis of cancer.” Come and learn how many cancers can be prevented through the use of good nutrition, decreased overweight or obesity, physical activity and tips for quitting smoking. Early detection and appropriate screening can identify cancer at early stages when it is most treatable.

Cancer continues to be the number one cause of death in Lancaster County for persons under the age of 75 years. It is estimated that 8,300 new cases of cancer will be identified in Nebraska in 2006. Lung, prostate, breast and colorectal continue to be the leading types of cancer in our community. Although racial and ethnic minorities are at particularly high risk for some cancers, all persons are at increased risk as they age.

This event is sponsored in partnership with the Lincoln Community Cancer Awareness Group (funded by a CDC grant through NHHSS Nebraska C.A.R.E.S.), Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Downtown Physician’s Group, Hy-Vee and volunteers from the Lincoln community.
Harvey Schwartz
601 Pier 2
Lincoln, NE  68528

Dear Chairman Svoboda and Members of the City Council:

This is being written in support of Change of Zone request for Glenn Hillhouse for property located at 21st and K Streets.

Mr. Hillhouse has been a productive business owner in the proximity of downtown Lincoln for several decades. The City acquired his current business site for the Antelope Valley Project and he, therefore, must relocate.

Building on his strong desire to remain near the downtown area, he has, after protracted negotiations, acquired land at the 21st & K Street location. His large customer base depends on a location in the same vicinity as has been through the years.

He is a productive, high quality, ethical businessman who devotes a great deal of personal time to the betterment of his neighborhood and community.

Above all, his integrity and professionalism are demonstrated by winning numerous national honors for excellence in quality, service, and customer relations. He has always maintained an immaculate work area and property and takes pride in his environs. I have been a long time customer and have always felt confident when using his services that the job would be completed accurately, on time, and with the highest possible level of quality.

I am convinced that this relocation would be an asset to the new area and present a clean, modern, environmentally friendly business.

I urge you to approve this Change of Zone. It would be a travesty if Mr. Hillhouse were to lose his business after over 40 years.

Please feel free to contact me at any time (402 432-0910).

Sincerely,

Harvey Schwartz
Dear City of Lincoln Officials,

As a 20-year Lincoln resident and a life-long Democrat, I have watched with interest the Antelope Valley Project develop with its affects on those being displaced. The Antelope Valley Project brings hope for the future of Lincoln, but severely impacts the lives of those displaced. I believe it is important to minimize the impact whenever and however possible.

Glenn’s Carstar Body Shop 2121 P Streets is one of the businesses in the way of the project. They are seeking a change of zone for a nearby property at 21st & K streets for the purpose of relocating the business in order to stay in the downtown area. If it hadn’t been for the Antelope Valley Project, this relocation would not have been necessary.

I have known Glenn Hillhouse for 8 years, serving with him on the Capitol Beach Community Association board of directors for the past 15 months. Glenn is a good neighbor and a friend. It would be mistake if he was forced out of business, due to an inability to relocate. Many others have abandoned the heart of our city but not Glenn. His commitment to continuing his business downtown should be rewarded by supporting his zoning request.

This is the second time I have written in support of Glenn’s request, and I continue to urge city officials to approve the change of zone CZ #05082.

Respectfully,

Jerry E Sieck

1030 Manchester Drive

Lincoln, NE 68528
Dear City of Lincoln Officials,

As a life long Lincoln resident I have come to know many people in our community. I have witnessed both good and bad leadership and both good and bad decisions related to the welfare of our wonderful city. I have watched with interest the Antelope Valley Project and its affects, including those that are being displaced and the hope the Antelope Valley project brings for the future of Lincoln.

One of the businesses in the way of the project, Glenn's Carstar Body Shop 2121 P Street is seeking a change of zone for nearby property at 21" & K streets for the purpose of relocating his business to stay in the downtown area. If it hadn't been for the Antelope Valley Project, this relocation would not have been necessary.

I have known Glenn and his sons for many years, as I have used their repair services on several occasions and find them to be an outstanding business operation. I have also served as the President of the Capitol Beach Community Association with Glenn as Vice President, and find him to be a great neighbor and friend.

It would truly be a sad day if Glenn is forced out of business, due to an inability to relocate. His commitment to keeping his business in the downtown area when many others have abandoned the heart of our city should be commended.

I am familiar with the area in question and do not see how anyone would find a body shop operation like Glenn's to be offensive in any way. He runs a very clean and orderly operation.

This is the second time I have written to you in support of Glenn's request, and I continue to urge you to approve the change of zone CZ #05082.
Respectfully,

John Huff

505 Pier 2

Lincoln Ne. 68528

402-474-5092
I hereby support the zoning change for Glen Hillhouse's Carstar Body Shop at 21st and K St in Lincoln, NE

T. Carl Knoell
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing you on behalf of Glenn and Alan Hillhouse, who want to build and operate a top of the line Auto Body Shop at 21st. and K street.

I have known both hard working gentlemen for over ten years and can say without any hesitation that they both represent what Lincoln and I value, honesty and quality car repair.

Glenn will build a new auto repair facility that will be an asset to this city and that location.

Please consider assisting Glenn and Alan Hillhouse in this quality business proposal.

Thank You!

William E Baker

3327 D street

Lincoln, NE 68510