

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents Award of Excellence for October to Alicia "Ali" Hettenbaugh.
- *2. NEWS ADVISORY. News conference with Mayor Seng on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the homeless population in Lincoln.
- *3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor releases new homeless count.
- *4. NEWS RELEASE. City announced snow plowing plan.
- 5. NEWS ADVISORY. News conference with Mayor Seng and Representatives of Star City Holiday Festival, December 2, 2006 at the float factory in Waverly.
- 6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Announces Plans for Star City Holiday Festival.
- 7. WASHINGTON REPORT, November 17, 2006.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 1. Memo from Steve Hubka, Budget Officer, with attachments of:
 - (a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - (b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In);
 - (c) Sales Tax Refunds; and
 - (d) Net Sales Tax Collections.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Study Shows Women Under-Represented on Local Boards.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Email from John Henry (Jack) Zohner, John Henrys, re: Monitoring new street projects, timeliness, and quality of roads.
- *2. Letter from Daniel E. Klaus, Rembolt/Ludtke, re: License application for The Pit Crew. (Letter delivered to Council Members on 11/13/06)
- *3. Rely from the Planning Department to Darrell and Betty Ihde re: Bill #06-200, Change of Zone No. 06066. Opposition to down zoning - 401 South 27th Street, Lincoln.
- *4. Letter from Joan Wagner Rosenberg re: Juveniles ticketed and consequential time through the court system.
- *5. Letter with newspaper copy from Peter W. Katt, Pierson Fitchett Law Firm, re: Highway Allocation Bond Projects.
- *6. Email from Don Nordell, Aquila Operations Manager, re: Aquila rate application.
- *7. Letter received from Michael James re: Wood Park down zoning.

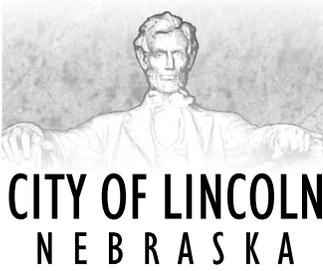
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIVED WEEK OF 11/27/06

1. Email letter from Lyle L. Schmidt re: Proposals for 48th and “O” Street.
2. Email from Joel Ludwig re: Mining Permit No. 06066.
3. Email from Bob Norris to Marvin Krout, Planning, re: Language of proposed options to sign ordinance changes.
4. Email from David Oenbring re: Digital billboards.
5. Letter received from Kim Sturzenegger re: Opposed to variance in proposed digital billboard ordinance allowing digital signs downtown but not city wide. (Letter delivered to Council Members on 11/22/06)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***Held over from November 20, 2006**

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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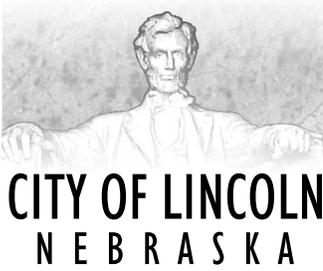
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DATE: November 20, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of the Star City Holiday Festival will discuss this year's December 2nd parade at a news conference at **10 a.m. Tuesday, November 21** at the parade's **float factory in Waverly**. *(A map is attached. For security reasons, please do not disclose the location to the public.)*

Updowntowners, Inc. and the City of Lincoln produce the festival and parade.



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 21, 2006

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MAYOR ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced plans for the 22nd annual Star City Holiday Festival, highlighted by the huge Parade Saturday, December 2nd in downtown Lincoln. The theme for this year's event is "Making Spirits Bright." The Parade, which begins at 11 a.m., is presented by Updowntowners, Inc. and the City of Lincoln. The parade will again be televised live statewide by KOLN-KGIN-TV.

"Last year, we proved that this community could hold a parade even in a snow storm!" said Mayor Seng. "It turned out to be a beautiful parade. This year, we are looking forward to a spectacular event, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and community supporters, who help make this the largest parade of its kind in the five-state area. It has become a tradition for many families in the area." Mayor Seng will ride in a horse-drawn carriage with former Lincoln Mayors.

Deb Johnson, Executive Director of Updowntowners, Inc., said the parade attracts 85,000 people to downtown Lincoln. Parade entries include marching bands, giant helium balloons, animals and several new entries from the community. The parade also will feature the newer brightly colored push floats including Star City Sweets, the Lincoln Federal Savings giant piggy bank and Rudolph with Bugle the Elf. Parade mascot Major Drummond will make his annual appearance, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet crowds.

Pre-parade entertainment will begin at 9:30 a.m. along the parade route. Following the Parade, the awards ceremony will begin at 12:45 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Cornhusker Marriott.

A panel of band professionals will judge the bands in competition. All other judging will be done by a panel of children ages 8 through 14.

Members of the community have planned festival activities from November 24 through Dec. 3. The Festival Web site,

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Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful is promoting the parade as litter-free event, and volunteers will be along the parade route to help collect trash and educate the public on the proper disposal of trash.

The parade will be re-aired from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 3rd on My TV, Time Warner Cable channel 110. It also will be re-aired throughout the month of December on 5 CITY-TV, the local government access cable channel. (See lincoln.ne.gov for 5 CITY-TV schedule.)



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MEMBERS CHOOSE LEADERS FOR 110TH CONGRESS

CONGRESS

Leadership elections dominate first week of post-election session. Members of Congress returned to Washington this week for the first time since late September, and while there are many items on their “to-do” list for the remainder of the year, the focus was electing leaders for the Democratic-controlled 110th Congress that will begin in January.

The new leaders, led by incoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), will now go about the business of developing agendas for the coming year, while also dealing with key administrative decisions such as the division of committee resources among the majority and minority. Meanwhile, newly-elected Members are receiving orientations and all Members will decide whether to move their offices to more appealing spaces after the office lottery takes place today.

As for the yet-to-be completed FY 2007 budget, those decisions will have to wait until after Thanksgiving, when Members will reconvene once again and decide how to handle funding for all but two agencies (FY 2007 spending for the Defense and Homeland Security Departments have been completed). Speculation continues to focus on combining the remaining nine spending bills into an “omnibus” package to smooth passage, but there is some talk that Republican leaders could choose to simply extend the debate into 2007 by approving a long-term Continuing Resolution (CR), which would likely fund agencies at the lowest of three possible levels: House-approved FY 2007; Senate-approved FY 2007, or FY 2006 final.

With the current CR due to expire today (FY 2007 technically began on October 1), Members approved another CR to fund

government operations until December 8 in the absence of approved spending bills. The President had asked that the CR be approved before he left on an overseas trip this week, but Republican leaders took their time bringing it to the floor, and the final version had to be sent to the President on Air Force One. In another possible expression of frustration with the President, Republican leaders also refused to bring up a Vietnam trade agreement that also had been requested prior to the trip abroad.

Budget matters are expected to dominate any remaining time that Members spend in Washington this year, although advocates are also pushing action on items such as: passage of a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA); providing relief to physicians from a scheduled reduction in Medicare reimbursements; the extension of a number of expiring tax breaks such as the research and development tax credit; and additional assistance for farmers.

Issues that were particularly contentious this summer, including immigration and telecommunications, are not likely to resurface until next year.

Members are scheduled to take another two-week break beginning today and will return to Washington the week of December 4 for what will likely be a two-week stay.

HOUSE OUTLOOK

Leadership for the 110th Congress set. House Democrats this week elected Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) as Speaker of the House, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) as Majority Leader, Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC) as Majority Whip and Rahm Emmanuel (D-IL) as Democratic Caucus Chairman. As head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Emmanuel had strong support

among the 40 freshman Democrats, most of whom he recruited to run and supported financially.

At the committee level, the leadership for the next Congress also appears set. Rep. David Obey (D-WI), a strong supporter of CDBG, HOME, local law enforcement assistance and other local government programs will head the Appropriations Committee. Rep. John Olver (D-MA), a strong proponent of Amtrak and affordable housing programs, will take over as Chairman of the Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

Rep. John Dingell (D-MI), who has represented his suburban Detroit district since 1955 and is a key ally of the automobile industry, is poised to reclaim the gavel of the Energy and Commerce Committee. During this year's debate on comprehensive telecommunications legislation (HR 5252), Dingell emerged as a lead protector of local government revenue, local franchising authority, right-of-way control and build-out requirements for new video services providers.

Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), a leading advocate for affordable housing and a strong supporter of CDBG, will chair the Financial Services Committee, which has jurisdiction over housing and community development programs as well as banking and lending issues including the Community Reinvestment Act. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS), who represents a sprawling rural district in the Mississippi Delta, will take over as Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. Not surprisingly, given the rural nature of his district, Thompson has been a major roadblock to creation of a strong Urban Area Security Initiative Program (UASI) and of the targeting grants based on terrorism risk.

Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) of Detroit will chair the Judiciary Committee, perhaps the most ideologically polarized committee in the House on issues ranging from civil liberties to gun control. Although those hot button issues will dominate the news generated by the Committee, Conyers is a strong supporter of local law enforcement assistance and may pursue legislation to authorize new programs.

In contrast to Judiciary, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has historically operated in highly bipartisan manner. That tradition will continue under the leadership of Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN), a Committee veteran who has played an important role in all of the major legislation produced by the Committee in the past decade. A favorite of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, Oberstar says that the Committee will focus on water resources, clean water and a reauthorization of aviation programs in the coming year.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), who has represented Upper Manhattan for 36 years, will fulfill his longtime goal of chairing the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, Social Security and Medicare. Rangel has an ambitious agenda that includes repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax. Given the Democratic leadership's vow to reinstate Pay-As-You-Go Rules, which requires that any tax decrease be offset, Rangel will find it difficult to move ambitious legislation. As the Committee looks to offset the cost of any tax changes, local governments will have to be vigilant to avoid getting hit with increased costs.

On the Republican side, the House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) did not pursue a leadership post. House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-OH) was chosen as Minority Leader for the 110th Congress while Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO) was reelected as Republican Whip. Both Boehner and Blunt were challenged by members of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), the caucus of conservative House Republicans. Boehner easily survived a challenge from Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN), winning by a margin of 168-27. Blunt beat back Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ) by a vote of 137-57.

The results of the leadership elections, which are often decided based on regional and personal ties, do not reflect the influence that the RSC will have in the Republican Caucus over the next two years. When the 110th Congress convenes, the vast majority (107) of the 197 House Republicans (seven races

remain undecided) will be RSC members. By contrast, the Republican Main Street Partnership, the caucus of moderate House Republicans, will claim only 80 members, a reflection of the party's losses in New England, New York and Pennsylvania.

SENATE OUTLOOK

New majority looks to next year. Democrats regained control of the Senate for the 110th Congress, but a thin two-seat majority, Senate rules that empower the minority more than in the House, and threats of Presidential vetoes may make it difficult for any significant changes in direction.

Democratic leadership will include: Majority Leader Harry Reid (NV); Majority Whip Richard Durbin (IL); Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus/Campaign Chair Charles Schumer (NY); Policy Committee Chair Byron Dorgan (ND), and Conference Secretary Patty Murray (WA).

Republican leaders will include: Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (KY); Minority Whip Trent Lott (MS); Conference Chairman Jon Kyl (AZ); Conference Vice Chairman John Cornyn (TX); Policy Committee Chair Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX), and Campaign Committee Chair John Ensign (NV).

Reid has indicated that he is inclined to organize committees that would allow the majority a one-seat margin, in much the same manner as the 108th Congress, when the Senate was also divided 51-49. Some committees will be led by Chairmen who have been at the helm before, such as Robert Byrd (D-WV) at Appropriations and Edward Kennedy (D-MA) at Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, while other panels will experience new blood, such as Barbara Boxer (D-CA) at Environment and Public Works and Chris Dodd (D-CT) at Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Of all the committees, Environment and Public Works will probably see the most significant change. Boxer has already stated her intention to make global warming and climate change the focus of the panel next year, while current Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK) has

derided global warming as a “hoax.” In addition, Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT), who lost a Democratic primary but regained his seat by running as an Independent, is slated to become Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and will have a strong role in the plans to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

Meanwhile, Kennedy announced this week that raising the minimum wage, embryonic stem cell research, reducing the costs of health care, increasing Pell grants, and making student loans less expensive would be top priorities for his committee next year. Not included on Kennedy’s was a Presidential request to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act. Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) is set to take the reign of the Finance Committee, and while he has indicated a strong interest in addressing the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), he has declared the President’s Social Security privatization plan dead on arrival.

While Reid has not formally announced his overall priorities for next year, Senate Democrats had been promoting their “Six for ’06” agenda throughout the campaign which included: national security; jobs and wages; energy independence; affordable health care; retirement security, and college access for all.

HOMELAND SECURITY

New group will monitor and share intelligence on terrorism threats. The Department of Homeland Security has introduced the Implementation Plan Report for the Information Sharing Environment (ISE). The plan, which was approved by the President and sent to Congress this week, is a strategy for sharing information about terrorism among federal, state, and local governments.

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 required that the President create the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) and the Office of the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Council (ISC). ISE will monitor intelligence from a wide variety of sources and includes a framework to quickly share information about imminent threats with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials. The newly created Fusion

Centers are an important component of the plan.

Police chiefs have long complained about a lack of information from the federal government concerning security and terrorism related issues. Intelligence officials have been hesitant to openly share the information between governments because of security risks. Local law enforcement officials hope ISE will improve communication.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Environmental Protection Agency, November 15: EPA announced the guidance for *Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning* for FY 2006. The EPA is targeting projects that reduce lead poisoning in areas with high incidences of elevated blood-lead levels, identify and reduce lead poisoning in understudied areas with potential for undocumented elevated blood-lead levels, and develop tools to address unique and challenging issues in lead poisoning prevention. Total funding available is approximately \$3 million and each individual award will range from \$25,000-\$100,000 with no required match. **Deadline January 12, 2007.**

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Subject November Sales Tax Reports

Attached are the November Sales Tax reports for activity in September. These will be the last figures we have prior to the budget retreat Dec. 13th, so we'll be discussing this information as well as many other items at the retreat on Dec. 13th. Motor vehicle sales tax receipts for the month included in these

numbers were nearly identical to last year for the same month.   BFb061120-1.pdf BFb061120-2.pdf

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**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2006-07 PROJECTED	2006-07 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 05-06	% CHANGE FR. 05-06
SEPTEMBER	\$4,424,347	\$4,546,247	\$121,900	(\$3,081)	-0.07%
OCTOBER	\$4,619,540	\$4,545,825	(\$73,715)	\$81,321	1.82%
NOVEMBER	\$4,619,540	\$4,654,599	\$35,059	\$29,295	0.63%
DECEMBER	\$4,321,330				
JANUARY	\$4,435,191				
FEBRUARY	\$5,628,031				
MARCH	\$4,115,294				
APRIL	\$3,909,258				
MAY	\$4,559,898				
JUNE	\$4,402,660				
JULY	\$4,446,036				
AUGUST	\$4,738,824				
TOTAL	\$54,219,949	\$13,746,670	\$83,243	\$107,536	1.19%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2001-2002 THROUGH 2006-2007**

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$3,844,150	\$4,239,938	\$4,453,875	\$4,648,160	4.36%	\$4,630,210	-0.39%	\$4,573,597	-1.22%
OCTOBER	\$4,116,763	\$4,464,191	\$4,670,587	\$4,706,690	0.77%	\$4,823,369	2.48%	\$4,712,519	-2.30%
NOVEMBER	\$4,125,824	\$4,407,744	\$4,526,166	\$4,687,792	3.57%	\$4,799,275	2.38%	\$4,658,480	-2.93%
DECEMBER	\$3,855,906	\$4,034,958	\$4,314,111	\$4,500,338	4.32%	\$4,511,403	0.25%		
JANUARY	\$4,140,990	\$4,046,633	\$4,335,924	\$4,264,010	-1.66%	\$4,342,902	1.85%		
FEBRUARY	\$4,982,568	\$5,224,986	\$5,531,405	\$6,086,841	10.04%	\$5,797,893	-4.75%		
MARCH	\$3,908,567	\$4,076,943	\$3,980,041	\$4,158,874	4.49%	\$4,247,908	2.14%		
APRIL	\$3,641,403	\$3,711,803	\$3,889,388	\$4,097,988	5.36%	\$3,991,159	-2.61%		
MAY	\$3,949,873	\$4,184,028	\$4,602,788	\$4,730,317	2.77%	\$4,543,369	-3.95%		
JUNE	\$3,856,119	\$4,169,550	\$4,599,245	\$4,557,735	-0.90%	\$4,539,614	-0.40%		
JULY	\$4,033,350	\$4,105,554	\$4,391,257	\$4,519,466	2.92%	\$4,655,061	3.00%		
AUGUST	\$4,231,174	\$4,402,156	\$4,893,438	\$4,803,665	-1.83%	\$4,991,723	3.91%		
TOTAL	\$48,686,688	\$51,068,484	\$54,188,225	\$55,761,877	2.90%	\$55,873,886	0.20%	\$13,944,596	-2.16%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2001-2002 THROUGH 2006-2007**

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$646,545)	(\$48,531)	(\$69,997)	(\$135,858)	94.09%	(\$80,882)	-40.47%	(\$27,350)	-66.19%
OCTOBER	(\$379,290)	(\$64,605)	(\$110,193)	(\$165,219)	49.94%	(\$358,866)	117.21%	(\$166,695)	-53.55%
NOVEMBER	(\$132,336)	(\$134,088)	(\$219,454)	(\$101,531)	-53.73%	(\$173,972)	71.35%	(\$3,881)	-97.77%
DECEMBER	(\$240,014)	(\$177,459)	(\$390,445)	(\$325,510)	-16.63%	(\$6,319)	-98.06%	(\$175,440)	2676.56%
JANUARY	(\$74,082)	(\$306,467)	(\$59,315)	(\$220,967)	272.53%	(\$269,713)	22.06%		
FEBRUARY	(\$509,277)	(\$61,404)	(\$323,218)	(\$394,324)	22.00%	(\$73,395)	-81.39%		
MARCH	(\$428,507)	(\$17,601)	(\$22,759)	(\$99,240)	336.05%	(\$165,869)	67.14%		
APRIL	(\$333,878)	(\$281,861)	(\$199,018)	(\$69,900)	-64.88%	(\$196,682)	181.38%		
MAY	(\$176,292)	(\$275,081)	(\$155,787)	(\$122,283)	-21.51%	(\$166,567)	36.21%		
JUNE	(\$127,168)	(\$138,914)	(\$194,593)	(\$34,811)	-82.11%	(\$14,085)	-59.54%		
JULY	(\$181,863)	(\$563,339)	(\$42,086)	(\$162,998)	287.30%	(\$39,492)	-75.77%		
AUGUST	(\$63,949)	(\$341,868)	(\$531,884)	(\$148,028)	-72.17%	(\$57,700)	-61.02%		
TOTAL	(\$3,293,201)	(\$2,411,218)	(\$2,318,751)	(\$1,980,668)	-14.58%	(\$1,603,541)	-19.04%	(\$373,365)	-39.78%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2001-2002 THROUGH 2006-2007**

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$3,197,606	\$4,191,407	\$4,383,878	\$4,512,303	2.93%	\$4,549,328	0.82%	\$4,546,247	-0.07%
OCTOBER	\$3,737,474	\$4,399,587	\$4,560,394	\$4,541,471	-0.41%	\$4,464,503	-1.69%	\$4,545,825	1.82%
NOVEMBER	\$3,993,488	\$4,273,655	\$4,306,712	\$4,586,261	6.49%	\$4,625,303	0.85%	\$4,654,599	0.63%
DECEMBER	\$3,615,893	\$3,857,499	\$3,923,666	\$4,174,828	6.40%	\$4,505,085	7.91%		
JANUARY	\$4,066,908	\$3,740,166	\$4,276,609	\$4,043,044	-5.46%	\$4,073,189	0.75%		
FEBRUARY	\$4,473,291	\$5,163,582	\$5,208,187	\$5,692,517	9.30%	\$5,724,498	0.56%		
MARCH	\$3,480,060	\$4,059,342	\$3,957,283	\$4,059,634	2.59%	\$4,082,038	0.55%		
APRIL	\$3,307,525	\$3,429,942	\$3,690,371	\$4,028,088	9.15%	\$3,794,477	-5.80%		
MAY	\$3,773,581	\$3,908,947	\$4,447,001	\$4,608,034	3.62%	\$4,376,803	-5.02%		
JUNE	\$3,728,951	\$4,030,637	\$4,404,651	\$4,522,924	2.69%	\$4,525,529	0.06%		
JULY	\$3,851,488	\$3,542,215	\$4,349,171	\$4,356,468	0.17%	\$4,615,569	5.95%		
AUGUST	\$4,167,224	\$4,060,288	\$4,361,554	\$4,655,637	6.74%	\$4,934,023	5.98%		
TOTAL	\$45,393,489	\$48,657,267	\$51,869,477	\$53,781,209	3.69%	\$54,270,346	0.91%	\$13,746,670	0.79%

Year to date vs.
previous year

2639 So.38th
Lincoln, NE 68506
November 16, 2006

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council,

I would like to submit my proposals for 48th and O street. I believe this will give some good discussion for the council.

Proposal One Second Bus Hub

Lincoln is growing faster than current bus routes.

OPEC has announced plans to cut production a million barrels a day.

Anytime oil is imported, some of that money will end up in terrorist organization. We owe it to our troops to do this.

1. The 16 acres would allow easy turning and access to two major streets.
2. This hub would service all of east Lincoln. The current one would service west Lincoln.
3. The two hubs would increase dramatically the response times of routes. Wait time would be minimized
4. An Intra-Hub (fashioned like the downtown StarTran) would be a tremendous boost to the businesses in that area.

Proposal Two Doane College-Lincoln

Doane College-Lincoln is outgrowing its current building.

This is close enough to the current building that it could be used for offices for staff.

1. This plot of land would have easy access to two major streets.
2. Doane College is a premier adult ed colleges in the Midwest. No value can be assigned to the future of Lincoln that will result in supporting these efforts.
3. If you build it they will come.

Proposal Three

A city park

O street is becoming a hallway for businesses. Tourists only see green on O street when they drive by Wyuka Cemetery.

1. This would only need to be a walk-through park. It could have lots of benches and shady areas provided by natural and man made structures.
2. Given Sunken Gardens great success, I see no reason that Lincoln couldn't support a second tourist sight.
3. All of the businesses in that area could be persuaded to provide parking. This would be a win-win situation for all involved.

Proposal Four

Nebraska Only Stores

On a recent trip to Seattle, we found whole areas of town that were set aside for small, non-chain businesses. Small businesses create more jobs, pay more taxes and sometimes grow into large businesses that appreciate the help they got when they started. A green building, highlighting Nebraska

Thank you for your consideration
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Subject Outrageous!!!! MINING PERMIT 06066

Dear Commissioners,

Regarding the agenda: <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/cnty/clerk/agenda/2006/ag061121.pdf>

It disturbs me that you appear to bury the mining permit for this property north of Hwy 77 and I-80 interchange in a group of topics that appear to be headed for easy approval. I have no problem with the applicant in this case. What is a problem is your uneven consideration of other similar applications. The difference is striking.

You deny a legitimate request for soil mining by Mr. Sanford earlier this year, when he would have been selling his soil for around \$.65 per yard. A request that would have removed similar amounts of soil, and would in all likelihood go to the same uses. The dirt is needed for cover of the landfill, and for use in highway construction. You appear headed to approval of a similar request for Mr. Giebenrath, but is it true that this guy will get \$1 per yard? The word on the street is that you may be costing the taxpayers as much as \$350,000 extra cost due to your actions. Soil volumes of that scale usually go to public works.

Was this request purposely held up until after the election? Are you purposely trying to bury this with the other topics for a vote? This property is about the same size as Mr. Sanford's. One could question if his application were held up for another agenda. Was one applicant denied so that another could profit?

The only difference is that it was known Mr. Sanford had interest in building a race track. This new applicant, Mr. Giebenrath apparently says the land will return to agricultural use, but let's get real here. That land will be developed eventually. It may have crops planted again, but it will be developed. And for any similar property, the future developer will have to apply for permits for those future activities. No different than what Mr. Sanford intended, except in timing.

What ever happened to the soil mining task force? Are there any conclusions from this activity? Or was it another attempt at a clever delay on a topic you hoped would just go away? If you are going to appoint task forces, please let them do their jobs.

I am very disgusted with the appearance of "arrangements" and back room dealings that this situation reveals. There are citizens watching your actions, and we expect honest representation. As you can see from the attached

addresses, this message will get sent to a lot of people around town. Lincoln will discuss this.

We, the people, expect an explanation.

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Subject public hearing

Marvin-

I look forward to receiving the final language of the two proposed options to the sign ordinance changes.

I was surprised that they were not presented in detail and discussed with the council prior to public testimony last night. It made it a little awkward for those of us who chose to speak at the public hearing; I wasn't certain that everyone was on the same page.

When I get a copy of the final proposals I'll contact you or Mike D. with questions.

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11/21/2006 10:11 AM

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Subject: Billboard Comment

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I'm providing comment on the issue of allowing digital billboards downtown. Pardon my ignorance but the billboards disguised as time and temperature signs at the intersections of Sun Valley Blvd and West "P" Street and 48th and "O" Street appear to my untrained eye to be digital in design.

The sign on Sun Valley Blvd is a traffic hazard. When north bound on Sun Valley turning onto West "P" Street the sign is blinding when it's in the white phase of the sign. At nighttime it completely washes out your vision of cars south bound at the intersection. As they say, "It's just a matter of time." This intersection was already one of the most dangerous in the city requiring extensive police resources during high traffic events. I haven't observed the sign on 48th at night and so can't comment on the effect on traffic.

At the very minimum these signs should be set back from any public street at least 20 feet. I don't see a problem with digital signs at usual bill board heights but the sign at Sun Valley poses a very real danger to traffic at the West "P" intersection.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

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Dear City Leaders:

I am taking this opportunity to express my **opposition** to any variance in the proposed digital billboard ordinance which would allow animated digital signs downtown but not city wide.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported on November 21, 2006 that the City would consider allowing special animated signs downtown but not in other parts of the City. When asked why downtown would be the only neighborhood that would have to tolerate these signs, City-County planning director Marvin Krout is quoted as saying, "Because downtown is our answer to Las Vegas." No, Mr. Krout. Downtown is NOT your Las Vegas. Downtown is my home. According to the City of Lincoln's website, downtown is home to 3,999 residents, with 2,346 households and 2,629 housing units. In case you aren't aware, there are large multiple family residential dwellings located at 12th and O Streets (Centerstone with **40 homes**), 13th and P Streets (University Towers with **78 homes**), 11th and P Streets (Georgian Place with **50 homes**), 12th and Lincoln Mall (Century House with **76 homes**), 13th and Lincoln Mall (Skypark with **74 homes**), 11th and O Streets (Continental Commons with **20 homes**), 10th and O Streets (The Lincoln Building with **38 homes** and Crossroads Retirement Community with **58 homes**), 12th and Q Streets (Eagle Apartments with **54 homes**) 9th and P Streets (The Federal Apartments with **52 homes**), 8th and P (The Grainger Building with **26 homes**) 8th and R Streets (The Hardy Building with **60 homes**) 14th and O (Courtyard Apartments with **12 homes**) 16th and M Streets (Blackstone Apartments with **22 homes**) with additional residential development being considered or underway in the Haymarket and Antelope Valley areas.

The thousands of people who live in the downtown neighborhood are fed-up with the City treating us like second-class citizens.

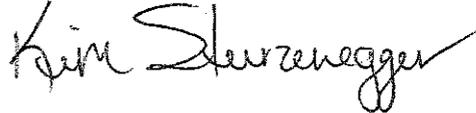
If for some reason, the City finds animated digital signs acceptable for thousands of downtown residents, they should be permitted city-wide. I'm sure that the residents of the Knolls, Country Club, Firethorn and Wilderness Ridge neighborhoods would enjoy animated digital signs

just as much as downtown residents.

The City pays great lip service to the idea of making downtown living more attractive, yet completing undermines any effort to maintain a residential character to downtown living by passing zoning ordinances that conflict with desirable residential neighborhood traits.

The residents of downtown Lincoln cherish and love their homes just as much as you cherish and enjoy your homes. If you would not want animated digital signs flashing in your neighborhood, you should not vote to put them in our neighborhood. If you find a Las Vegas style neighborhood desirable, perhaps you should consider moving to Las Vegas. Alternatively, let's make sure all of Lincoln enjoys the Las Vegas lifestyle by allowing animated digital signs in all residential neighborhoods. VIVA LAS VEGAS, BABY!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Sturzenegger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "K" and "S".

Kim K. Sturzenegger
Downtown Resident and
Downtown Neighborhood Association
Board Member

cc: Mr. Marvin Krout, City County Planning Director