IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007

I. MAYOR
1. Results of Drinking Water Samples Tested for Total Coliform and E. Coli Bacteria by Colilert® Method of Analysis.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler Announces Appointments to his Staff and Administration.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Intersection of 13th and South Street to Close for Ten Days.

II. DIRECTORS

CITY ATTORNEY
1. Letter from Joseph Rupp, Assistant City Attorney, Responding to Mike Morosin’s Comments Before the City Council on April 30, 2007.

COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
1. Patte Newman Announced as The Substance Abuse Action Coalition (SAAC) Coordinator.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Lancaster County Receives Ranking of “A” for Ozone Air Quality.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Notice of Neighborhood Meeting for Future Development at the SW Corner of South 27th Street and Randolph Street on May 24, 2007.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
1. ADVISORY. Intersection to Close at 13th and South Streets. Project #540009.
2. ADVISORY. Water Main Project #700298. East of North 58th Court and East End of Johanna Road.
3. ADVISORY. Fletcher Avenue; 1st Street to Approximately 600 Feet East of 7th Street. Seventh Street; Fletcher Avenue to Morton Street. Project #76904.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

DAN MARVIN
1. Letter to Public Works regarding Perspectives/Clarification on Road Funding.

ANNETTE McROY
1. Request to Mike Merwick, Building & Safety Director/Michaela Hansen, Public Works & Utilities-Impact Fee Administrator - RE: Property at 543 Lamont (McRoy RFI#178 - 04/27/07) - SEE RESPONSE FROM MIKE MERWICK, BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ON MCROY RFI#178.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Email from Ronald Case. Question or Comment Regarding Increasing Taxes to Keep Abreast of Services.
2. Email from Jeff Atkinson. Thank You to City Council and Mayor Beutler on Drag Racing Proposal Support.
3. Email from Vince Horky. Vacant Land on Northwest Corner of 84th and Cheney Ridge Road Clean Up.
4. Letter from Wilderness Kennels, Henry and Judy Sader, Regarding Proposal Allowing Dog Kennels Inside the City Limits of Lincoln. (Distributed to Council Members on 05/16/07)
5. Email from Mary Kenny. Continued Problems with Time Warner.
May 10, 2007

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

All of the drinking water samples were tested for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.

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Respectfully,

[Signature]

Dalton Johnson
Nebraska HHSS-R&L Laboratory
Lab Manager of Operations

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MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

MAYOR BEUTLER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced four appointments to his staff and Administration. “I promised to bring leadership and change to the Office of Mayor. Today’s appointments are representative of both,” he said. “The people I have appointed will be agents of change for the policies of a new Administration. I am confident that they are the right people to bring new perspective to City Hall.”

Beutler is appointing David Landis to be Director of the Urban Development Department, effective June 1. Landis is a former State Senator and currently serves as an Assistant Professor and Lecturer for the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. He has a law degree and a master’s degree in both Public Administration and Community and Regional Planning.

“Dave Landis has spent his career working on the issues he will face as Director of Urban Development,” said Beutler. “He has a long record of working on community and economic development issues. Urban Development is at the forefront of urban renewal, economic development and the Antelope Valley project, and I cannot think of a better leader to ensure our goals are met in these areas. I want thank Marc Wullschleger, the current Director, for his leadership the last eight years. He has provided crucial direction for many projects, and our community owes him our gratitude.”

Mayor Beutler also has appointed three new people to serve as his Mayoral Aides:

- **Trish Owen** is the current Public Policy Coordinator for the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. She is a former Chief Deputy County Clerk and was the Republican nominee for Lancaster County Clerk in the 2006 election. Owen has a master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Nebraska - Omaha. She will join the Mayor’s staff May 24th.

  “I have promised to work closely with the business community, and as a staff member at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Trish Owen will be well placed to bring us together,” said Beutler. “She has demonstrated outstanding managerial and leadership expertise both inside and outside of government. I am counting on Trish’s leadership to get City government and the private sector working together on economic development.”

- more -
Rick Hoppe has served as a Legislative Aide to two Nebraska State Senators, worked in Lincoln City Government as a Mayoral Aide and founded a private sector consulting firm, now known as Alchemy Associates. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a degree in Political Science. Hoppe will assume his duties immediately.

“The City is dependent on a strong legislative agenda, and Rick was instrumental in Lincoln’s success in the 2006 legislative session,” said Beutler. “He brings organizational and management skills, experience with City government issues and an understanding of the City budget. Rick’s knowledge of City government will be important to my restructuring efforts.”

Denise Pearce is currently Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature, Senator Mike Flood of Norfolk, and was an Aide to Mayor Beutler during his time in the Legislature. She has a law degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law. Pearce will join the Beutler Administration June 20th.

“Denise’s work in the Legislature was instrumental to my success in that body, helping to obtain more roads money for the City of Lincoln, reorganize government and strengthen State campaign finance and disclosure laws. I look forward to her efforts on behalf of the City,” Beutler said.

Current Mayoral staff Mark Bowen and Ann Harrell will continue to serve on the Mayor’s staff through the transition.

“I am grateful to Mark and Ann for their tremendous contributions to Lincoln,” said Beutler. “Their help throughout the transition will be invaluable to maintaining a smooth running operation. Our community is fortunate to have had the service of such dedicated and talented individuals. I am confident that they will continue their successes in their new endeavors.”
INTERSECTION OF 13TH AND SOUTH TO CLOSE FOR TEN DAYS

The intersection of 13th and South Street will be closed to traffic starting at 4 a.m., Saturday, May 19 for construction of the South Street Improvements Project. The intersection will reopen May 29, weather permitting.

Phase I of the project on South Street from 8th to 18th streets began in March. Improvements include roadway resurfacing, replacement of medians and traffic signals, new pavement markings, new streetscape enhancements and replacement the water main and storm sewers. The entire project has four phases total and is scheduled to be complete by the end of July 2007.

For more information, visit the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: southstreet), or contact Steven Faust, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-7711.
BUDGET

House approves second FY 2007 supplemental funding bill. The House approved legislation (HR 2206) last night that would provide for a phasing in of funds requested by the President for continuing military operations in Iraq. However, the measure continues to contain “benchmarks” for withdrawal from Iraq and the White House indicated its intention to veto the measure should it reach the President’s desk.

Under the bill, $43 billion of the $96 billion requested by the President would be released immediately, with a requirement that the President submit progress reports to Congress by July 13. Within 10 days of the progress report, the House would vote again, first on whether to cut off funding for further combat in Iraq, and then on whether to release the remaining $53 billion. The Senate must still take up this bill, and there are reports that some Senate Democrats object to this phased approach.

The bill approved by the House also includes some non-military items, such as $3.1 billion for base closure activities, $6.8 billion for Gulf Coast hurricane relief, $663 million for avian flu preparedness, and $400 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The longer the debate over the war funding drags out, the less likely Congress is to complete its FY 2008 appropriations bills prior to the start of the new fiscal year on October 1. Reports are that House and Senate negotiators are close to completing a conference report on the FY 2008 budget resolution, and once that is complete (it does not require Presidential approval), Appropriations Committee leadership can formally allocate funds to each of the 12 subcommittees.

However, the House Department of Homeland Security appropriations subcommittee may begin its work without their formal allocation as early as next week, and other House subcommittees that have less contentious jurisdictions may follow suit. No timetable for Senate consideration of FY 2008 spending bills has been set.

WATER RESOURCES

Senate begins consideration of WRDA. The Senate began consideration of legislation (HR 1495) that would authorize approximately $14 billion for hundreds of Army Corps of Engineers flood control, navigation, beach restoration and environmental restoration projects. The House passed its version of the legislation, dubbed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), last month.

Although the Senate voted overwhelmingly to limit debate on the bill, it did not do so unanimously, meaning that there will be 30 hours of debate on it before Senators can offer, debate and vote on amendments to the bill. Facing a crowded floor schedule that includes an immigration bill and the need to broker agreements on judicial nominations, the leadership postponed final debate on the measure until next week.

As cleared by the Environment and Public Works Committee, the bill would have authorized more than $31 billion for Corps projects. In the face of a revolt by budget hawks and Corps critics, Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and James Inhofe (R-OK), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, reduced the bill’s price tag by $17 billion, mostly by removing language that would have expedited projects to provide category five hurricane protection to Louisiana.
When consideration of the bill resumes next week, the Senate will debate a number of amendments. A disparate group of liberal environmentalists and conservative budget hawks that includes Senators Russell Feingold (D-WI), Tom Carper (D-DE), John McCain (R-AZ), Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Judd Gregg (R-NH) are preparing an amendment that would create a temporary bipartisan commission to report to Congress on how Corps projects should be prioritized. Speaking for the group, Feingold said that, with a backlog of currently authorized Corps projects of $58 billion and Congress annually spending approximately $2 billion a year on the Corps, priorities must be set.

Inhofe countered those plans with a speech on the Senate floor touting his recent rating as the Senate’s most conservative member. He went on to say that national defense and infrastructure are legitimate and necessary federal investments and that he will always support the maximum amount of spending for such programs.

Senators John Kerry (D-MA), Bernard Sanders (I-VT) and Carper plan to offer an amendment that would require the Corps to consider the effects of global warming when designing projects. In addition, Senators David Vitter (R-LA) and Mary Landrieu (D-LA) plan to offer an amendment to restore $15 billion for the expedited protection of Louisiana from a category five hurricane.

Both Boxer and Inhofe have pledged to oppose these and any amendments that might scuttle the bill’s chance for final passage. If they succeed, they and their House counterparts will look to conference the bill as quickly as possible with the goal of sending a final bill to the President before the August recess.

Transportation

Senate introduces moderate FAA reauthorization bill. Last week, leaders of the Aviation Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee introduced the “Aviation Investment and Modernization Act of 2007” (S 1300).

The measure to reauthorize programs at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) largely ignores the White House proposal (HR 1356) to eliminate the tax on the price of a plane ticket and replace it with a fee based largely on plane size, in addition to other factors. The Administration bill would also reduce jet fuel taxes for commercial planes by almost half, while nearly tripling the fuel tax on general aviation aircraft.

Conversely, S 1300 seeks to increase the current mix of excise and fuel taxes and general fund contributions. The bill, introduced by Senators John Rockefeller (D-WV) and Trent Lott (R-MS), would maintain the current financing system while adding a $25-per-flight surcharge on all domestic flights.

Support for the two bills is split, with commercial airlines favoring the Administration bill and general aviation siding with the Senate version.

The Senate Finance Committee, which shares jurisdiction over tax-related portions of the reauthorization, is expected to release legislation similar to the Senate Commerce bill. Both Rockefeller and Lott sit on the Senate Finance Committee, so major changes are not anticipated.

The Senate Commerce Committee has not yet scheduled a markup for S 1300.

Grant Opportunities

Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD has announced technical changes and supplemental information to its March 13 “SuperNOFA” announcement. Additional information and technical changes were made to the general section and to several programs including: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Elderly/Persons with Disabilities. Several dates have been extended for NOFA programs whose deadlines have already passed, exact dates of all changes are in the announcement. The announcement can be found in the May 11, 2007 Federal Register, page 27032.
May 16, 2007

To: Chair of the City Council

RE: “Acquisition Regulations” document.

I write this in response to Mike Morosin’s comments before the City Council at the open mic session on April 30, 2007. In his comments, Mr. Morosin incorrectly alleges the above described document was improperly withheld from him. In fact, Mr. Morosin was well aware of this document and has had ready access to it since January of 2002.

The Acquisition Regulations were adopted by the JAVA Board as a guideline in a package known as the “Phase 1 Logistical Acquisition Guidelines and Forms” on January 15, 2002. The document is a public record and has been readily available since January 15, 2002. The document is also available on the Antelope Valley Project section of the City’s website: http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/antelope/backgrnd/acquisit/pdf/jvacqpol.pdf

I checked with the website technicians and verified that this link has been posted and available to the public since at least November of 2003. For persons that do not have computers, there is a computer in the hallway outside the City Council chambers that has access to this link, and every public library has a suite of computers with able assistance from staff, if needed.

If that were not enough to discredit Mr. Morosin’s claims, Mr. Morosin was also in attendance at the January 15, 2002 JAVA board meeting where the very document in question was acted on by the JAVA Board. Moreover, Mr. Morosin spoke on the guidelines and engaged the board in some depth about the documents as shown in the following excerpt of the meeting minutes:

“Order No. 02-04 Comments from the public:
Mike Morosin would like those documents made available so that he can obtain a copy for reviewing. Morosin inquired as to why doesn’t the Department of Roads do the acquisition? Morosion submitted a packet to the Board entitled Relocation Notes. He wished to update the Board on this matter so that they could see what types of questions that are being asked. He also requested that the Board be more up-front with the relocation process. Citizens have decisions to make and need enough notice to plan.
Figard responded to Morosin’s question on NDOR doing the acquisition. Figard indicated that NDOR would not be interested in such a project unless it had a tie to a U.S. Highway or had more financial involvement.
Figard thought that the City Departments and sponsors were better postured to do it well and with the community. The Board will continue to monitor the area."
Minutes from this meeting as well as all JAVA Board meetings are available from the City Clerk or online though the City’s website. I also draw attention to the following JAVA Board meeting as Mr. Morosin was also in attendance at that meeting. There is no mention that Mr. Morosin had any difficulty obtaining the documents, and he also made other comments in the “Comments from the public” section of the Agenda at that meeting on April 16, 2002, where he presumably would have complained had he not been able to review the documents as requested.

Mr. Morosin also incorrectly implied that the document was not available to the City Council. The facts are quite contrary as the document was referenced as background material in correspondence from JAVA legal counsel to all the City Council members prior to a December 1, 2003 pre-council meeting on the subject of “Antelope Valley Property Acquisition”. That pre-council meeting was nearly an hour long, where the guidelines and correspondence were the main presentation items. Minutes from this meeting are available from the City Clerk.

Most importantly, Mr. Morosin does not recognize that the right of appeal is created by state statute - not the document he incorrectly claims was bravely provided to him only “recently.” The thirty day period for appeal cited in the Acquisition Regulations is a reference to the time period allowed by state statute. (Neb. Rev. Stat. section 76-715.01). Real property acquisition through eminent domain is a formal process. While every effort is made to provide property owners adequate time and pertinent information, the government lawyers involved are prohibited from providing legal counsel to the property owner being condemned. The property owner is given ample time to hire their own appraiser and attorney.

Further, JAVA held a separate public hearing on the acquisition of Mr. Morosin’s property on May 19, 2003. At the hearing, JAVA, as required by statute (Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 25-2501 et. Seq.), explained the nature of and the necessity for the project, the reasons for selecting the particular location or route, the right of each property owner to be represented by an attorney and the right to negotiate and accept or reject the offer of damages for the acquisition, and the right to require that such damages be determined pursuant to the procedures for acquisition by eminent domain. (25-2504). The public hearing was noticed as provided by law and Mr. Morosin attended.

I have reviewed the minutes of that meeting and JAVA legal counsel advised not less than 3 separate times that property owners had the right to be represented by counsel. While no property owner is expected to understand all of the details of the formal process of eminent domain, two things are clear: government attorneys cannot represent the property owners, and Mr. Morosin was clearly advised that he could hire his own attorney. Simply put, Mr. Morosin by his comments on April 30, 2007, is now attempting to manufacture an issue that does not exist and is best described as confusing the role of the government attorney with his own attorney.

In addition to the public hearing on May 19, 2003, the JAVA Acquisition Regulations were discussed at two JAVA Board meetings with Mr. Morosin in attendance (not to mention before the City Council again in December of 2003). Despite his protestations, Mr. Morosin had more than a fair opportunity to inform himself of the eminent domain process and the ability to hire his own attorney.
Lastly, although the related appeal time has now passed, it is unclear what an appeal would have accomplished. At the condemnation hearing Mr. Morosin presented the Board of Appraisers with an appraisal from an appraiser he hired. The Board of Appraisers awarded the amount of Mr. Morosin’s appraisal. Since Mr. Morosin received the award he requested, an appeal, though technically possible, would be most unusual. In addition, Mr. Morosin had already instituted a separate lawsuit challenging that the condemnation was not for a public purpose.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Rupp  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Mike Morosin
May 14, 2007

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
   Lincoln City Council
   Mayor Chris Beutler
   SAAC Team Members
   The Funders Group

Congratulations to Patte Newman!
Patte has agreed to be our new.....
   SAAC Coordinator

The Substance Abuse Action Coalition (SAAC) is pleased to announce its new coordinator, Patte Newman. Patte joins us after serving the City on the City Council since 2003. She has great visibility, strong leadership and management skills and a history of successful program implementation. Patte officially comes on board May 14, 2007. SAAC is located within the Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Office.

SAAC began in 2002, involves nearly 200 people, and is currently pursuing activities in areas of prevention, treatment and criminal justice. Our overall goal is a commitment to making Lincoln a substance abuse free community. Its focus is on underage drinking, parent perceptions of drug use by youth, waiting lists in recovery programs and the relationship of substances to criminal justice activity. SAAC addresses abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, methamphetamine and other drugs. (For more information on SAAC contact: 441-4944.)
Lancaster County Gets an “A”

The American Lung Association has given Lancaster County its highest ranking of “A” for ozone air quality and rated Lincoln among the cleanest cities across the country for ozone air pollution. Again this year, there were no days with monitored levels in unhealthy ranges. This achievement is due to the dedication of local businesses and industries that have significantly reduced their emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides, which combine with sunlight to form ozone. The Health Department will continue to work with businesses to maintain these low levels of ozone.

The report also noted that particulate matter (PM) concentrations increased slightly. There were three days of PM levels that were in the moderate or sensitive categories. This does not represent a significant health risk for most of the population, but those with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (i.e. chronic bronchitis and emphysema) and/or heart disease should be aware that elevated levels of PM may trigger asthma attacks, or cause wheezing, coughing, and respiratory irritation.

The American Lung Association reports, “over half of the U.S. population lives in counties which have unhealthy levels of either ozone or particle pollution.” Lincoln residents are fortunate to be able to enjoy good air quality and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will continue to partner with businesses to keep it that way. The Health Department encourages Lancaster County residents to get involved in keeping the air clean. Some simple ways to protect the air include:

- keep your tires inflated
- walk, bike, or car pool
- use hand powered or electric lawn care equipment rather than gasoline powered items
May 14, 2007

RE: Southwest Corner, S. 27th & Randolph Streets

Please be advised that the Housing Rehabilitation & Real Estate Division of the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department has submitted a request to declare property legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Houtz Place, generally located at the southwest corner of South 27th Street and Randolph Street, as surplus.

You are invited to attend a neighborhood meeting to discuss future development of this property, hosted by the City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at Elliott Elementary School, 225 So. 25th Street.

For more information, please contact the project planner, Christy Eichorn, in the Planning Department at 402-441-7603 or ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Marvin S. Krout
Director of Planning

cc: Urban Development
Mayor Chris Beutler
City Council
Planning Commission
Ken Smith, Public Works & Utilities
13TH AND SOUTH STREET INTERSECTION TO CLOSE
Project #540009

The intersection of 13th and South Street will be closed to traffic starting Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 4:00 a.m. for 10 days for the South Street Improvements Project. In March 2007, the City of Lincoln began construction on Phase I of the South Street, 8th - 18th Street, project. The scope of the project includes roadway resurfacing, replacement of medians and traffic signals, new pavement markings, new streetscape enhancements and replacement of storm sewers and water main. The 13th Street intersection is part of Phase I. The project has four phases total and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2007.

For more information, you can contact Steven Faust, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-7711 or visit www.lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: southstreet.

Steven Faust, Project Manager
Public Works and Utilities
Engineering Services
531 Westgate Boulevard, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68528
Phone: (402) 441-7711
Fax: (402) 441-6576

LEGEND
- - - - Construction Area
- - Detour Route
- - - - Local Access Only
May 16, 2007

WATER MAIN PROJECT #700298
East of North 58th Court & East End of Johanna Road

The week of May 14, 2007, K2 Construction of Lincoln will be starting construction (weather permitting) of a water main and water service reconstruction for the Engineering Services Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

The scope of the work involves a new 8" water pipe from the east side of North 58th Court to the east approximately 132' and north 138 L.F. The construction will be complete in June, 2007 barring weather or unforeseen conditions. East of North 58th Court and the east end of Johanna Road will be closed to through traffic for approximately 15 days.

The City of Lincoln realizes this project may temporarily inconvenience you. Notifications of closure or access to your property will be given to you in a timely order as the contractor progresses through the project.

If you have any problems or questions during the construction period, please contact K2 Construction Superintendent, Tom Rogge at (402) 770-5728 or the City of Lincoln Project Manager, Warren Wondercheck.

Warren Wondercheck, Senior Engineering Specialist
Engineering Services, Public Works and Utilities
Phone: (402) 441-7014
Cell: (402) 540-2750
Email: wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

K2 Construction Office
Office Hours: 8:00 - 5:00
(402) 467-2355
PHASE II PAVING IMPROVEMENT
Fletcher Avenue; 1st Street to Approximately 600' East of 7th Street
7th Street; Fletcher Avenue to Morton Street
Project #76904

The week of May 14, 2007, Constructors Inc. of Lincoln will be starting construction (weather permitting) of pavement replacement for the Engineering Services Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

The scope of the work involves pavement replacement in Fletcher from 1st to 7th and the intersection of 7th and Fletcher. The construction will be complete in May, 2007 barring weather or unforeseen conditions.

The City of Lincoln realizes this project may temporarily inconvenience you. Notifications of closure or access to your property will be given to you in a timely order as the contractor progresses through the project.

If you have any problems or questions during the construction period, please contact Constructors Inc. Superintendent Larry Tramp or the City of Lincoln Project Manager Warren Wondercheck.

Warren Wondercheck, Senior Engineering Specialist
Engineering Services, Public Works and Utilities
Phone: (402) 441-7014
Cell: (402) 540-2750
Email: wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

Larry Tramp, Superintendent
 Constructors Inc.
Phone: (402) 430-3351

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
   & City Council Members
FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office
DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 
DATE: May 14, 2007

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
          Marvin Krout
          Dana Roper
          Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
          Jean Walker, Planning

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 07005
North 61st Street north of
Aylesworth Avenue

Discussions have been held with Lincoln Public Schools concerning the vacation of the narrow 61st Street right-of-way north of Aylesworth Avenue as Brownell Elementary School has been built over the top of the right-of-way. Public Works has recommended the right-of-way be vacated without petition. It is this writer’s understanding, given the time frame the right-of-way was acquired, state statutes provide if it be vacated title would automatically revert to the abutting property owner. As such, it is recommended, if the street be vacated, it be vacated without petition and allowed to revert to the abutter, or be deeded to Lincoln Public Schools at no cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. A-____________

Business Improvement District Act
North 27th Street Maintenance Business Improvement District

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, that:

1. The cost of providing for the maintenance of certain public facilities in the
   North 27th Street Maintenance Business Improvement District including:
   a. Litter and refuse removal from sidewalks, planting areas, and
      beautification areas within the public right-of-way;
   b. Care and maintenance, including replacement, of all landscaping,
      including watering, fertilizing, weeding, pruning, spraying, and removal
      and replacement of dead plantings;
   c. Maintenance (excluding repair) of sidewalks;
   d. General maintenance of median signs including repair and repainting;

   including the employment of or contracting for personnel, to provide for any service as may be
   necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of the Business Improvements District Act and cost
   incidental thereto, be and the same is hereby assessed upon the property in said district described
   in the proposed Distribution of Assessment attached to this resolution, marked “Proposed
   Distribution of Assessment of the North 27th Street Maintenance Improvement District” and
   made a part hereof;

2. The cost of said activities is the sum of $14,392.56.

3. The property set forth in the proposed Distribution of Assessment is
   specially benefitted by such activities and improvement.
4. Each piece and parcel of property described is specially benefitted in the amount set forth therein, and no property is taxed more than the special benefits accruing thereto by reason of said activities and improvements.

5. The cost of said activities and improvements is hereby apportioned and assessed upon the several pieces and parcels of property in said district in the manner and amount set forth in the proposed Distribution of Assessment of the North 27th Street Maintenance Improvement District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to record this resolution in the minutes of the City Council with the vote thereon by yeas and nays.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council sit as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing said assessments on the 4th day of June, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., with adjournments from day to day until the work of equalizing said assessments shall be completed.

Approved this ___ day of ______________, 2007.

Introduced by:

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Approved:

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Urban Development Director

Approved this ___ day of ________, 2007.

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**TOTAL**: 14,392.47
Wednesday, May 14, 2007

Karl, Roger, and Margaret

Thank you for your time on Wednesday May 9th. I appreciate getting some clarification on a number of issues. I will be asked to vote on a number of these items as they come forward. It is helpful to get your perspectives on road funding.

I think the key points that I would like Public Works to think about are the following:

1. If we are not flush with road funds, then why be so quick to expand the standards on some of the projects just because 27 million dollars in highway allocation (HAB) funds were issued?

I know, that Roger is of the mind that the 27 million was an inadequate amount for the council to raise last year. Leaving that issue aside, I think all would grant that 27 million did not give us unlimited funding. For me, it was a question of managing the cash flow for PW, bonding what was possible and maximizing the number of projects we could get off the ground (especially job-producing projects).

Consider these examples:

a. **98th Street from Highway 2 to Pine Lake**

If we look at the expanded design standard and compare the pre-HAB standard to the post-HAB, one need only look at 98th street from Hwy 2 to Pine Lake Road. From the discussion at Public Works on Wednesday and with those on the development end, we had a road design for that section, that prior to the issue of HAB dollars was set at 900,000 dollars total cost, with 400,000 from the developer and 500,000 of public funds.

Was this an ideal roadway design? No. However, apparently it was contemplated that, in a time of tight road dollars, this was sufficient to get the project off the ground.

Post-HAB funds, this section is now being designed to be a 2.8 million-dollar road project, with 2.4 million from the public and 400,000 dollars of developer contribution.
b. 84th and Adams

When Annette and I went up and talked about this project we saw plans from EDC for Adams that showed a cost of 3.4 million dollars. This broke down as 2 million dollars of directed impact fees (dollars from the developers up front with a payback some years down the road) plus the remainder in HAB funds.

Now with HAB dollars in place we are seeing design work that adds up to nearly 7 million dollars and the breakdown is 2 million dollars of directed impact fees and potentially five million dollars of HAB funds.

In both of these examples we see differing road standards and in the meeting it was stated that the only difference was that HAB funds made it easier to increase the scope of the project.

c. 84th to 98th street on Yankee Hill.

While this was not an HAB funded project, it is yet another example of an expanded project cost. In 2006, it was agreed to build that road at a cost of 2 million dollars of directed impact fees. Later the developer was told that an additional lane of road needed to be added, increasing the cost by 700,000 dollars, and that cost is now going to be born by the community by tapping into un-pledged impact fees in that zone.

In the first two examples we see a 300% to 500% increase in the cost to the community to get these projects off the ground. In my opinion, these kinds of cost increases may make sense, from an engineering point of view. However, we all agreed that we do not have an endless supply of road dollars; so why are we expanding the scope of these projects beyond what was acceptable just six or twelve months ago?

2. Process. This is another issue that I believe is quite troubling. Where is the check on the Public Works department? First, as I think as has been shown, the scope and cost of road projects expanded significantly since the issuance of the HAB funds, who authorized this expansion of scope and cost?

From the meeting it appears that in both cases the expansion of the design standard originated inside public works and perhaps at the level below the Director of Public Works. I am troubled by the degree we can expand our road design costs so rapidly without any input from elected officials.

Karl, I have been a friend of Public Works. I along with others developed the financing plan that has help fund the Category Five build out of the Water and Sewer Departments. I worked on the MIFC, which came forward with the first Highway allocation-bonding plan, and while on the council I came forward with this second level of financing for roads.

I have been an advocate for the RUTS plan and even now I am working on finding ways to get additional County dollars so that the City does not have to annex gravel as it expands. But I am very concerned about these developments and the direction that we
are going. We are either flush with dollars to do all we want to do, or we face a challenging road budget and we need to conserve our dollars to do as many job producing priority projects as possible.

Below are my estimates of what I believe are the cost increases in the CIP for HAB funded projects. Many of these increases were obtained either from your department or outside interested parties. I hope we can work towards a compromise. Both of the candidates for mayor identified road funding as a critical issue and these spending increases need to be addressed.

Sincerely

Daniel K Marvin
At Large City Council Member

Cc: Mayor’s Office
City Council Office

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Ronald Case
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Comment or Question:
I hope all of you have read CurtDonaldson's Local View (LJS 14 May). In addition to the obvious point that Curt makes about the reluctance of increasing taxes to keep abreast of services, there are related issues that he raised.

1) I know this has been addressed, but apparently not answered, why have revenues increased at such a paltry rate?

2) How much more room is there to increase efficiency? Curt pointed out that the number of tax funded employees (outside of those involved in public safety) has actually decreased by 4% since 1990. That is remarkable when one considers that the city has grown by 25% in population and 34% in area.

3) For those of you who hang your hat on growth paying its way and increasing the tax base--see above. We have added a great deal of property to the tax roles and increased the population by 25% and yet we are faced with a $9 million shortfall and a suffering infrastructure problem.

4) We have significant payments due for Antelope Valley, public schools, and lesser amounts for storm sewer improvements. It will be hard to continue cutting and maintaining services and a the quality of life that we expect in Lincoln.

Now is the time to think creatively rather than the old saws that haven't worked, let's grow, grow, grow.
Mayor Beutler, Past and Present City Council Members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the previous Council Member’s interest and efforts on the support of the proposal to build a Drag Racing facility in Lancaster County under special permit SP06051. Many of you are aware of the passion, the importance, and the support by the community for this proposal demonstrated by the large number of emails, phone calls and media coverage. Speaking for thousands of motorsports and car enthusiasts across our community and state, we appreciate the Council’s efforts and support to once again bring sanctioned Drag Racing to Lincoln and Eastern Nebraska.

In reviewing Mayor Beutler’s inaugural comments to the City Council, it is very important for the benefit of our city and state that we have a native Lincoln businessman especially from the private sector with the support of thousands of motorsports enthusiasts and many local businesses to build a Drag Racing Facility in Lancaster County. These are some of the comments from his address that I would like to share with you.

- “Everyone I’ve met believes that Lincoln is a good place ... a good place to live, work and raise a family. That’s not all – we all share a vision of the even better world-class City that Lincoln can become. Lincoln is ready for Mayoral leadership and City Council leadership that will make our vision become our reality.”

- “Lincoln voters voted for change. They want progress, now. And they want all of us, the Council, the Mayor and everyone who works for the City, to get to work and get the job done. The voters are going to hold all of us accountable ... and let me assure you, I will hold myself, my staff, my directors and my departments accountable.”

- “It’s time – working with the Council – to solve the budget problem and fix the budget’s structural defects. I want to let all citizens know right now that this will be a difficult, difficult process. The scale of the deficit is huge. But we must persevere so that our house is at last in order.”

- “As your Mayor, I will set the tone. And I am inviting everyone, every organization and every institution to join in being part of this change.”

- “Finally, we will make Lincoln an easier place to do business – so that we can expand homegrown businesses, bring in new businesses and create the good, high-paying jobs that are the hallmark of a world-class City.”

Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln

In reviewing these comments, it is very apparent that Mayor Beutler is very interested in revitalizing Lincoln. Business growth, job opportunities, tourism, and the direction of inviting all
opportunities to improve our quality of life in Lincoln will benefit all of us. The opportunity of a Drag Racing Facility presents a unique opportunity to benefit our community and state. Tourism dollars, new businesses, jobs, educational purposes and family entertainment destinations are just a few of the opportunities a motorsports facility could provide.

In closing, I would invite you to read through the Nebraska Motorplex’s vision for Lincoln and the community and how it mirrors the vision of our newly elected Mayor and the direction for our City. This vision of the Motorplex represents thousands of people and families in the racing community throughout the Midwest. We hopefully can look forward to a new era of leadership that will introduce new businesses and entertainment venues such as a Motorsports Facility to help create Mayor Beutler’s “World Class City” vision for our community.

THE NEW NEBRASKAMOTORPLEX

For over 25 years the Nebraska Motorplex drag racing facility in Scribner provided Eastern Nebraska with some of the fastest drag racing in the Midwest. Now the Lincoln metropolitan area has a huge opportunity to continue this legacy of racing with the potential to build the most spectator and participant friendly motorsports facility in the Midwest.

Nebraska Motorplex is proposing to build a drag racing themed, family recreation and entertainment center just outside the capital city of Lincoln. The proposed site is approximately 160 acres of ground on north Hwy 77 between Branched Oak Road and Davey Road, just 5 miles north of the Hwy 77 and the I-80 interchange. Property dimensions are 1 mile long by ¼ mile wide - perfect to build a first class drag racing surface with ample shutdown area for even the fastest class of cars. In addition, the facility will feature a landscaped environment complete with hard surface spectator and pit parking, picnic area, food and vendor booths, permanent concession stand and restrooms, fenced playground, state of the art Musco lighting for night events and many other features to provide a recreational destination for racers, fans and families in the Midwest and across the United States.

While the facility will provide many diverse racing programs and special events (such as car shows, etc) its main role will be to provide fun, affordable family entertainment that will attract many new visitors to the facility and more importantly to the community every year. Drag racing is a very family oriented sport with racing opportunities for hot rod enthusiasts of all levels, from kids ages 8-17 in the NHRA O’Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing series, high school and sportsman classes, all the way to the professional ranks.

The Nebraska Motorplex will not only provide an entertainment venue, but also provide economic benefit to Lincoln and Nebraska. According to a University of Nebraska Impact Study, the racetrack is expected to bring $10 to $23 million to the local economy. Tourism is the third largest earner of revenue in Nebraska with visitors spending over $3.1 billion each year on hotels, restaurants, attractions, and businesses.

The facility will become a new source of pride for the city of Lincoln and the state of Nebraska. Previous national and divisional events in Scribner have been televised on ESPN. The
opportunity to bring this venue to a large metropolitan area such as Lincoln will invite a host of new events that will not only provide entertainment and economic benefit to our community, but will bring national and regional attention that showcases the city of Lincoln, its businesses and sponsors in a positive and exciting manner making Lincoln even more of a visitor destination.

The National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) is very excited about the prospect of having a facility built in the Lincoln area to continue to offer sanctioned drag racing in Nebraska. NHRA Division Director Rob Park has been very active in supporting the Nebraska Motorplex by attending the planning commission meeting and providing assistance from NHRA’s National Headquarters in Glendora, California. The Motorplex and its extended family of racers and fans are very appreciative of the dedication and efforts of Rob Park, along with the support of the NHRA and their desire to bring the fastest and most spectacular form of entertainment on wheels to Lincoln.

"NHRA is very excited with the Motorplex's efforts to build a facility in the Lincoln area. The Division V region represents thousands of sportsman racers throughout the Midwest and adding Lincoln as a membership track will not only benefit these racers and fans, but will provide the opportunity to bring NHRA Championship Drag Racing to a new and exciting market in the Lincoln and Omaha area."

Rob Park, NHRA Division V Director

Nebraska Motorplex would like to thank everyone for the continued overwhelming support received via your letters, emails, letters to the editor of the Lincoln Journal Star and phone calls. This support has come not only from racers, fans and their families, but also from business owners and citizens of Lancaster County, who see the tremendous need for economic growth and revenue for our community and state. With the support of all of you, we hope that the new Nebraska Motorplex drag racing facility can make Lincoln a more exciting place to live and visit.

Thanks again for your time and more importantly your support.

Jeff Atkinson
1800 Branched Oak Rd
Davey, NE 68336

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
How do we get the vacant land on the northwest corner of 84th and Cheney Ridge Rd cleaned up.

Thank You
WILDERNESS KENNELS
Henry & Judy Sader • Roca, NE 68430 • 402/423-4212

May 10, 2007

In Re: Proposal allowing dog kennels inside
the city limits of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council;

We have built, owned, and operated our kennel since 1968. Our kennel is located
outside the city limits of Lincoln in Lancaster County because it is illegal to have a
kennel inside the city of Lincoln.

In about 1950 the city of Lincoln passed an ordinance prohibiting kennels to
operate within the city limits; this occurred at a time when the city of Lincoln was
sparsely populated. Now the city of Lincoln has quadrupled in population and there is a
request to allow kennels within the city limits. It seems as though the timing of this
request is ridiculous; if kennels were to be allowed within the city of Lincoln they should
have been allowed 60 years ago, not now.

According to Jim Weverka, head of Animal Control, he has been denying one
request per month from area citizens to build kennels inside Lincoln. Now a foreign

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corporation is requesting to build a kennel in Lincoln and it is being considered by the
council to allow their kennel inside the city limits. It is unfair to the citizens here to
allow this law to be changed and let a foreign corp. operate a kennel inside the city when
for the past 60 years we have had to build kennels outside the city.

This proposal to allow kennels inside the city of Lincoln has already been heard
by all three of your advisory boards.

The experts in the area of dogs and cats, the Animal Control Advisory Board,
rejected passage of this proposal. The experts in the field of health, the
Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, rejected the proposal after having special
concerns with noise, odor and dangerous conditions among other health problems.

The Planning Committee voted to forward the proposal to the city council after
"changes were made." But, when asked to explain the changes and explain the
enforcement of the proposal the leader and supporter of the proposal, Bryan Will
(employee of Planning Commission) could not explain the changes adequately and didn’t
seem to understand the changes himself.
There are many other reasons why kennels should not be allowed within the city of Lincoln and you will probably hear the testimony to this affect at the upcoming hearing.

Please reject this proposal to allow kennels to be built inside the city of Lincoln—let them build outside the city limits just as we and others have had to do.

From: Henry D. Sader
Wilderness Kennels
2030 Saltillo Road
I have not been able to attend any of the meetings due to my work schedule. Although I feel some improvement has been made in dealing with the DVR issues, I continue to have problems. Programs just do not record even if they are highlighted and scheduled to record. I've said all along if Time Warner would have just leveled with us, letting us know we were a test site for the new Navigator, I think people would have been much more understanding. Instead, when calling with a problem we were led to believe we were the only people in the city having the problem. I was given 6 months of free HBO as compensation. This would be great if everything was working smoothly now...but it's not. I say it's time to get a new cable company in Lincoln.
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Reservations Due May 23 For Mayor’s Arts Awards.

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of May 19 through May 25, 2007 - Schedule subject to change.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP

1. E-Mail from Lincoln 55+ - RE: Camp Bow Wow.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Letter from Kent Forney, D.V.M., Nebraska Animal Medical Center - RE: Change of Zone #06084 - Opposed to allow commercial boarding kennels in additional zoning districts before all applicable boards and committees.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/WATER SYSTEM


C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Marla King - RE: In Support of Camp Bow Wow.
RESERVATIONS DUE MAY 23 FOR MAYOR’S ARTS AWARDS

Reservations are due May 23 for the 29th annual Mayor’s Arts Awards to be presented the evening of Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The event is sponsored by the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC), and this year’s presenting sponsor is Union Bank. The awards program recognizes artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area.

The event begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the awards presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m. Tickets for the event are $50, and reservations are required. Checks can be sent to LAC at 920 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. More information is available by calling 434-ARTS (2787) or on the LAC Web site at www.artscene.org.

The Mayor’s Arts Awards ceremony also will include a tribute to those members of the Lincoln arts community who have died since the last awards ceremony in June 2006. Names may be submitted to LAC

- Rose Ann Dowty and Peter Heckman, who led the LAC’s Stories of Home public art project, will receive the Mayor’s Choice Award (sponsored by Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P).

- Frameworks and owner Lynne Boyer will receive the Oliva Family “Arts for Kids” Award (sponsored by Jack and Dottie Oliva), which honors an individual or organization from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children.

- The Nebraska Jazz Orchestra will receive the Artistic Achievement Award for Performing Arts (sponsored by Farmers Mutual Insurance Company).

- Sydney Lynch, a studio jeweler with work in 70 galleries and shops in the U.S. will receive the Artistic Achievement Award for Visual Arts (sponsored by A to Z Printing).

- The Lincoln High School Theatre and its production, “This Unsafe Star: The Emmitt Till Story,” will receive the Artistic Achievement Award for Youth (sponsored by Lincoln Benefit Life).

- more -
The **YWCA of Lincoln and its Star Art Project** will receive the *Event of the Year Award* (sponsored by Union Bank).

**Walker and Dianne Kennedy** will receive the *Halcyon Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award* (sponsored by TierOne Bank) for their significant financial contributions to the arts in Lincoln.

**The Nebraska Art Association**, the support organization for the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, will receive the *Arts Organization Award* (sponsored by the Lincoln Arts Council).

**TierOne Bank** will receive the *Leadership Award* (sponsored by Talent Plus).

**Gerry Cox**, a retired teacher who has co-produced a map and books on Nebraska authors and literary figures, will receive the *Literary Heritage Award* (sponsored by the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association).

**Government Square Park** at 9th and “O” streets, which includes the Acklie Fountain, will receive the *Larry Enersen Urban Design Award* (sponsored by The Clark Enersen Partners).

**David Buntain**, an attorney and immediate past president of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra Board, will receive the *Heart of the Arts Award* (sponsored by Runza Restaurants) for outstanding volunteer service.

**Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra and its Young People’s Concerts** will receive the *Gladys Lux Education Award* (endowed by the Gladys Lux Foundation).

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*(PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL AWARD WINNERS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST BY CONTACTING DIANE GONZOLAS AT 441-7831)*
Date: May 18, 2007
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of May 19 through May 25, 2007
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, May 19
• “Stand for Children” event - 10:15 a.m., Lincoln Children’s Museum, 1420 “P” St.

Sunday, May 20
• Celebration for Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. Paul Adams - 4 p.m., UNL Champions Club, 907 Stadium Dr.

Tuesday, May 22
• International Visitors (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Moldova, Rwanda, Slovak Republic and Sweden) - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
Tammy:

Share with Council.

Jon

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

-----Original Message-----
From: info@Lincoln55Plus.com
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Thu, 17 May 2007 11:31 PM
Subject: Camp Bow Wow

Hi Jon,
I understand there is discussion on whether to allow an upscale pet boarding facility (Camp Bow Wow) inside the usual limits.
I hope the council can find a new way to determine what is right for Lincoln.
If Vets offices can have animals and the sound is not too bad, I think a kennel would be just fine.
Provided:

1. the sound quality of the facility is adequate to block the sound to an agreed on level.
2. The folks walking the pets be asked to pick up any residue
3. The dogs be duly secured by strong leashes
4. 

I don’t know every angle that needs to be controlled.
I just know that the difference between a vets office and a kennel is not so great to prevent new businesses in Lincoln from reaching their potential..

Thanks for thinking of Lincoln 55+  Our History, Our Future, Our Experience
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Council Member Robin Eschliman  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508  

RE: Change of Zone #06084

Dear Council Member Eschliman:

My name is Kent Forney. I am a veterinarian who operates Nebraska Animal Medical Center ("NAMC"), a locally owned veterinary clinic located in southeast Lincoln. I have consistently opposed the proposed Change of Zone #06084 (the "Application") to allow commercial boarding kennels in additional zoning districts before all applicable boards and committees.

Rather than restate all of the arguments made at such meetings, I will highlight a couple of the points made at such meetings.

The primary concern that NAMC has with the expansion of commercial boarding services within the city limits of Lincoln is the interaction between the public and animals. The Lincoln Municipal Code currently contains exceptions for facilities that are uniquely qualified to handle animals, or for which it has been determined that the public interest dictates a significant need for certain types of facilities. Specifically, the following types of facilities are allowed within city limits: (a) humane society; (b) animal shelter; (c) animal resource facilities; (d) zoos; (e) animal hospitals operated by licensed veterinarians; (f) commercial breeding kennels located on more than one acre which have no more than ten (10) dogs; and (g) multi-dog households provided that they are located on more than one acre and have less than six (6) dogs. Under all of these exceptions, the public is able to choose whether it desires to interact with animals.

By allowing commercial boarding kennels basically anywhere within city limits other than residentially zoned areas, the door is effectively open for any number of retail businesses to mix public retail facilities with the boarding of animals. Specifically, retail establishments such as Walmart, Pet Smart, and other similar large box stores have all expressed interest in boarding animals if allowed pursuant to local regulations. As a result, the possibility that the public will interact with animals in settings in which it did not anticipate doing so increases significantly. Locations which do not have the personnel or the facilities uniquely qualified to handle animals may be located throughout the city. This issue is exacerbated by the amendments to the Application which allow commercial boarding kennels as permitted uses in B-1, B-2, and B-3 districts.
Both the Animal Control Advisory Board (twice) and the Public Health Board voted to recommend **not** amending the municipal code to allow kennels within the city limits. The Public Health Board is every bit an advisory board to the Lincoln City Council, as is the Planning Commission. I attended the meeting of the Public Health Board, as well as the second meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board, and both boards were reminded **repeatedly** what their roles were in this process, and what discussion was legitimately within their purview, before they voted. Both boards still voted to recommend not changing the municipal code. The Planning Staff Report implied that, under the Planning Commission’s rationale, veterinary clinics should be treated the same as commercial boarding operations under LMC 6.08.160 regarding barking dogs, that the Public Health Board did not consider that argument, and therefore the conclusion of the Public Health Board, arrived at after considerable discussion and testimony from the public, is somehow suspect. That assertion misses the point. The larger issue is that by allowing **any** commercial operation to board animals in **expanded** areas of the city, sensible control of boarding facilities is essentially lost. The expertise required for the operation of veterinary clinics and the unique nature of their business not only insures proper care for animals, it also insures responsible separation of boarded animals from the general public, and effectively limits the care and boarding of animals in close proximity to city residents to highly trained, highly skilled animal medical professionals.

As a citizen, it is frustrating that the Planning Commission has essentially taken the position that “anything goes” with regard to animals within the city limits. By equating commercial boarding facilities to veterinary clinics, the Planning Department has opened up a large portion of the city to commercial dog boarding. Rather than deal with some of the public concerns that residents would have with such a proposal, the Planning Department instead has drafted amendments which basically tell the public to fend for themselves. The Planning Department has chosen to not acknowledge that a difference does exist between a veterinary clinic and a boarding facility.

I would estimate that nearly seventy-five percent (75%) of the animals which NAMC boards require some type of medical treatment, attention or administration. It provides these services as a natural ancillary part of its business to allow its clients to have peace of mind with regard to their animals. At any veterinary hospital, there are multiple staff members who have been trained in handling, restraining, diagnosing, treating, and administering drugs to animals. As a result, veterinary clinics are uniquely positioned to protect the public with regard to its interaction with animals.

In addition to the concerns outlined above, I particularly empathize with boarding facilities such as Driftwood Kennels and Wilderness Kennels. These operators previously attempted to have the city amend its zoning ordinances so that they could provide commercial boarding kennels within city limits. However, such operators were informed that such uses were not allowed. As a result, they played by the rules and established facilities outside of city limits. Now, the City Council is considering a change to the rules for such commercial boarding kennels after current kennel operators have expended great deals of money to comply with the prior city rules.
In conclusion, I don’t believe that there is a need to amend the current provisions of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow commercial boarding kennels within the city limits. Commerce does not stop at the city’s border. People will do business with a facility outside the city limits, and in the past, it is our perception that such facilities have been extremely successful. In NAMC’s experience, clients generally prefer to board their animals at facilities which are located in large, expansive areas outside the city, unless their animal requires some type of medical treatment or care during a boarding period. Under the revised Application, the door is now open for a significant number of mixed interactions between the public and animals under circumstances in which the public does not anticipate such interaction. This is not a positive step for our city.

If the Council feels it is necessary to make changes to allow commercial boarding facilities which are not associated with animal hospitals, I would recommend that such facilities be limited to zoning districts, such as industrial and other similar districts, which do not include a large amount of general commercial/consumer traffic. Customers will specifically seek out and come to these boarding facilities (similar to the manner in which they currently drive to the facilities located outside the city limits). As a result, their success is not dependent on foot traffic or closely-situated retail establishments. By placing these facilities in zoning districts which essentially make them “destination” businesses, the Council is proactively taking steps to reduce the number of unintended animal interactions for the public and limit, for the betterment of the community, the locations where such facilities may be operated.

Thank you for your consideration. I would enjoy the opportunity to discuss this in more detail with you in the future, and welcome your call.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kent Forney, D.V.M.
Nebraska Animal Medical Center
(402) 423-9100
May 17, 2007

Jerry Obrist
Lincoln Water System
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Letter of Support for Title 14 Amendments

Dear Mr. Obrist:

Aquila has reviewed the proposed changes outlined in Section 14.70.015 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and we will support the passage of this ordinance. We take great pride in serving the Lincoln customers and this amendment will help protect our pipelines from third party damages.

Aquila appreciates the opportunity to work with the City of Lincoln and other trade allies on acceptable language to address the excavation issues in the Lincoln right of way.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Nordell
Operations Manager
Lincoln, NE
To: Jerry Obrist

The Lincoln PHCC has reviewed the excavation ordinance amendment to section 14.70.010 of the Lincoln Municipal code and accepts the amendments to the code assuming weather conditions prohibiting excavation is factored in when assessing charges.

Jim Manthey, President Lincoln PHCC

RECEIVED
MAY 21 2007
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE
December 4, 2006

Mr. Karl Fredrickson  
Director of Public Works  
City of Lincoln  
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 203  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Sir:

Windstream has reviewed the proposed changes to the Lincoln Excavation code. This letter documents Windstream’s support of the proposed changes to the existing ordinance as outlined in the email from Steve Huggenberger on 11/27/2006. Please note that Windstream may also implement billing for remarking Windstream facilities under the same conditions outlined in 14.70.015 (c ) back to the city or the city contractors.

Sincerely,

Al Schroeder  
Manager – OSP Engineering

Cc – Steve Huggenberger
Dear Ms. Grammer,

I am writing on the behalf of Camp Bow Wow. I am a resident of Lincoln, but am currently living temporarily in Topeka KS while my husband is working on contract. In Topeka, we have a place to take our dog that is similar to Camp Bow Wow--and we (and our dog) love it!

It is so nice to take your dog somewhere where you know they will be able to run and play with other dogs all day, and not be confined to a kennel. My dog has someone with him all day--he is not isolated, therefore I feel he is much safer.

My dog loves it, and when we return to Lincoln in a few months, we will miss that kind of place to leave our dog when we cannot be with him. That's why I was so excited to hear about Camp Bow Wow coming to Lincoln. I had no idea that they would have to jump through so many fences of red tape to get established.

I hope you will consider what a business like this could mean to Lincoln and how it would help to keep Lincoln up with other cities who have also seen what a business like this can do for their community. I have shared with people outside of Lincoln about the possibility of Camp Bow Wow coming and they are looking forward to bringing their dogs (and their dollars) to Lincoln.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marla King
402-890-9713

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